RESOLUTION NO. 496

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE STANDARD FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN UNIVERISTY PLACE

WHEREAS, the President, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more efficiently and effectively to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has similarly endorsed NIMS by proclaiming it the official basis for management of incident response in Washington State;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, tribal, and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in fiscal year 2005;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, and communications systems that work together; as well as consolidated action plans, unified command structures, and uniform personnel qualification standards; and that these organizations utilize comprehensive resource management, designated incident facilities during emergencies, and uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve University Place's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.   <u>Establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in University Place, Washington</u>. The City Council of the City of University Place, Washington, does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in University Place, Washington. Minimum Requirements for 2005 include:

      A. Formally recognize NIMS and adopt the NIMS principles and policies
      B. Establish a timeframe and develop a strategy for full NIMS implementation
      C. Complete the NIMS Awareness course, "National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction (IS 700)"
      D. Establish a NIMS baseline by determining which NIMS requirements you already meet Institutionalizing the use of the Incident Command System (ICS)

Section 2.   <u>Effective Date.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately upon signing.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005

Ken Grassi

Ken Grassi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk