

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

# 1639 Firearm Impacts

City Council  
June 18, 2019



# LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Initiative 1639 was a Washington state ballot initiative concerning firearms regulation that was passed into law on November 6, 2018

- Law goes into effect - July 1, 2019



# PURPOSE

Understand operational impacts to department from legislative changes to firearms laws

- Possession
- Background checks

# I-1639 GOING INTO EFFECT

- Restrictions on firearm purchase and ownership
- Raises minimum age to purchase a gun to 21
- Adds background checks, increases waiting periods, and enacts firearm storage requirements

# BACKGROUND CHECK CHANGES

Enhanced background checks for sales/transfers of semiautomatic assault rifles (SARS)

Within 10 days, Chief of Police **must** provide written notice to the dealer whether the purchaser is eligible to possess a semiautomatic assault rifle and whether the application to purchase is approved.

We anticipate a high volume of high-liability and time intensive checks

If a check is longer than 10 days the firearm licensor may release to the purchaser.



# CONCERNS & CONSIDERATIONS

Public  
Safety

Protecting  
Rights

Costs

10 Day Clock  
with default  
to proceed...

RPD  
Resources

Managing  
Priorities

Statutes vs  
Reality



THANK YOU

# Questions?

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