

ORDINANCE 2024-20

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2.20.030 AND 2.20.040 OF THE TOPPENISH MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REPLACE THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND WHO SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE CIVIL INFRACTION ENFORCEMENT MATTERS TO CITY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS the City Manager has determined that the most efficient and cost effective manner of supervising employees of the police and fire departments is to appoint a public safety director who shall be responsible to head both the police and fire departments,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Sections 2.20.030 and 2.20.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code are repealed.

Section 2: A new Section 2.20.030 is adopted to read as follows:

“2.20.030 Public Safety Director - Appointment - Duties

The public safety director shall be appointed by the city manager. The public safety director shall be responsible for supervising all employees of the police and fire departments. It shall be the duty of the public safety director to act to promote the public health, welfare, and safety in the area of police and fire protection, in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, and to perform such additional duties as are determined by the city manager. They shall have authority to delegate to other city employees the enforcement of municipal code provisions for which there is a civil penalty for violation thereof.”

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be effective five days after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council at its regular meeting held on December 9, 2024.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DANIEL B. HEID, City Attorney