

ORDINANCE NO. 1427

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KALAMA, WASHINGTON CLARIFYING THE APPOINTMENT, AUTHORITY, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE POSITION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ADDING CODE SECTION 2.08.045 MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.08 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Councils and Mayors of Kalama have appointed and utilized the position of Mayor Pro Tempore as a common practice;

WHEREAS, the State RCW's do not provide any statutory guidelines, rules, or limitations on the position of Mayor Pro Tempore in code cities, leading to many questions for those Councilor's appointed to the position;

WHEREAS, the City has the ability to establish by ordinance provisions to address the appointment, authority, powers, and duties of the position of Mayor Pro Tempore

NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Kalama do ordain:

Section 1. Kalama Municipal Code section 2.08.045 Mayor Pro Tempore is added to Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 2.08 Mayor and City Council to read as follows:

2.08.045 – Mayor Pro Tempore

A. Appointment

Biennially at the first meeting of a new council, or periodically, the members thereof, by majority vote, may designate one of their number as Mayor Pro Tempore or deputy mayor for such period as the council may specify. When the Mayor Pro Tempore presides over a meeting in the absence of the Mayor, this shall not abridge his/her right to vote on matters coming before the Council at such meeting.

B. Powers & Duties

In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore may perform the duties of the Mayor, except that the Mayor Pro Tempore shall not have the authority to appoint or remove any officer, designate assistants or department heads, hire or fire any city employee, or veto any ordinance. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the City Council – at their next Regular Meeting – shall elect from their number a Mayor who shall serve until a Mayor is elected and certified at the next Municipal election.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective five days after passage, approval, and publication as provided by law. Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of October, 2019

Mayor Mike Reuter

Attest:

Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____

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