

City of Cheney, Washington
609 Second Street
Cheney, WA 99004

**CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION F-173**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (LSA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHENEY AND (SL) (KM), (D&L), (TAFT), AND (LEVIN PAPANTONIO) FOR MATTERS RELATING TO PFAS

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City detected the presence of several Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) compounds in one of its groundwater wells while participating in sampling offered by the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Board of Health adopted State Action Levels (SALs) for (PFAS); and

WHEREAS, one of the PFAS contaminants found (PFOS) in the City's groundwater well (Well 5) exceeded the SAL; and

WHEREAS, responding to PFAS contamination exceeding the SAL is both costly and complicated, in addition to some PFAS being linked to harmful effects to wildlife and to people; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into an LSA to investigate and assess potential claims arising because of the presence of those PFAS, and to provide terms and conditions for representation of the City in any civil action that may be filed in one or more state trial courts or a United States District Court.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cheney City Council by majority vote hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into an LSA with SL, KM, D&L, Taft, and Levin Papantonio for matters relating to PFAS.

ADOPTED, on this **8th Day of August, 2023** by the Cheney City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting at the Cheney Council Chambers, 609 Second Street, Cheney, WA 99004

Chris Grover, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia L. Niemeier, City Clerk