

RESOLUTION NO. 875

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON DIRECTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO REVIEW POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 5.05 UPMC RELATIVE TO BUSINESS LICENSING

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Washington legislature passed amendments now codified within chapter 35.90 RCW relative to municipal business licensing; and

WHEREAS, in response to these changes, on October 15, 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 709 adopting the model business ordinance which was promulgated pursuant to RCW 35.90.080 and RCW 35.90.090; and

WHEREAS, in the course of the discussions underlying passage of Ordinance No. 709, it was determined that there may be the need for further amendments to chapter 5.05 of the University Place Municipal Code (UPMC) relative to business licenses which may make the City of University Place more attractive and competitive to businesses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 1.35 UPMC, directives to the City's Commissions are to be in the form of a City Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS the City Council has created the Economic Development Commission to advise it on topics and matters relating to economic development in the City, as well as other matters as directed by the City Council;

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

Section 1. Referral to Economic Development Commission. The City Council hereby refers to the Economic Development Commission, to seek public opinion, review and provide recommendations regarding potential amendments to chapter 5.05 UPMC.

Section 2. Specific Direction to Economic Development Commission. As part of its process, the Economic Development Commission is expressly directed to consider, in addition to those matters which it must consider by either state law or the municipal code, the following:

- a. Whether the minimum threshold requirement to be codified at UPMC 5.05.060(H) should be increased, and if so, what recommended amount.
- b. The Municipal Code contains a number of exemptions from business licensing. Are there additional businesses or exemptions which should be added; alternatively, should the current exemptions be modified?
- c. The City Council has adopted as part of its 2019-2020 biannual goals, the desire to "[u]tilize a targeted business retention/recruitment strategy, complete a Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis priorities." Are there amendments to the business licensing code which would enable the City to better achieve this goal?
- d. Identify whether there are any other efficiencies within the City's Municipal Code which would be of assistance to the business community.

Section 3: Timeline. The Economic Development Commission shall report back to the City Council its recommendations no later than the week before the second City Council meeting of May 2019.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 5, 2018.



Kent Keel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Eupelia J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney