

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING COUNCIL RULES OF
PROCEDURE RELATING TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Chapter 35A.12.120 RCW gives the City Council of each code city the power to set rules for conducting its business within the provisions of Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed its rules of procedure and wishes to amend provisions relating adopting ordinances to allow for additional deliberation and public input; and

WHEREAS, this change will provide more consistency for the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to allow emergency resolutions in accordance with RCW 39.04.280 in order to waive competitive bidding requirements to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, a scrivener's error inadvertently eliminated subsection (g) in Resolution No. 2013-1 approved by the City Council on January 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make these changes effective February 15, 2013; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Amendment Rule 31 Resolutions. Rule 31 Resolutions is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety by the following:

Resolutions Rule 31. A resolution may be put to its final passage on the same day on which it was introduced.

The title of each resolution shall in all cases be read prior to its passage; provided, should a majority of the council members present request that the entire resolution or certain of its sections be read, such requests shall be granted. Printed copies should be made available upon request to any personal attending a council meeting.

Emergency Resolutions. By vote of one or more than the majority, the City Council may without notice or hearing adopt an emergency resolution. If a contract is awarded without competitive bidding due to an emergency, written findings of the existence of an emergency must be made by the city council and entered into its record no later than two weeks following the contract's award.

Section 2. Amendment Rule 32 Ordinances. Rule 32 Ordinances is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety by the following:

Ordinances Rule 32. The procedure for ordinances is as follows:

(a) With the exception of franchise ordinances as provided below, an ordinance shall generally require two readings. The first reading will consist of a staff presentation and may include council discussion. The second reading will occur at a subsequent meeting. At each reading, the title of an ordinance shall in all cases be read prior to its passage; provided, should a majority of

the council members present request that the entire ordinance or certain of its sections be read, such requests shall be granted. Printed copies should be made available upon request to any person attending a council meeting.

The provision requiring two separate readings of an ordinance may be temporarily suspended if a mayor or then presiding officer makes an express determination on the record that the circumstances for doing so are just, and upon the subsequent condition that the council expresses such a desire by a majority vote of all members present.

(b) Franchises. All ordinances granting a franchise require two readings prior to adoption. The second reading must be at least five days after the first reading. All franchise ordinances may be passed only at a regular meeting of the Council; and at least a majority plus one of the governing body must vote in favor of the franchise. (RCW 35.23.251)

(c) Emergency Ordinances. By vote of one more than the majority, the City Council may without notice or hearing adopt an emergency ordinance authorizing expenditures for a public emergency as defined and prescribed in RCW 35A.33.080 and 35A.33.090.

(d) A Councilmember may, in open session, request of the Presiding Officer that the Council studies the wisdom of enacting a particular ordinance. By affirmative motion, the Council may assign the proposed ordinance to a specific committee or schedule a Council workshop for study and consideration. The committee shall report its findings to the Council.

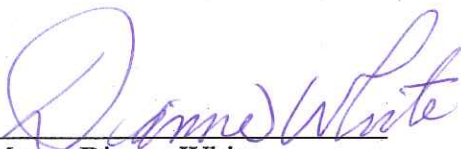
(e) If a Motion to pass an ordinance to second reading fails, the ordinance shall be considered lost

(f) Any ordinance amending or repealing any portion of the Stanwood Municipal Code shall also amend or repeal the respective portions of any underlying ordinance(s).

(g) The mayor may veto an ordinance, but the mayor's veto can be overruled by a majority plus one of the entire Council membership. (RCW 35A.12.100).

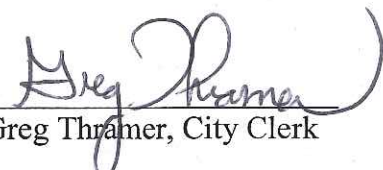
Section 3. Best Efforts. These Rules of Procedure are designed to assist in the orderly conduct of City Council business. Failure of the City Council to adhere to these rules shall not result in any liability to the City, its officers, its agents and employees nor shall the same result in any invalidation of City Council action.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON February 14, 2013.



Mayor Dianne White

ATTEST:



Greg Thrasher, City Clerk