

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-29**

**A RESOLUTION**, of the Council of the City of Wenatchee, Washington assigning councilmembers to voting districts.

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2018, the City Council of the City of Wenatchee adopted Ordinance No. 2018-19, creating a five district and two at-large council voting system; and

**WHEREAS**, ESSB 6002, known as the Washington Voting Rights Act of 2018, provides, in pertinent part, that if the City "... invokes its authority under Section 201 of this Act and the plan is adopted during the period of time between January 16<sup>th</sup> and on or before the first Monday of November, the next election will occur as scheduled and organized under the current electoral system, but the [city] shall order new elections to occur pursuant to the remedy at the general election the following calendar year"; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35A.12.180 provides, in pertinent part, that "the council of a non-charter code city organized under this chapter may divide the city into wards or change the boundaries of existing wards. No change in the boundaries of wards shall affect the term of any councilmember, and councilmembers shall serve out their terms in the wards of their residences at the time of their elections; PROVIDED, that if this results in one ward being represented by more councilmembers than the number to which it is entitled those having the shortest unexpired terms shall be assigned by the council to wards where there is a vacancy, and

the councilmembers so assigned shall be deemed to be residents of the wards to which they are assigned for purposes of those positions being vacant.”; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the district voting system set forth in Ordinance No. 2018-19 resulted in the following distribution of existing councilmembers:

- District 1 - Unrepresented
- District 2 - Mike Poirer (2019)  
Lyle Markhardt (2019)  
Jim Bailey (2021)
- District 3 - Ruth Esparza (2021)  
Keith Huffaker (2021)  
Linda Herald (2019)
- District 4 - Unrepresented
- District 5 - Mark Kulaas (2019)

**WHEREAS**, the next general election for councilmembers is scheduled for November 2019 which is next followed by the general election in November 2021.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 35A.12.180, the Council desires to reassign councilmembers for purposes of representing all districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** as follows:

**SECTION I**

The Council voting districts set forth in Ordinance No. 2018-19 shall be represented as follows, and individual councilmembers shall be assigned accordingly:

- District 1 - Linda Herald (2019)
- District 2 - Jim Bailey (2021)
- District 3 - Ruth Esparza (2021)
- District 4 - Mike Poirier (2019)
- District 5 - Mark Kulaas (2019)
- At-Large “A” - Lyle Markhart (2019)
- At-Large “B” - Keith Huffaker (2021)

**SECTION II**


Consistent with ESSB 6002 and RCW 35A.12.180, the election for individual council districts and at-large positions shall occur at the next general election immediately prior to the expiration of the current term of the councilmember assigned thereto.

**SECTION III**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE**, at a regular meeting thereof, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.


CITY OF WENATCHEE, a Municipal Corporation

By:   
FRANK KUNTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
TAMMY STANGER, City Clerk

APPROVED:

By:   
STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney