

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING SANDPOINT CITY CODE TITLE 1, CHAPTER 6, SECTIONS 1 AND 2, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTIVE CITY OFFICERS AND THEIR TERMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS: Idaho Code § 50-204 provides that the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, shall appoint a City Clerk, a City Treasurer, and a City Attorney, along with other officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the city.

WHEREAS: Sandpoint City Code 1-6-1 provides for the designated appointed officers and officials of the City of Sandpoint.

WHEREAS: Historically, and up until a few years ago, when they were removed by a prior City Council, the list of appointed officials in this City Code section included the City's Public Works Director and Planning Director.

WHEREAS: The City has added a new Central Services Department, with a director appointed.

WHEREAS: Currently, the list of appointed officials includes a City Administrator, with no plan in the foreseeable future to fill that position.

WHEREAS: For purposes of seeking to ensure a sense of continuity between mayoral administrations and to allow City Council to participate in the hiring of department heads and city officials, along with other considerations, the Mayor and City Council wish to reinstate the Public Works Director position, as well as add Community Planning and Development Director, within the list of designated appointed officers and officials of the City and remove the City Administrator position, which will not be filled at this time.

WHEREAS: In addition to the amendments noted above, because the City is no longer participating in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Sagle and Westside Fire Districts, it is necessary to remove from City Code reference to this agreement and its bearing on the appointment and employment of the Sandpoint Fire Chief.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandpoint that:

**ORDINANCE SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE 1-6-1:**

Sandpoint City Code 1-6-1, Appointive City Officers, is hereby amended as follows:

**1-6-1: APPOINTIVE CITY OFFICERS:**

The designated appointed officers and officials of the city are as follows:

Chief of police

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~~City administrator~~

City attorney

City clerk

City treasurer

Fire chief

Public works director

Community planning and development director

Central services director

Said officials and officers shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council in accordance with Idaho Code, ~~with the exception of the fire chief, who shall be appointed in accordance with the terms defined in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Sagle and Westside Fire Districts and confirmed by the city council.~~

**ORDINANCE SECTION 2 – AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE 1-6-2:**

Sandpoint City Code 1-6-2, Terms of Officers, is hereby amended as follows:

Each and every appointive officer of the city enumerated in section 1-6-1 of this chapter shall serve at the discretion and pleasure of the mayor and city council, ~~with the exception of the fire chief whose term shall be defined in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Sagle and Westside Fire Districts.~~ Said officer or official, ~~with the exception of the fire chief,~~ may be terminated at any time by the mayor for any cause deemed sufficient. Such removal shall be confirmed by the affirmative vote of one-half (1/2) plus one of the members of the full council. Upon the city council's own initiative, any appointed official may be removed by a unanimous vote of all of the city council members.

**ORDINANCE SECTION 3 - REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY:**

- A. Any provision of the *Sandpoint City Code* found to be inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.
- B. Should any provision of this Ordinance be deemed unlawful or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE SECTION 4 – PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO,  
AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANDPOINT CITY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Ward, City Clerk