

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6674

AN ORDINANCE adding a new section to chapter 3.34 of the Bellevue City Code prohibiting police assistance with interstate abortion-related investigations.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (No. 19-1392) overruling the federal constitutional right to an abortion established by *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and its progeny; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision gives individual states the choice of banning or allowing access to abortion care and services; therefore, reproductive health services have or will soon be banned or severely restricted in several states, and made punishable by criminal sanctions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington initiated the Reproductive Privacy Act (Chapter 9.02 of the Revised Code of Washington) in 1991 which affirms the fundamental right of persons in Washington to privacy with respect to personal reproductive choices and set public policy of the state that every pregnant individual has the fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion, except as specifically limited by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue welcomes the world and seeks to be an inclusive city for all its residents, visitors, workers, and students; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue recognizes that everyone has a fundamental right to privacy in their reproductive choices and the right of reproductive freedom; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 3.34.050 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

3.34.050 Prohibiting Police Assistance with Interstate Abortion-Related Investigations


A. The Bellevue Police Department shall refrain from providing any resources, cooperation, or assistance whatsoever to any out-of-state law enforcement agency, public entity, or private party in an investigation if the matter being investigated concerns abortion-related conduct or other reproductive health care or services that are lawful in Washington, unless required by Washington State or federal law.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

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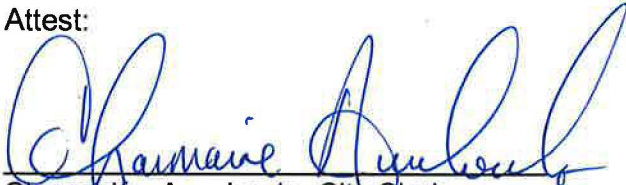
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Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk

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