

## **RESOLUTION NO. 8126**

A RESOLUTION committing to a goal to significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the City among all road users by 2050 with a Vision Zero goal to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries.

## WHEREAS,

- A. 9,210 crashes have occurred on Everett's roadways resulting in 46 fatalities and 274 serious injuries from 2019 to 2023; and
- B. Crashes that result in death or serious injury are largely preventable, and the City of Everett Council acknowledges that the only acceptable goal is to eliminate deaths and serious injuries to all roadway users; and
- C. Vision Zero is a holistic strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries of all road users, while increasing safe and equitable mobility options for all; and
- The City cannot fully control all of the factors that contribute to collisions, such as distractions, impairment, and aggressive driving, the City can still play a crucial role in promoting traffic safety; and
- E. The City can encourage individuals to adopt a mindset of a prosocial traffic safety culture, recognizing responsibility is shared in ensuring the safety of our roadways and requiring making conscious daily decisions that prioritize safety; and
- **F.** The Vision Zero Everett Safety Action Plan presents the City's commitment and strategies to reduce deaths and serious injuries to all roadway users.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Everett City Council hereby commits to:

- 1. The City Council supports proactively utilizing a "Safe System Approach" to improve safety for all road users, rather than relying on a reactive approach to address roadway fatalities and serious injuries, and
- The City Council declares that any roadway fatality or serious injury is unacceptable and supports reasonable measures to prevent roadway crashes and supports Vision Zero principles, and
- 3. The City Council establishes a goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries in the City of Everett by 2050.

4.	The Director of Public Works or their designee will measure the progress towards these goals and will provide quantitative metrics that are reported annually.
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Counci	Imember introducing resolution
Passed	and approved this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025.

Council President

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