

City of Cheney
609 Second Street
Cheney, Washington 99004

CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. Y-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2.04 “TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS” OF THE CHENEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease outbreak and Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has since issued guidelines on re-opening Washington allowing for conducting in-person meetings under certain conditions to protect the health and safety of persons in Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheney has an interest and duty for transparency and engaging the public in governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cheney City Council Chambers is unable to meet the capacity requirements of the current guidelines to ensure appropriate social distancing of persons attending and participating in in-person meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheney staff identified alternate locations that will allow for the safe return to open public meetings; and

WHEREAS, City of Cheney staff recommends an amendment to Cheney Municipal Code to allow for City Council Meetings to be held at alternate locations providing for flexibility during the current and future declared state public health emergencies.

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

Section 1. Amendment. Section 2.04.010 entitled "Regular Meetings" is amended as follows:

The regular meetings of the city council shall be held in the council room of City Hall, 609 Second Street, in the City of Cheney, Washington **or other location established by Resolution of the City Council**, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 6:00 p.m. Any regular meeting falling on a legal holiday shall be convened on the next business day.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its passage, approval, and publication.

Introduced this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chris Grover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia L. Niemeier, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stanley M. Schwartz, City Attorney