

**PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
Resolution 2008-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
regarding unlawful activities and business interference by protestors.**

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2007 the Port of Olympia Commission adopted a statement concerning protests against the movement of military cargo through the port and affirmed the Commission's intention to make port facilities available for such cargoes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission respects citizens' rights to peaceably assemble and exercise free speech; and

WHEREAS, a few citizens have willfully violated the law by causing property damage, blocking roads violating the rights of others, and interfering with the Port's business and the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, when such unlawful intentional activities occur on Port properties, the Port, its clients, contractors, Lessees, cargo transporters, and police agencies all incur extraordinary costs as a direct consequence of such acts, and the public suffers by loss of public revenues, and increased public costs; and

WHEREAS, of the arrests made at the November, 2007 protests, the responsible governmental agencies have pursued none to criminal prosecution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the failure of society to demonstrate that there are consequences to unlawful activity only serves to encourage it.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Port of Olympia Commission announces its intention to pursue appropriate damages and all available remedies through civil actions against protestors who block Port roads, refuse to disperse, interfere with Port business, and/or damage public property.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Olympia this 13th day of October, 2008.

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