

**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 1642**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST,
WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN INTENT TO GRANT CONSENT FOR
THE RELOCATION OF REFUGEES WITHIN MUNICIPAL
BOUNDARIES PER UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE ORDER 13888 AND
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF
STATE MIKE POMPEO CONSENTING TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
IN THE CITY OF FIRCREST.**

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest is a welcoming and supportive community for those who have worked towards becoming productive members of the Fircrest community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest City Council recognizes the United States Executive Order 13888 of September 26, 2019, entitled “*Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement*,” issued by the United States President Donald Trump; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the Executive Order states that “*the Federal Government...should resettle refugees only in those jurisdictions in which both the state and local governments have consented to receive refugees...*” under the United States Department of State Reception and Placement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes by this Resolution to set forth criteria clarifying the circumstances under which the City intends to provide consent to have said refugees resettled within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare of its current residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that to be successful, refugees resettling into Fircrest will require financial support, services and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the role it can play in the resettlement program as part of a nation with a long history of welcoming and assimilating people from all over the world into its society; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide its consent for local refugee resettlement subject to the conditions and criteria identified herein. Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST:

Section 1. Declaration of Intent. The City Council of the City of Fircrest, Washington, declares its intent to give consent for refugee resettlement within its municipal boundaries upon certain conditions.

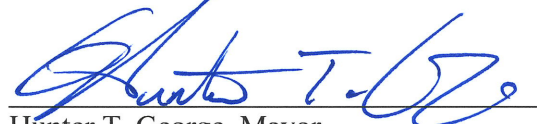
Section 2. Criteria for Consent. The City Council of the City of Fircrest, Washington, identifies the following criteria in order for refugees to be resettled within its municipal boundaries under the United States Department of State Reception and Placement Program: (1) the existence and adequacy of Federal, State and community support systems and structures in order to provide support for said refugees during their transition toward independence; (2) that local resources currently available to the City of Fircrest residents are not reallocated to mitigate resettlement program deficiencies; and (3) the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services will provide the City with an annual update on the resettlement program.

Section 3. Reservation of Future Policy. The City Council of the City of Fircrest, Washington, reserves its right to withdraw its consent in the future regarding these or other criteria.

Section 4. Signature. The Mayor of the City of Fircrest is hereby authorized to sign a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo consenting to refugee resettlement in the City of Fircrest.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 11th day of February 2020.

APPROVED:




Hunter T. George, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael B. Smith, City Attorney
