



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: Cease Fire Resolution

Date: January 18, 2024

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Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Review, discuss, amend if necessary, and approve this Cease-Fire Resolution.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve the Cease-Fire Resolution.

Timeline:

Committee discussion: January 24, 2024
 Council action (or sets hearing): January 29, 2024
 Public Hearing (if required): Click or tap here to enter text.
 Final Consideration: Click or tap here to enter text.
 Deadline: Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Disturbed by the loss of life in Palestine and Israel, concerned by our federal government’s disinterest in a peaceful solution, and inspired by city council resolutions around the country, local citizens first suggested the Missoula City Council call for a ceasefire in late November 2023.

An early draft of the resolution was reworked by councilors to produce the current resolution attached to this referral.

The Missoula City Council does not often weigh in on foreign affairs, however in December 1991, the City Council approved R5113: “A Resolution of the Missoula City Council and Mayor in the spirit of the season urging a peaceful resolution to the Persian Gulf crisis.”

And in 2007 with R7239: “A Resolution proposed by the Missoula City Council to place a referendum on the November 6, 2007, ballot for approval or disapproval by the voters of the City of Missoula. This Referendum is a non-binding statement of policy by the citizens of Missoula on the occupation of Iraq by the military of the of the United States of America. The intent of the Referendum is to influence the United States Congress.”

This resolution would fit squarely with others passed in Seattle, San Francisco, Detroit, Atlanta, Albany, Providence, Madison, and Iowa City, as well as others under consideration in Denver, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

As the death tolls and regional wars threaten, Missoulians must urge governments around the world, including our own, to call for a permanent ceasefire and seek peace.

Financial Implications:

None

Links to external websites:

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/949/Resolution-Index-and-Resolutions?bidId=>