

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 1000

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.20 TO THE DEER PARK MUNICIPAL CODE; DESIGNATING THE SHERIFF OF SPOKANE COUNTY AS THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT SERVICES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO CONTRACT; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, for the past several years the City of Deer Park ("City") has been contracting with the County of Spokane ("County") and the Spokane County Sheriff ("Sheriff") to provide law enforcement services for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, County, and Sheriff entered into a contract for provision of law enforcement services which began in January 1, 2020 which is in effect now; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35A.12.020 requires the appointment of certain officers within the City relevant part follows: "The appointive officers shall be those provided for by charter or ordinance and shall include a ... chief law enforcement officer..."; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a non-charter code City and therefore to comply with the above quoted state law should appoint the County Sheriff as the "Chief Law Enforcement Officer" of the City by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, a check of the City's records indicates that no ordinance has been adopted to implement designation of the County Sheriff as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance will cause the City to be in compliance with state law and documents the current practice of the City which has been in effect for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council find that adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; NOW THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** A new Chapter 2.20 is hereby added to the Deer Park Municipal Code to read as follows:

**Chapter 2.20  
Chief Law Enforcement Officer**

**Sections:**

- 2.20.010     Appointment – County Sheriff.**
- 2.20.020     Services by Contract with the County.**

2.20.010     Appointment – County Sheriff.

The elected Sheriff of Spokane County is hereby designated as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the City as required by RCW 35A.12.020.

2.20.020     Services by Contract with the County.

The City shall contract with the County of Spokane and the Sheriff of Spokane County for the provision of Law Enforcement Services in the City.

**Section 2.**     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 3.** All parts of any City resolution or ordinance that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended to conform to the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after this Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title is published.

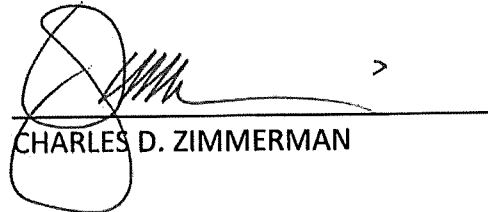
APPROVED:

  
MAYOR TIMOTHY VERZAL

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
DEBY CRAGUN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

BY:   
CHARLES D. ZIMMERMAN

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