

First Reading: 5/1/2018

Second Reading: 5/15/18

ORDINANCE NO. 983

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING BCMC CHAPTER 3.32 "CITY
BUDGET"**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has provided that any city legislative body may by Ordinance elect to have a two-year biennial budget in lieu of the annual budget which is otherwise provided for; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of RCW Chapter 35A.34 require that an Ordinance establishing the two-year fiscal biennium budget must be adopted no later than June 30, 2018, in order to be effective January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, biennial budgeting will provide an opportunity to streamline government services through better long range and strategic financial planning, provide a longer perspective on program planning, and will promote consolidation of the effort invested in the budget development and approval process, thereby, improving services to the citizens of the Benton City. NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Repeal of Existing Code Sections Regarding Annual Budget. BCMC Sections 3.32.010 entitled "Budget estimates"; BCMC Section 3.32.020 entitled "Proposed preliminary budget – Contents"; BCMC Section 3.32.030 entitled "Proposed preliminary budget - - Mayor and council duties"; BCMC Section 3.32.040 entitled "Preliminary budget"; BCMC Section 3.32.050 entitled "Preliminary budget - - Public notice"; BCMC Section 3.32.060 entitled "Preliminary budget - - Public hearing"; and BCMC Section 3.32.070 entitled "Adoption by ordinance" shall be and hereby are repealed in their entirety, and such code sections may be replaced as provided below.

Section 2. That a new Section 3.32.010 entitled "Implementation of Biennial Budget" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.010 **Implementation of Biennial Budget.** As authorized by RCW 35A.34.040, the City of Benton City, Washington, does hereby establish a two-year biennial budget presented as two one-year biennial budgets commencing January 1, 2019. The 2019-2020 biennial budget and all subsequent budgets shall be prepared, considered, and adopted under the provisions of this Chapter of the Benton City Municipal Code and Chapter 35A.34 of the Revised Code of Washington. The appropriations specifically made for the second year of the biennium shall only be

expended in the second year of the biennium, unless City Council, by Ordinance, approves such budget modification.

Section 3. That a new Section 3.32.020 entitled "Mid-Biennial Review and Modification" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.020 **Mid-Biennial Review and Modification.** Pursuant to RCW 35A.34.130, the City Council hereby provides for a mid-biennial review and modification of the biennial budget. No sooner than eight months after the start of the first year of the fiscal biennium, nor later than the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in October of the first year of the biennial budget, the Mayor shall prepare proposed budget modifications to be effective as of January 1st of the following year. Such proposed modifications shall be sent to City Council members and shall be a public record and available to the public. A public hearing shall be held on the proposed modifications at a City Council meeting no later than the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in November and may be continued from time to time. Notice of the hearing shall be published consistent with publication of notices for adoption of other City Ordinances. At such hearing or thereafter, the City Council may consider a proposed Ordinance to adopt such modifications. A complete copy of any budget modification Ordinance will be transmitted to the State Auditor and to the Association of Washington Cities.

Section 4. That a new Section 3.32.030 entitled "Funds – Quarterly Report of Status" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.030 **Funds – Quarterly Report of Status.** The Mayor shall submit quarterly to the City Council a report showing the expenditures and liabilities against each separate budget appropriation incurred during the preceding reporting period and like information for the whole of the current fiscal biennium to the first day of the current reporting period, together with the unexpended balance of each appropriation. The report shall also show the receipts from all sources.

Section 5. That a new Section 3.32.040 entitled "Reference to "Budget" or "Annual Budget" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.040 **Reference to "Budget" or "Annual Budget."** All references to "budget" or "annual budget" contained in this Code or in the Ordinance of the City of Benton City shall be interpreted as referring to the "biennial budget."

Section 6. That a new Section 3.32.050 entitled "Amendments to Budget" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.050 **Amendments to Budget.** The City Council reserves the right to amend the biennial budget to the full extent authorized by Chapter 35A.34 RCW.

Section 7. That a new Section 3.32.060 entitled "Biennial Budget – Incorporation by Reference" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is adopted and shall read as follows:

3.32.060 **Biennial Budget – Incorporation by Reference.** Chapter 35A.34 RCW, as amended, is hereby incorporated by reference. The addition of any new section to, or amendment or repeal of any section in Chapter 35A.34 RCW is deemed to amend this section, and it shall not be necessary for the City Council to take any action with respect to such addition, amendment, or repeal.

Section 8. All remaining Sections of BCMC Chapter 3.32 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect five (5) days after its approval, passage and publication as required by law; and shall be implemented commencing on January 1, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and approved as provided by law this 15 day of May, 2018.



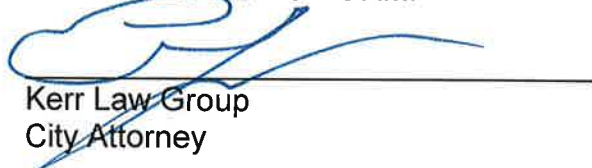
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