

**ORDINANCE NO. 2973**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANACORTES, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature has provided that any city may, by ordinance, elect to have a biennial budget in lieu of the annual budget, which is otherwise provided for; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Chapter 35A.34 RCW determine that an ordinance establishing the biennium budget must be adopted no later than June 30, 2016, in order to be effective January 1, 2017, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANACORTES, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I.** Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34 RCW, there is hereby established a biennium budget for the City of Anacortes, beginning with the biennium starting January 1, 2017. The 2017-2018 Biennial Budget and all subsequent budgets shall be prepared, considered, and adopted under the provisions of this ordinance and Chapter 35A.34 RCW.

**SECTION II.** Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34 RCW the City Council shall provide for a mid-biennium review, and any modification shall occur no sooner than eight (8) months after the start, but no later than the conclusion of the first year of the biennium. The Mayor shall

prepare a proposed budget modification and shall provide for publication of notice of hearings consistent with publication of notices for adoption of other City ordinances. Such proposal shall be submitted to the City Council and shall be a public record and be available to the public. A public hearing shall be advertised at least once and shall be held no later than the first regular Council meeting in December and may be considered from time to time. At such a hearing or thereafter, the Council may consider a proposed ordinance to carry out such modifications, which such ordinance shall be subject to other provisions of Chapter 35A.34 RCW.

**SECTION III.** Acts pursuant to this ordinance, but prior to its passage or effective date, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION IV.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

**SECTION V.** Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016

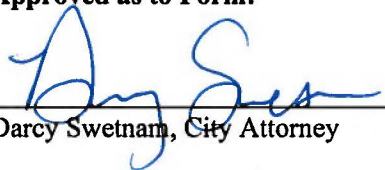
**CITY OF ANACORTES:**

  
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Laurie Gere, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Steven D. Hoglund, City Clerk-Treasurer

**Approved as to Form:**

  
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Darcy Swetnam, City Attorney