

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-555

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MAPLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.20.040, AGENT TO RECEIVE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES – CLAIMS PROCEDURE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Maple Valley Municipal Code (MVMC) Section 2.20.040, Agent to receive claims for damages – Claims procedure, in 2001; and

WHEREAS, this code Section has since been amended to specifically identify the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk as agents designated to receive claims for damages pursuant to RCW 4.96.020; and

WHEREAS, due to the departure of Deputy City Clerk Bonnie Barney, City staff recommends an update to this code Section so as to accurately identify the new Deputy City Clerk, Jennifer Cusmir, as an agent designated to receive claims for damages.

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

Section 1. Maple Valley Municipal Code, Section 2.20.040, Agent to receive claims for damages, is amended as follows (new text shown in underline, and deleted text shown in strikethrough).

2.20.040 Agent to receive claims for damages - Claims procedure

Section 1. Designation of Agent. The City Clerk, Shaunna Lee-Rice, or Deputy City Clerk, ~~Bonnie Barney~~ Jennifer Cusmir, in the City Clerk's absence, is hereby appointed to be the City agent responsible to receive claims for damages made under Chapter 4.96 RCW, as written or hereafter amended. A claim is deemed presented when the claim form is delivered in person or is received by the City Clerk by regular mail, registered mail, or certified mail, with return receipt requested. All claims for damages must be presented on the standard tort claim form, which is available in the Clerk's Office at City Hall, or on the City's website at: www.maplevalleywa.gov. Claims may not be presented via email or facsimile transmission. The City Clerk, Shaunna Lee-Rice, or Deputy City Clerk, ~~Bonnie Barney~~ Jennifer Cusmir, shall be available to receive claims for damages during normal City Hall business hours as established by

Maple Valley Municipal Code §2.05.010 at Maple Valley City Hall, 22017 SE Wax Road, Suite 200, P.O. Box 320 (mailing), Maple Valley, Washington 98038.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF ON THE 27TH OF MAY, 2014.

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY

William T. Allison, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Patricia Taraday, City Attorney

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