

**CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington**

ORDINANCE 1414

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, AMENDING STANWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (SMC) SECTION 1.08.035 ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE" TO CHANGE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 1.08.040 ENTITLED " NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF COUNCIL MEETING" TO CHANGE PRELIMINARY AGENDA POSTING REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.12.160 requires every city to notify the public of upcoming hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City currently requires notice of a public hearing to be published in the City's official newspaper at least ten (10) days prior except where a specific means of notifying the public is otherwise provided by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City currently requires notifying the public of the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming city council meeting by posting a copy of the agenda in four public places and the complete agenda packet in three public places; and

WHEREAS, the City posts public hearings and forthcoming council agendas on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve operational efficiency and ensure timely notification of council meetings to the public, it is beneficial to reduce the number of days to notice a public hearing from at least ten (10) days to at least seven (7) days and post the agenda only in four places;

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

Section 1. SMC Section 1.08.035 "Public hearing notice" is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.08.035 Public hearing notice.

Except where a specific means of notifying the public of a public hearing is otherwise provided by law or ordinance, notice of upcoming public hearings before the city council, hearing examiner, or the city's boards and commissions shall be given by one publication of a notice containing the time, place, date, subject and body before whom the hearing is to be held in the city's official newspaper at least seven (7) 40 days before the date set for the hearing.

Section 2. SMC Section 1.08.040 "Notice of preliminary agenda of council meeting" is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.08.040 Notice of preliminary agenda of council.

The public shall be notified of the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming city council meeting by posting a copy of the agenda in the following four public places in the city at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting:

- (1) Stanwood City Hall (~~complete agenda~~)
10220 270th Street NW
Stanwood, WA 98292
- (2) Stanwood Police Station (~~complete agenda~~)
8727 271st Street NW
Stanwood, WA 98292
- (3) Stanwood City Library (~~complete agenda~~)
9701 271st Street NW
Stanwood, WA 98292
- (4) Stanwood Post Office (~~agenda outline~~)
9229 271st Street NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication by summary.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 24th day of March, 2016.

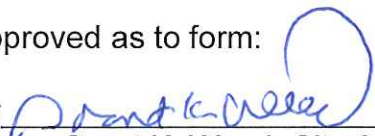
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By 
Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By 
Jan Berg, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

By 
Grant K. Weed, City Attorney

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