

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 768-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 762-08 AND 763-08; LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENTIAL LONG PLAT APPLICATIONS (5 OR MORE LOTS) AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS OF 5 UNITS OR MORE AS A RESULT OF INADEQUATE SEWER CAPACITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2008, the City Council of the City of Granite Falls adopted Ordinance No. 762-08 enacting a new Moratorium on the acceptance of residential long plat applications (5 or more lots) and multi-family building permit applications of 5 units or more as a result of inadequate sewer capacity and set a public hearing for March 19, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on March 19, 2008 before the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 763-08 determining it was necessary to continue the Moratorium for the entire 180-day period ending August 6, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the Moratorium, the wastewater treatment facility has been expanded and upgraded by completion of the City's Phase 2A Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion plan, including the addition of clarifier, ultraviolet disinfection, and an alkalinity addition system; and

**WHEREAS**, the wastewater treatment facility is now anticipated to be able to provide capacity for approximately 500 additional equivalent residential units (each unit equal to a single family home) or a total of approximately 1800 equivalent residential units; and

**WHEREAS**, dependent on acquiring funding, the City's Phase 2B expansion including: a new oxidation ditch, significant electrical upgrade, improved sludge processing, wastewater diffuser replacement and expansion and improvements to the Burn Road lift station is projected to begin in 2010 to provide additional capacity to accommodate future growth of the City sufficient for the projected year 2025 population of 6970; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received and carefully considered reports from Gray & Osborne, Consultant Engineer, regarding the expansion of the wastewater treatment facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the Moratorium on the acceptance of residential long plat applications (5 or more lots) and multi-family building permit applications of 5 units or more as a result of inadequate sewer capacity is no longer required; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to rescind the Moratorium enacted by Ordinance No. 762-08 and continued by Ordinance No. 763-08;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1: Recitals.** The Recitals set forth in this Ordinance are adopted by reference and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein and adopted as Findings of Fact.

**Section 2: Moratorium Lifted and Repealer.** Ordinance No. 762-08, adopted on February 6, 2008, and Ordinance No. 763-08, adopted on March 19, 2008, of the City of Granite Falls are hereby repealed in their entirety, and the Moratorium established in said ordinances is hereby lifted and of no further force and effect.

**Section 3: Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 4: Publication and Summary.** This Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City.

**Section 5: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the summary consisting of the title.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 2 day of JULY, 2008, and signed in authentication of its passage this 2 day of JULY, 2008.

  
LYLE ROMACK, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LOTTA HINES, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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*H. James Lachor*, City Attorney

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18 June, 2008

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2 July, 2008

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9 July 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE:

14 July 2008