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**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 771-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 426 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.28 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A RETURN CHECK FEE OF \$35.00 PER CHECK ON CHECKS RETURNED DUE TO NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF).

WHEREAS, the Granite Falls City Council feels the implementation of a fee for NSF checks will discourage issuance of these checks; and

WHEREAS, extra costs are incurred by the City of Granite Falls for the administration involved in collection of these checks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls fee for checks returned due to non-sufficient funds has not been modified or adjusted since 1989; and

WHEREAS, administrative costs to collect checks returned due to non-sufficient funds have increased substantially since 1989;

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

Section 1: Granite Falls Municipal Code Chapter 3.28 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHECKS RETURNED FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS

Sections:

3.28.010 Fee for returned checks.

3.28.020 Deposit of proceeds.

3.28.010 **Fee for returned checks.** There is established a fee of \$35.00 per check on checks returned due to Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF).

3.28.020 **Deposit of proceeds.** Proceeds collected from this fee shall be deposited into the Current Expense Fund.

Section 2: **Repealer.** Ordinance No. 426 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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 shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of a summary thereof consisting of the title.

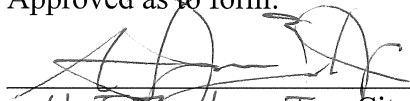
Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 19 day of November, 2008, and signed in authentication of its passage this 19 day of November, 2008.


MAYOR LYLE ROMACK

Attest:


Wanda Price, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:


H.J. Zachor Jr., City Attorney

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