

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE, initiating the annexation of the City of Wenatchee into Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1.

WHEREAS, local municipalities, including the City of Wenatchee, have experienced declining tax revenues in relation to their expenditures and demand for services; and

WHEREAS, the City formed a sustainability committee consisting of prominent local business and government leaders to examine the issues related to the financial sustainability of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's sustainability committee recommended, among other things, that the City consider combining its fire service with that of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 to provide services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wenatchee lies adjacent to Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wenatchee has a population of less than 300,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wenatchee finds that the public interest would be served by the annexation of the City of Wenatchee into Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wenatchee intends to reduce property tax collections, thereby affecting overall levy rates, to reflect the transfer of fire protection services to Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE DO ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION I

The foregoing recitals shall be and hereby are adopted as the findings and conclusions of the City Council in support of this Ordinance.

SECTION II

The City Council hereby declares its intent to join and be annexed into Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1.

SECTION III

If the Board of Fire Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 shall concur in the proposed annexation of the City of Wenatchee, notification thereof shall be transmitted to the Chelan County Commissioners as specified in RCW 52.04.061.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance, not being subject to initiative or referendum, shall take effect five (5) days from and after approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE, at a regular meeting thereof, this 8th day of January, 2015.


CITY OF WENATCHEE, a Municipal Corporation

By: Frank J. Kuntz
FRANK KUNTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
TAMMY STANGER, City Clerk

APPROVED:

By: 
STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney