

## **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE 07-10 RE-ESTABLISHING A CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET; AND ESTABLISHING A BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019.**

**WHEREAS**, by Chapter 35A.34, RCW, the state legislature has provided that the legislative body of any code city may by ordinance elect to have a two-year fiscal biennium budget in lieu of the annual budget which is otherwise provided for; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 35A.34.040, RCW provides that such ordinance must be enacted at least six-months prior to commencement of the fiscal biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Covington previously repealed adoption of the biennial budget process through Ordinance No. 07-10 and has produced an annual budget since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Covington finds it in the best interest of the city to re-establish a fiscal biennial budget process to be effective January 1, 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Ordinance 07-10 Repealed.** Ordinance 07-10, which re-established a calendar year budget, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 2. Establishment of a Biennium Budget.** Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34.040, RCW, the City Council hereby establishes a biennium budget for the City of Covington, beginning with the biennium, which begins January 1, 2019. The 2019-2020 Biennial Budget and all subsequent budgets shall be prepared, considered and adopted under the provisions of this ordinance and Chapter 35A.34, RCW that is hereby adopted by reference.

**Section 3. Mid-Biennial Review and Modification.** Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34.130, RCW, the City Council hereby provides for a mid-biennial review and modification of the biennial budget. No sooner than eight (8) months after the start of the first year of the fiscal biennium, nor later than the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting in November of the first year of each biennial budget, the City Manager shall prepare proposed budget modifications to be effective as of January 1 of the following year. Such proposed modifications shall be sent to City Council members and shall be a public record and available to the public. A public hearing shall be advertised at least once, shall be held at a City Council meeting no later than the second Tuesday in December, and may be continued from time to time. At such hearing or thereafter, Council may consider a proposed ordinance to carry out such modifications, which such ordinance shall be subject to other provisions of Chapter 35A.34, RCW.

**Section 4. Implementation.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this ordinance.

**Section 5. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 6. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 7. Corrections.** Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016, and signed in authentication of its passage.

  
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Mayor Jeff Wagner

Published: July 1, 2016  
Effective: July 6, 2016

ATTESTED:

  
for Sharon Scott  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

  
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Sara Springer  
City Attorney