

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE,
WASHINGTON SPOKANE
COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 23-243**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REVISIONS TO RECENT STATE POLICIES ON
VEHICULAR PURSUITS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, police activities support core functions of government by promoting the safety of our public and in helping provide justice for our community members; and

WHEREAS, portions of HB 1054 that took effect in 2021 have now restricted vehicle pursuits by law officers to situations only where probable cause has been established, even when police have a reasonable suspicion that criminal activity has occurred or is occurring; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the 2021 law allows dangerous criminals to have an advantage in evading police and impedes law enforcement officers in their duty to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, which is composed of law enforcement leaders from cities across our state, has endorsed the need for changes in the state's current restrictive law on vehicular pursuits.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington:

Endorses and urges immediate action by the Washington State Legislature during the 2023 legislative session to adopt legislation providing law enforcement officers with a reasonable suspicion standard for engaging in vehicular pursuits to help curtail violent crime in Liberty Lake and throughout Washington State.

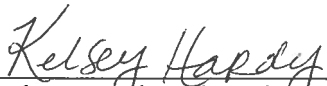
That a copy of this Resolution be sent to members representing all portions of the City of Liberty Lake in our state legislature and to Governor Inslee.

PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of February, 2023



Mayor, Cristella Kaminskas

ATTEST:



Kelsey Hardy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney