

**RESOLUTION NO. 340**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S  
INTERIM ZONING CONTROL ON DANCE HALLS FOR MINORS**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002, by Ordinance No. 333 the City Council adopted an interim zoning control on the location of dance halls for minors in the Light Industrial-Business Park zone of the City; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.63.220 requires the City to enter findings of fact in support of any moratorium or interim zoning controls at a public meeting held within sixty days of the adoption of such an interim zoning control; and

WHEREAS, based on testimony taken at a public hearing held on March 4, 2002, the City Council wishes to enter the required findings of fact:

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,  
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The City Council of City of University Place hereby makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. One of the major concerns of the residents of University Place leading to incorporation of the City is the establishment of a safe and healthy environment for citizens of the community, particularly for the City's youth.

2. The City of University Place was contacted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board in late 2001 about a request pending before the Board from an establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages to adults that wished to expand its operations to permit a portion of the premises to be utilized as a dance hall for minors.

3. The City Council is concerned about the welfare of citizens if situations exist where there is close proximity of, and potential mixing of, minors who are prohibited from drinking alcohol, with adults who have been consuming alcohol;

4. A further concern of the Council is that the establishment of dance halls for minors could diminish the peace of the community and cause parking, noise and other public safety impacts which current zoning regulations for licensed premises do not adequately address;

5. The permitting of dance halls for minors has the potential for increasing the workload of the City's Police Department in responding to calls to such establishments and/or needing to constantly be in the vicinity of such establishments to provide monitoring and security while being unavailable to other parts of the city;

6. The City's Police Department believe that it is appropriate for the City to develop comprehensive business licensing regulations for dance halls for minors that cover such matters as security both in and outside the premises, loitering around such premises, expulsion from the premises, designated areas for admission to such premises, readmission to such premises, etc.

7. The Council wishes to further study whether there should be a physical separation requirement between dance halls for minors and establishments serving alcoholic beverages.

8. The City Council determined that an emergency existed and that the public health and safety needed to be protected while the issue is further reviewed;

9. RCW 35A.63.220 provides the City with authority to establish interim zoning controls;

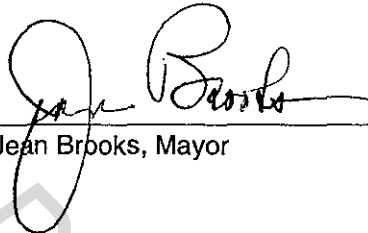
10. The City Council passed Ordinance No. 333 on January 22, 2002, which declared an emergency and established an interim zoning control to prohibit the location of, siting of, or establishment of dance halls for minors in the light industrial-business park zone until the Council can adopt zoning controls and licensing regulations for dance hall establishments;

11. A public hearing on this Resolution was held before the City Council of University Place on the evening of March 4, 2002, pursuant to public notice.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to immediately have a certified copy of this Resolution recorded with the Pierce County Auditor.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2002.

  
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Jean Brooks, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Catrina Craig, City Clerk