CITY OF GRANITE FALLS RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A COUNCILMEMBER POSITION TO BE VACANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 35A.12.060 AND GFMC 2.08.060.

WHEREAS, on or about October 27, 2010, Wesley K. Roeder was appointed by the Council to fill the vacant Councilmember position previously occupied by Robyn Ross; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls is a non-charter code city organized as Mayor/Council form of government under RCW Chapters 35A.11 and 35A.12; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.12.060 provides that a Councilmember position "becomes vacant if the councilmember fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council"; and

WHEREAS, GFMC 2.08.060 states that "[i]f a member of the Council is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, unless by permission of the Council, the office shall be declared vacant by the Council"; and

WHEREAS, GFMC 2.08.070(B) provides that the "regular meetings" of the Council shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and that a regular work session meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Roeder was absent from the regular meetings of the City Council on September 7, September 21, October 5, and October 19, 2011, and his absences were not excused by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Roeder was also absent from the regular workshop session meeting of the City Council on October 12, 2011, and his absence was not excused by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the community and the City of Granite Falls to recognize and declare said Councilmember position to be vacant by operation of law under RCW 35A.12.060 and GFMC 2.08.060.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Councilmember Wesley K. Roeder was absent from three or more consecutive regular meetings of the City Council in that he was absent from the regular meetings of the City Council on September 7, September 21, October 5, and October 19, 2011, and from the regular workshop session meeting of the City Council on October 12, 2011, and none of these absences were excused by the City Council.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That based on the unexcused absences described in Section 1 and in accordance with RCW 35A.12.060 and GFMC 2.08.060, the Councilmember position previously held by Wesley K. Roeder is hereby recognized as and declared to be vacant by operation of law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2011; AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

Sheikh Haroon Saleem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darla Reese, City Clerk

APPROYED AS TO FORM:

Paul T. McMurray, City Attorney