

Council Business Meeting

September 7, 2021

Agenda Item	Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance Discussion	
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SUMMARY

Councilor Graham with the support of Councilor Moran asked for the Council to consider amending Ordinance No. 2230 establishing a nuclear free zone as requested by various citizens who spoke during previous public forums.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

At the August 3, 2021 Council business meeting, Councilor Graham requested that the Council task the Climate Policy Commission with researching and recommending to Council whether or not to amend Ordinance No. 2230 establishing a nuclear free zone in the City of Ashland to allow for nuclear energy. The Council decided to refer this to a future meeting for discussion.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In 1982, the citizens of Ashland passed the Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance. Recently, a group of citizens came forward to request the Council reconsider that ordinance due to climate change. This discussion is being set up so that Council can determine what steps, if any, it wants to take in response to that request. Specifically, it has been suggested that Council request the Climate Policy Commission take up the issue and provide a recommendation to Council.

As Ordinance No. 2230 was voted on by the citizens any change would need to also be voted on by citizens. Either Council or a citizen petition can place an item on a future ballot.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

N/A

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Ordinance No. 2230 Establishing a Nuclear Free Zone in the City of Ashland and Establishing a Penalty for Violation of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2230

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE
IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY
FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is hereby determined that Ashland shall be and is established as a nuclear free zone wherein no nuclear armaments or products associated with or connected to nuclear armaments or components may be positioned or manufactured nor shall there be any nuclear energy in any form, experimental or commercial, produced and no nuclear wastes of any kind shall be stored in the City of Ashland.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating the terms of this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and it is punishable by sixty (60) days in jail or a fine of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) or both.

The foregoing Ordinance was first read at a regular meeting of the Common Council held on the _____ day of _____, 1982, and passed to its second reading and duly passed on the _____ day of 1982.

Dated this _____ day of August, 1982.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

BY THE INITIATIVE PROCESS ORDINANCE REFERRED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND ON NOVEMBER 2, 1982.

MEASURE 56:

QUESTION Shall an ordinance establishing Ashland as a nuclear free zone be passed by the voters of Ashland?

FOR MEASURE: -----3676

AGAINST MEASURE-----3011

MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST FOR MEASURE 56 BEING IN FAVOR, MEASURE HEREBY PASSED.

Resolution declaring the canvass of the vote was passed by the Ashland City Council on November 16, 1982. (Refer RESO. 82-62)

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Ordinance No. 2230

