

RESOLUTION NO. M-2404

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, reducing the number of available firearms in the community contributes to an overall strategy to address gun violence; and

WHEREAS, gun buy-back programs, where individuals are provided some form of compensation to voluntarily relinquish firearms they possess to the Olympia Police Department, provide a strategy to reduce the number of firearms in the community, promote awareness of gun violence, and encourage safe disposal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes a gun buy-back program can promote gun safety, reduce gun violence within the community, and reduce the likelihood of accidental firearms injuries and suicides caused by firearms;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to create and implement a gun buy-back program within the Olympia Police Department using funds allocated by the City Council.


Section 2. For each firearm relinquished as part of the gun buy-back program, the Olympia Police Department will check the serial number against national databases to determine whether the firearm was reported stolen or linked to a crime. To the extent possible, firearms that are reported stolen should be returned to their rightful owners and firearms that are linked to crimes should be transferred to appropriate law enforcement agencies as necessary evidence possibly related to crimes. Firearms that are not stolen or linked to crime will be destroyed as part of the Olympia Police Department's annual firearm destruction process.

Section 3. Olympia's Community Gun Buy-Back Program shall be retroactive as of August 9, 2022.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 13th day of December 2022.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY