

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, TEMPORARILY DESIGNATING THE EVERETT HERALD AS THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER DURING THE HIATUS IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE MARYSVILLE GLOBE DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, section 1.04.020 of the municipal code designates the Marysville Globe as the City’s official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning February 29, 2020, and has issued many additional proclamations to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, City of Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring issued a local proclamation of emergency related to COVID-19 for the City of Marysville under MMC 2.12.040 and RCW 38.52.070(2); and

WHEREAS, the Globe has temporarily ceased publication due to the COVID-19 emergency and has issued the following statement: “As the coronavirus pandemic continues to rapidly evolve across the globe, the Marysville Globe and the Arlington Times must also adapt in order to ensure the continuation of high-quality local journalism into the future.

Significantly decreased advertising revenue, directly resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, has forced Sound Publishing to make the incredibly difficult decision to temporarily reduce staffing and suspend print publication of the Marysville Globe and the Arlington Times newspapers until further notice.

Thank you for your continued support, as we patiently await the day when we may resume print publication of your local newspaper”; and

WHEREAS, the City must be able to publish ordinances and legal notices in order to continue providing services to its citizens and to carry out necessary public business and a delay in publication may compromise public health, public safety, public property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, this is a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of public health, public safety, public property or the public peace, and should be effective upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE,
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.04.020 of the municipal code is temporarily amended to designate the Everett Herald in place of the Marysville Globe as the official newspaper of the City of Marysville. The Everett Herald is a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city of Marysville and all notices, ordinances, or other publications will be published in the Everett Herald until such time as the Marysville Globe resumes publication and the City Council takes further action.

SECTION 2. 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 3. Upon approval by the city attorney, the city clerk or the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including scrivener's errors or clerical mistakes; references to other local, state, or federal laws, rules, or regulations; or numbering or referencing of ordinances or their sections and subsections.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. Due to the COVID-19 public emergency this ordinance is necessary for the protection of public health, public safety, public property and the public peace, and is effective upon adoption.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of April, 2020.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By _____
JON NEHRING, MAYOR

Attest:

By _____
TINA BROCK, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By _____
JON WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

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Effective Date: April 6, 2020