RESOLUTION NO. 652

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, TRANSFERRING THE PROCESSING OF UNIVERSITY PLACE BUSINESS LICENSES TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THROUGH THE MASTER LICENSE SERVICE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, by Ordinance the City requires all businesses conducting business within the boundaries of the City of University Place to obtain a City of University Place business license; and

WHEREAS, there has been a drastic reduction in City resources due to recent nation-wide economic difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington operates a program through Master License Services with the capability of processing the business licenses of local jurisdictions for a minimal processing fee per license; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that this process not place undue hardship on the local business community; and

WHEREAS, the business community has expressed support for this action through the University Place/Fircrest Chamber of Commerce Board and the Economic Development Commission.

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

- Section 1. <u>City Business License Processing Transferred</u>. The processing of University Place Business Licenses will be accomplished through the State of Washington Master License Service Program.
- Section 2. <u>City to Absorb the Cost of License Processing</u>. The City of University Place will bear the cost of the per license processing fee charged by the State of Washington.
- Section 3. Non-profit and Exempt Businesses Licensed at City Hall. Non-profit businesses and those exempt from paying the City's business license fee will continue to be processed by City staff at City Hall.
- Section 4. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall take effect for the 2011 business license cycle and all business license cycles thereafter.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 16, 2010.

Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST: