

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-001**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON, ASSUMING THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CAMAS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT; AMENDING CHAPTER 3.90 OF THE CAMAS MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECOGNIZE SUCH ASSUMPTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 24-019 of the City of Camas, passed by the Camas City Council on November 18, 2024, created the Camas Transportation Benefit District and adopted a new Chapter 3.90 of the Camas Municipal Code governing the same; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 36.74 RCW authorizes a city to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of a transportation benefit district with geographical boundaries coterminous with those of the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.74.020, the Camas City Council passed Resolution No. 24-017 on December 2, 2024, declaring the Council's intent to consider assuming the Camas Transportation Benefit District and establishing the date and time for a public hearing on such consideration; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing at which all interested parties were invited to appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the City Council determined that the public interest and welfare would be satisfied by the City's assumption of the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Camas Transportation Benefit District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.74, the Camas City Council declares its intent to eliminate the Transportation Benefit District as a separate legal entity and to abolish the

governing board thereof in favor of the Camas City Council, which shall be vested with all rights, powers, immunities, functions and obligations otherwise formerly vested in said governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Assumption. The City of Camas hereby assumes all rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Camas Transportation Benefit District created by Ordinance No. 24-019 of the City. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the Camas Transportation Benefit District shall cease to be a separate legal entity and the City is vested with every right, power, immunity, function, and obligation currently granted to or possessed by the transportation benefit district. The governing body of the Camas Transportation Benefit District is hereby abolished, and the Camas City Council is vested with all rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations otherwise vested by law in the governing board of the Camas Transportation Benefit District.

Section II

Code Amended. Sections 3.90.010 and 3.90.020 of the Camas Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Chapter 3.90**

**CAMAS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**

**3.90.010 Establishment - Assumption.** The Camas Transportation Benefit District or “District” was created in 2024 with geographical boundaries comprised of the corporate limits of the City as they currently exist or as they may exist following future annexations. In 2025, the City of Camas assumed the rights, power, immunities, functions, and obligations of the district pursuant to Chapter 36.74 RCW. The City of Camas is hereby vested with each and every right, power, immunity, function, and obligation granted to or possessed by the district.

**3.90.020 Governance.**

- A. Camas City Council is hereby vested with the authority to exercise the statutory powers set forth in Chapter 36.73 RCW and this Chapter. The Camas City Council is vested with all of the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations formerly held by the governing board of the Camas transportation benefit district. All duties, powers and obligations of any “Board” or “board” as referenced within this Chapter shall be exercised by the Camas City Council pursuant to this section.

Section III

No Existing Rights Impaired. Pursuant to RCW 36.74.040, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as impairing any existing rights acquired by the Camas Transportation Benefit District under Chapter 36.73 RCW, this chapter, or any other provision of law applicable to transportation benefit districts. The assumption accomplished by this ordinance also does not alter any actions, activities, or proceedings validated thereunder, any civil or criminal proceedings instituted thereunder, any rule, regulation, or order promulgated thereunder, any administrative action taken thereunder, nor the validity of any act performed by the Camas Transportation Benefit District or division thereof or any officer thereof prior to the assumption of the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the district by the City under this ordinance.

Section IV

Rules, Regulations, Pending Business, and Contracts. Pursuant to RCW 36.74.050(1), all rules and regulations and all pending business before the board of the Camas Transportation Benefit District shall be continued and acted upon by the Camas City Council. In addition, pursuant to RCW 36.74.050(2), all contracts and obligations of the Camas Transportation Benefit District remain in full force and effect and will be performed by the City. The assumption does not affect the validity of any official act performed by any official or employee prior to the assumption authorized under the law.

Section V

Funds, Credits, Appropriations, Federal Grants, or Other Assets. As provided in RCW 36.74.060(1), all funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with rights, powers, duties, and functions of the Camas Transportation Benefit District are transferred and assigned to the City of Camas. Further, under RCW 36.74.060(3), any appropriations or federal grants made to the Camas Transportation Benefit for the purpose of carrying out the rights, powers, functions, and obligations assumed by the City shall, as of the effective date of this ordinance, be credited to the City for the purpose of carrying out such assumed rights, powers, functions, and obligations.

Section VI

Assumption of Indebtedness. If the Camas Transportation Benefit District has incurred indebtedness, the City of Camas hereby assumes the same and agrees to provide for timely payment thereof, including the payment and retirement of any outstanding general obligation and revenue bonds (if any) issued by the Camas Transportation Benefit District.

Section VII

Severability. If any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by 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 VII

Effective Date. This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days after passage and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

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City Attorney