

Resolution

User Notes:

A "resolution" typically is less solemn and formal than an ordinance and, "generally speaking, is simply an expression of the opinion or mind of the official body concerning some particular item of business or matter of administration coming within its official cognizance. [Baker v. Lake City Sewer District](#), 30 Wn. 2d 510, 518, 191 P. 2d 844 (1948).

In practice, resolutions are often limited to expressions of opinion. Contrasted with an ordinance, which generally prescribes permanent rules of conduct or government, a resolution usually deals with matters of a special or temporary character. In many circumstances either an ordinance or a resolution may be utilized. There is no statutory publication requirement for resolutions before they are effective.

Comments:

There is statutory authorization for all classes of cities to adopt resolutions. There are not generally any statutory requirements concerning form and content for resolutions and so a resolution need not be in any specific set form of words. See the MRSC web page on [Forms of Official Action](#).

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