

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1200

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE THE SEATTLE TIMES AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, state law requires the City of Black Diamond to designate an official newspaper for purposes of notifying the public of City matters, such as public meetings, public hearings, land-use applications, and other matters of general public concern; and

WHEREAS, section 1.20.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code (BDMC) currently designates Sound Publishing as the City's official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the weekly publication schedule for Sound Publishing (and specifically, the Enumclaw Courier-Herald) is becoming an increasing impediment to timely notifying the public of important City business, particularly as the City grows and the need for public notices expands accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the limited ability to adjust the dates and/or times for publicly noticed hearings, comment periods, and other matters is made overly burdensome by the weekly publication schedule of the City's current official newspaper, thereby subjecting the City and applicants to delays that are far longer than would be the case if the official newspaper were published daily; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that designating The Seattle Times as the City's official newspaper would provide more timely notice to the public, better customer service to applicants, and more efficiency and convenience for City staff because of its daily publication schedule;

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

Section 1. Section 1.20.010 BDMC Amended. Section 1.20.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code is hereby amended as set forth below:

1.20.010 Designated.

~~Sound Publishing~~ The Seattle Times shall be the official city newspaper.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is declared

unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or if any portion of this Ordinance is pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Publication and Effective Date. The Clerk is requested to publish this Ordinance in Sound Publishing's Enumclaw Courier-Herald by January 10, 2024, and in The Seattle Times by no later than January 15, 2024, whereupon this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force at 12:01 a.m. on January 16, 2024.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

David Linehan, City Attorney

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