

**CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON,
amending Ordinance Nos. 559 and 710 and Section 2.06.220 of the
Langley Municipal Code entitled "Ordinances and Resolutions"

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to develop a systematic approach to policy development and code work;

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

Section 1. Ordinance Nos. 559 and 710 and Langley Municipal Code 2.06.220 are hereby amended as set forth below:

2.06.220 Ordinances and resolutions.

A. Enacted Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions. An enacted ordinance is a legislative act prescribing general uniform and permanent rules of conduct relating to the corporate affairs of the municipality. Council action shall be taken by ordinance when required by law, or to prescribe permanent rules of conduct enforced by penalty.

An enacted resolution is ~~an administrative act which~~ a formal statement of policy concerning matters of special or temporary character. Council action shall be taken by resolution when required by law and in those instances where an expression of policy more formal than a motion is desired.

An enacted motion is a form of action taken by the council to direct that a specific action be taken on behalf of the municipality. A motion, once approved and entered into the record, is the equivalent of a resolution in those instances where a resolution is not required by law.

B. Legislative Process, Preparation, Introduction and Flow of Ordinances and Resolutions and Motions. Ordinances and resolutions shall be prepared, introduced and proceed in the manner ~~described on the flow chart attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter~~ prescribed by the council in its rules of conduct. To assist with the flow of ordinances and resolutions, the mayor pro tem, the city clerk, the city planning official, and the chair of the planning advisory board shall serve as policy process coordinators. ~~Prior to final passage of all ordinances, resolutions or motions, such documents or proposals shall be designated as drafts as follows:—~~

~~— 1. Proposed drafts shall contain the name of the group, organization, committee or individual originating or sponsoring the proposal prior to the first presentation to the city council where a vote is taken directing some official action or further consideration.~~

~~— 2. Council drafts shall be documents or proposals which have been presented in open session and voted on by the city council when the resultant council action was other than passage or a vote to cease further consideration.~~

C. Availability of Ordinances and Resolutions Prior to Council Action. All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall ~~go to a council workshop meeting~~ be available to the council and to the public in written form five days before a regular council meeting. This requirement for written availability five days prior to the regular council meeting may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote of all members present. The title of each resolution shall in all cases be read prior to its passage; provided, should a council member request that the entire resolution or certain of its sections be read, such requests shall be granted. Printed copies shall be made available for review upon request to any person attending a council meeting.

D. Enacting Ordinances. The procedures for proposed enacting ordinances are as follows:

~~1. A council member may, in open session, request of the presiding officer that the council study the wisdom of enacting a particular ordinance. The presiding officer then may assign the proposed ordinance to a specific committee for consideration. The committee shall report its findings to the council.~~

21. All ordinances shall have two separate readings during regular council meetings. At each reading the title of an ordinance shall in all cases be read prior to its passage; provided, that should a council member request that the entire ordinance or certain of its sections be read, such requests shall be granted. Printed copies shall be made available for review upon request to any person attending a council meeting.

32. The provision requiring two separate readings of an ordinance may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote of all members present.

3. If a motion to pass an ordinance to a second reading fails, the ordinance shall be considered lost.

4. Any ordinance repealing any portion of this code shall also repeal the respective portions of the underlying ordinances.

5. Any ordinance amending any portion of this code shall also amend the respective portions of the underlying ordinances.

6. All ordinances shall be published in summary form as required by RCW 65.16.160.

7. All ordinances except an appropriation ordinance, an ordinance adopting or embodying an administrative or governmental code or an ordinance adopting a code of ordinances shall not relate to more than one subject, which shall be clearly stated in its title.

E. Dissents and Protests. Any council member shall have the right to express dissent from or protest against any ordinance or resolution of the council and have the reason therefore entered into the minutes. (Ord. 559, 1990)(Ord. 710, 1996)

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be 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 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication and posting of an approved summary thereof, consisting of the title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, and approved by the Mayor at a regular public meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

PAUL O. SAMUELSON, MAYOR

DEBBIE L. MAHLER, CLERK-TREASURER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GRANT WEED, CITY ATTORNEY