

ORDINANCE NO. 243

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF POLICE JUSTICE AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF ACTIONS OF VIOLATIONS FOR TOWN ORDINANCES IN CASCADE DISTRICT COURT, AND ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU.

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Falls has heretofore maintained a Police Court under the provisions of RCW 35.37.520, .525, .530 and .540, which has been administered by an appointed Police Justice; and

WHEREAS, there has been established by the County of Snohomish, State of Washington, a Justice Court system, and the Town of Granite Falls is within the Cascade District of the Justice Court in Snohomish County, Washington, and

WHEREAS, it is now in the public interest for the Town of Granite Falls to invoke the benefits and accept the responsibilities involved in the administration of justice by the Cascade District Justice Court with respect to the enforcement of all town ordinances and statutes pertaining to violations thereof occurring within the Town of Granite Falls; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to establish a Traffic Violations Bureau to assist the Cascade District Judge in the processing of traffic cases in the Town of Granite Falls; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS:

Section 1: The office of Police Justice in the Town of Granite Falls is abolished.

Section 2: The Town Marshal, Town Attorney, Building Official and all other persons or bodies with authority to file actions for violations of town ordinances on behalf of the Town are hereby directed to file such actions in the Cascade District Court of Snohomish County.

Section 3: There is hereby established, subject to the supervision of the Cascade District Court, a Traffic Violations Bureau under the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 299, State of Washington Session Laws of 1961 (RCW 3.30.090) to receive posting and forfeiture of bail money, and assist in the processing of traffic violations in the Town of Granite Falls.

Section 4: The Judge of the Cascade District Court is respectfully requested to take notice of this Ordinance and, at his earliest convenience, designate by written order those traffic violations under the ordinances of the Town of Granite Falls constituting bailable offenses, which in his opinion may effectively be processed by said Traffic Violations Bureau, and to specify the amounts of bail required to be posted, and specify the circumstances which will require an appearance before the Court by the alleged offender.

Section 5: The Judge of the Cascade Justice Court is respectfully requested to appoint a responsible person in the Town of Granite Falls to accept posting and forfeiture of bail monies under such conditions and in such manner as the Judge of the Cascade District Court shall require.

Section 6: The Mayor, Clerk, Town Marshal and Town Attorney are authorized and directed to forthwith proceed to make all necessary arrangements with the Cascade District Justice Court for the prompt and effective change of the administration of justice in the Town of Granite Falls to effect the purposes and intents of this ordinance.

Section 7: The Town Clerk is directed to deposit all bail forfeitures, fines, costs and penalties received by him resulting from violations of the ordinances into the Town General Fund, and is authorized to pay from the Town General Fund all court costs and filing fees incurred in cases when actions are filed in Cascade District Court pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 8: Any and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9: This ordinance shall take effect on February 1, 1970.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of January, 1970.

GEORGE D. BRYAN, Mayor

ATTEST:
ILENE LARSON
Town Clerk