

City Council

Adoption of a Resolution Adopting Standards for the Provision of Public Defense

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to adopt and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution Adopting Standards for the Provision of Public Defense.

Report

Issue:

Washington State law requires that cities with their own municipal courts adopt standards for the delivery of indigent defense (RCW 10.101.030).

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

In 2001, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Standards for Indigent Defense. The standards were amended by the Supreme Court in 2012. This resolution states that the City of Olympia shall abide by the adopted standards.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

This is required by Washington State law.

Financial Impact:

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The resolution establishes Best Practices. The financial impact is determined by the volume and complexity of the cases.