

City of St. Helens
ORDINANCE NO. 3299

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 13.30 REGARDING THE ST. HELENS PUBLIC SAFETY FEE,
TO EXPAND THE USE OF THE FEE TO PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the mission of the City of St. Helens is to provide quality, effective and efficient service to our community. By doing so we will develop and preserve the highest possible quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors. Provide a safe and healthy environment within a sound economic framework. Provide leadership which is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment; and

WHEREAS, additional flexibility in the use of the Public Safety Fee is desired by our community to provide our Police Department with the necessary tools and staffing resources to respond to emergencies, solve problems, and be good community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 13.30 of the St. Helens Municipal Code ("SHMC") regarding the Public Safety Fee, is hereby amended, attached hereto as **Attachment "A"**, and made part of this reference.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other sections, provisions, clauses, or paragraphs of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be servable. This City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the ordinance be enforced.

Section 3. Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the St. Helens Municipal Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code," "article," "section," or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or re-lettered, provided however that Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions need not be codified.

Section 4. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be 30 days after approval, in accordance with the City Charter and other applicable laws.

Read the first time: February 21, 2024
Read the second time: March 6, 2024

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

ATTACHMENT "A"

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Chapter 13.30 ST. HELENS PUBLIC SAFETY FEE

13.30.020 Purpose and intent.

(1) The purpose of the public safety fee is to provide additional funding to safeguard, facilitate and encourage the health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and visitors of the city as well as maintaining and operating the city of St. Helens police department.

(2) The intent of the public safety fee is to provide a funding mechanism to pay for the benefits conferred on residents, businesses and visitors of the city, including but not limited to expenditures related to the acquisition, improvement, replacement and/or construction of public safety facilities.

13.30.070 Use of funds.

All funds collected by the city from the public safety fee shall be deposited into a separate and distinct account for ~~the~~ purposes included, but not limited to; operations, sworn personnel, equipment, training, and other related costs associated with the operation of the city of St. Helens police department as well as capital costs for the ~~of funding the~~ acquisition, improvement, replacement and/or construction of public safety facilities. The fees paid and collected by virtue of this chapter shall not be used for general or other governmental or proprietary purposes of the city, except to pay for the equitable share of the cost of accounting, management and government which is attributable to the public safety fee.