



Reproductive Decisions Resolution

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2-Minute Pitch by Maguire

- Delivered on June 7, 2022
- Referenced the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade and the effect of H.B. 1280, which provides:
 - Criminal, civil, and administrative penalties for a person to knowingly perform, induce, or attempt an abortion (does not apply to a pregnant female on whom the abortion was performed, induced, or attempted).
 - 2nd Degree felony except it is a 1st Degree felony if the unborn child dies as a result.
 - Civil Penalty of not less than \$100,000 for each violation.
 - Licensing authority may revoke the license, permit, registration, certificate, or other authority of a physician or other health care professional who performs, induces, or attempts an abortion.
 - There is no exemption for rape, incest, or fetal abnormalities.
 - Does not apply if the person performing, inducing, or attempting the abortion is a licensed physician who in the exercise of reasonable medical judgment does so upon a pregnant female who has a life-threatening physical condition aggravated by, caused by, or arising from a pregnancy that places the female at risk of death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function.



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- Requested a draft resolution be considered that affirms the rights to make reproductive decisions and deprioritizes the use of City resources to enforce laws related to reproductive healthcare.
- Council gave direction to consider a resolution at future meeting



Resolution Components

- Formal support for individual reproductive decisions
- States that city funds, resources, and personnel will not be used for:
 - Storing abortion-related information;
 - Providing abortion-related information to other agencies; and
 - Collecting abortion-related data
- Abortion-related crimes will be the lowest priority for enforcement
- City Manager must implement the resolution by a date certain



Resolution Implications

- On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood,
 - No Constitutional right to an abortion.
 - States to determine whether abortion is legal, and if so, what if any limitations there will be.
 - HB 1280 takes effect in 30 days
- Even if this Resolution is passed by Council, Denton Police officers are not absolved from their duty under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to enforce the law, and that includes any and all applicable Texas abortion-related statutes that have a criminal penalty.



Consideration Options

- Do not approve the resolution
- Approve as presented taking into consideration the potential limitations
 - Providing a date for the City Manager to implement and report
- Modify resolution to be a resolution of support for reproductive rights and omit any funding or prioritization language