

RESOLUTION NO. 2242

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON,  
ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY POLICY.

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**WHEREAS**, since 1999, the City has enjoyed a Sister City relationship with the City of Wako, Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may have an interest in pursuing additional Sister City relationships in other parts of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister City relationships involve travel to Sister City destinations, by delegations of Longview and Cowlitz County residents and travel to Longview and Cowlitz County by delegations of Sister City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to formalize the policies of the City associated with Sister City relationships.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Longview, Washington hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City of Longview Sister City program shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the public interest and in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington and the laws and policies of the City of Longview.
2. A policy relating to the City of Longview Sister City relationships is adopted as follows:
  - A. The City Council finds that the City of Longview Sister City program carries out a fundamental governmental purpose of the City of Longview by providing social, cultural, educational, and economic opportunities and experiences for citizens of the City of Longview. As a result, the City Council may authorize amounts to be determined through the budget appropriation process for the expenditure of such funds as it may deem necessary and appropriate to ensure the proper functioning of the Sister City program.
  - B. The City of Longview shall provide such staff support as it deems necessary to establish and maintain communications with Sister Cities.
  - C. The City may involve private citizens and organizations in the implementation of this Resolution.
  - D. City funding of Sister City activities shall be limited to public purposes. Any funding for private purposes is prohibited. Publicly funded activities may

include:

- 1) Travel for City officials, when travel is valuable to maintain the Sister City affiliation (City officials shall consist of city council members and department heads and other staff as approved by the city manager on a case-by-case basis);
- 2) Publicizing the Sister City relationship such as through postings and flyers;
- 3) The exchange of information and material which support the objective of providing social, cultural, and educational experiences and services, or economic benefits to the citizens of the City of Longview.

E. Official gifts received in the course of Sister City activities will be the sole property of the City of Longview. The City will attempt to display such gifts in an appropriate setting.

3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon the passage by the City Council.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON

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Don Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kaylee Cody, City Clerk