

TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

STATE OF WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 338

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 3.12.080 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL REPEAL THAT RESPECTIVE SECTION AND REPLACE IT WITH THE SECTION AS INDICATED BELOW AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE REVISING THE PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL INITIATIVE PETITION".

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, CHAPTER 3.12.080 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE IS SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

3.12.080 Special Initiative Procedure. The citizens of the Town of Granite Falls may subject the additional sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance to a vote of approval or rejection by the voters, by a special initiative procedure. This special initiative procedure shall conform to the requirements and procedures where initiative petitions provided for in RCW 35(A).11.100, which incorporates RCW 35.17.240 through 35.17.360, as now or hereafter amended, by reference, all as specified in Section 19, of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4972.

WHEREAS, THE WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ISSUED IT'S OPINION THAT ORDINANCES IMPOSING THE ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX BE EFFECTIVE IN THE SAME MANNER AS SIMILAR ORDINANCES, BUT REMAIN FOREVER SUBJECT TO A VOTER APPROVAL OR REJECTION THROUGH A SPECIAL INITIATIVE PETITION PROCEDURE AS SET FORTH IN RCW 35(A).11.100 AND SAID OPINION IS BEING RELIED UPON BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF WASHINGTON; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DESIRES TO AMEND CHAPTER 3.12.080 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH SAID ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION;

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

THAT CHAPTER 3.12.080 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

3.12.080 Special Initiative Procedure. This Ordinance shall be subject to a Special Initiative proposing that the tax imposed by this Ordinance be changed or repealed. The number of registered voters needed to sign a petition for Special Initiative shall be Fifteen percent of the total number of names of persons listed as registered voters within the Town on the date of the last proceeding general election. If a Special Initiative petition is filed with the