

**RESOLUTION NO. 121**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,  
WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON STATE  
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD TO REVOKE THE LIVE MUSIC  
AND DANCING PRIVILEGES OF THE RAINTREE  
RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE**

WHEREAS, numerous citizens of University Place have expressed concerns to the City Council regarding the September 21, 1996, gunfight and homicide in the area surrounding the Raintree Restaurant and Lounge; and

WHEREAS, citizens have expressed concerns about a prior incident involving discharge of firearms in the vicinity of the Raintree; and

WHEREAS, citizens have either testified or presented petitions to the City Council asking the Council to remedy specific excessive problems, including: (1) continued and unresolved problems with bright lights, noise, and criminal activity emanating from Raintree Restaurant and Lounge parking lot, near their homes; (2) citizens' fear for their personal safety, stemming from violent activities at the Raintree Restaurant and Lounge; (3) concern about parking and traffic control problems around the Raintree; (4) concern about University Place gaining a reputation which will attract more violent activities and associated problems; and (5) the negative financial impact the Raintree Restaurant and Lounge has on nearby businesses and apartment complexes, as well as decreased property market values.

WHEREAS, City of University Place Police have expressed concern about continued public safety issues (handguns in the parking lot, possible gang affiliation of customers, unruly crowd activity, DWI's attributed to the Raintree Restaurant) and the higher than average demand on police services stemming from the Raintree Restaurant, which demand decreases the availability of police to provide service to the remainder of the city; and

WHEREAS, while balancing the need to conduct business in the community, the City of University Place Council resolves to take steps to ameliorate the adverse impacts of the Raintree Restaurant and Lounge on the residences and businesses along the 27th Street corridor, pending adoption by the City of a cabaret licensing ordinance; and

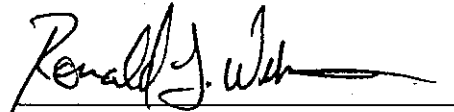
WHEREAS, RCW 66.28.080 allows incorporated cities to control music and dance facilities which are located within city limits.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Request to Washington State Liquor Control Board. The City of University Place directs its staff to formally request the Washington State Liquor Control Board to revoke the live music and dancing license currently held by the Raintree Restaurant and Lounge.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 21, 1996.**

  
Ronald L. Williams, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Susan Matthew, City Clerk