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## **ORDINANCE NO. 354**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.20 ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE REPORT TIME FOR HEARING EXAMINER DECISIONS

WHEREAS, upon incorporation the City Council passed Ordinance No. 100 which, among other things, established procedures to enforce City regulations; and

WHEREAS, University Place Municipal Code (UPMC) Title 1 "General Provisions," Chapter 1.20 "Enforcement," was codified from Ordinance No. 100; and

WHEREAS, UPMC 1.20.050 (d) (4) states that the City's Hearing Examiner on matters involving corrective action shall send notice of his/her decision to the person to whom a Notice of Civil Violation was issued, as well as to applicable department directors, within ten working days of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, UPMC Chapter 2.20 "Hearings Examiner" involves land use matters, and UPMC 2.20.090 allows examiners on those cases 20 working days to render a written decision; and

WHEREAS, the City from time to time has only one Hearings Examiner for enforcement and corrective type issues who must handled and make decisions on several cases in a minimal amount of time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of University Place citizens and of justice to extend the same working time for decision making to the code enforcement examiner as currently enjoyed by the land use examiner; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Amending Chapter 1.20.050(D)(4) of the University Place Municipal Code</u>. Chapter 1.20 Section 050(D)(4) of the University Place Code hereby is amended to read as follows:

4. Notice of Decision. The hearings examiner shall send by certified mail return receipt requested a copy of the decision to the person to whom the notice of a civil violation was issued and to the applicable department director within 1020 working days of the hearing.

Section 2. <u>Effective Date and Publication</u>. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall be in effect on the fifth day after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 28, 2002.

Jean Brooks, Mayor

## ATTEST:

Catrina Craig, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

Jimothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

Publication Date:

10/30/02 11/4/02

Effective Date: