

ORDINANCE NO. 434

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WILSON CREEK AND BUSINESS LICENSING SERVICE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE TOWN'S BUSINESS LICENSING

WHEREAS, Washington State law, chapter 19.02 RCW, provides for a centralized, "one-stop" process for business licensing known as the Business Licensing Service, administered by the Washington State Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Business Licensing Service provides a proven, value-added, and administrative cost saving service to local municipalities of Washington State in the administration of their business licensing activities, free of cost to the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities benefitting from partnership with the Business Licensing Service commonly also experience enhanced regulatory coverage within their jurisdiction without needing to expend additional local resources, and so are able to provide superior customer service to both their business community and constituent citizenry; and

WHEREAS, even when administered through the Business Licensing Service, municipalities retain full, lawful authority and control over their respective business licensing regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, through enacted legislation, 2017 EHB 2005, codified as chapter 35.090 RCW, has set terms for municipalities to connect to the Business Licensing Service in the administration of their business licensing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Creek Town Council has considered this matter during a regularly and duly called public meeting of said Council, has given careful review and consideration to the matter, and having passed this ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Wilson Creek do ordain as follows:

Section 1: The clerk/treasurer is directed and authorized to undertake all necessary and appropriate steps to accomplish a business licensing partnership between the Town and the Business Licensing Service in accordance with state law and coordination provided by the Business Licensing Service.

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason declared or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate and distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 3: Section 1 of this ordinance shall immediately take effect and be in full force in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson Creek, Washington, this 10th day of December 2020.

Kevin Newland, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Kaci Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer

Town Attorney