CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has provided that any city legislative body may by ordinance elect to have a two year biennial budget in lieu of the annual budget which is otherwise provided for; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of RCW Chapter 35A. 34 require that an ordinance establishing the two year fiscal biennium budget must be adopted no later than June 30 2014 in order to be effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish an initial biennial budget with two one year budgets and for all subsequent bienniums, one biennial budget covering a two year period; and

WHEREAS, biennial budgeting will provide an opportunity to streamline government services through better long range and strategic financial planning, provide a longer perspective on program planning, and will promote consolidation of the effort invested in the budget development and approval process, thereby improving services to the citizens of Marysville;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Marysville, Washington do ordain as follows:

<u>**Section 1.**</u>   **Establishment of biennial budget**.

Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34 RCW, beginning with the biennium starting January 1, 2015 there is hereby established a biennial budget, with two one-year budgets. Beginning with the biennium starting January 1, 2017 and all subsequent bienniums there shall be one budget covering a two year period for the City of Marysville.. The 2015-2016 Biennial Budget and all subsequent budgets shall be prepared, considered, and adopted pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance and Chapter 35A.34 RCW. .

<u>**Section 2.**</u>   **Budget process.**

Pursuant to RCW 35A.34.130, the City Council hereby provides for a mid-biennial review and modification of the biennial budget; no sooner than eight months after the start of the first year of the fiscal biennium, nor later than the conclusion of the first year of the biennium. The Mayor shall prepare a proposed budget or budget modification and shall provide for publication of notice of hearings consistent with publication of notices for adoption of other City ordinances. Such proposal shall filed with the City Clerk and be submitted to the City Council and shall be a public record and be available to the public. A public hearing shall be advertised at least once and shall be held no later than the first regular Council meeting in December and may be

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continued from time to time. At such a hearing or thereafter, the Council may consider a proposed ordinance to carry out such budget or modifications. Such ordinance shall be subject to other provisions of Chapter 35A.34 RCW.

Section 3.   Prior Acts

Acts pursuant to this ordinance, but prior to its passage or effective date, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4.   References to "budget" or "annual budget."

All references to "budget" or "annual budget" contained in the Marysville Municipal Code or in the ordinances of the City of Marysville shall be interpreted as referring to the "biennial budget."

Section 5.   Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 6.   Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of its publication by summary.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____day of _____,2014.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By _____
     Jon Nehring, Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
     April O'Brien, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

By _____
     Grant Weed, City Attorney

Date of Publication: _____

Effective Date (5 days after publication): _____

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