CITY OF GRANITE FALLS RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE WALLACE STREET CHURCH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CUP2014-001, AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL RECOMMENDED BY THE HEARING EXAMINER.

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2014, Daniel Barraza, on behalf of Ministerios Monte Sinai submitted a conditional use permit (CUP) application to re-establish the use of a 0.495-acre site as a church within the Downtown Residential (DT-2500) zone, including parking expansion and widening an existing gravel alley; and

WHEREAS, The City of Granite Falls (City) determined the CUP application was complete on August 14, 2014 and the City mailed notice of the application to property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on August 15, 2015, published notice in the Everett Herald on August 18, 2014, and posted a notice on-site and at City Hall, the public library and post office on August 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2014, the City completed the environmental review process as required by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, and issued a Declaration of Non-significance. No comments related to the SEPA publication were subsequently received. No appeal of the Declaration of Non-significance was received and;

WHEREAS, Granite Falls Municipal Code (GFMC) 19.04040(A) Table 2 stipulates that all quasi-judicial applications shall be subject to an open record (public) hearing; and

WHEREAS, GFMC 19.04.050 designates a conditional use permit as quasi-judicial subject to a Hearing Examiner decision; and

WHEREAS, GFMC 19.04.030(E) provides the power and authority of the Hearing Examiner to issue decisions or as appropriate, recommendations, to the City Council. The Hearing Examiner's decisions/recommendations shall be set forth in findings of facts and conclusions. The decision/recommendations shall be supported by substantial evidence in the official record; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014 the Hearing Examiner held a duly advertised open record hearing and received public testimony and information from the applicant, Pastor Daniel Barraza, the applicant's representative, Ken Williams, a neighboring property owner, Bud Hyett, and the Granite Falls City Clerk, Darla Reese, regarding the proposed Wallace Street Church Conditional Use Permit, CU2014-001; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2014, the Hearing Examiner issued a decision recommending that the request for a conditional use permit to re-establish the use of a 0.495-acre site as a church within the Downtown Residential (DT-2500) zone, including parking expansion and widening an existing gravel alley at 410 Cascade Avenue, be APPROVED, subject to conditions necessary to comply with the municipal code; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2014, no closed record appeals were filed with the City from the applicant or parties of record pursuant to GFMC 19.04.110; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, the City Council received the Hearing Examiner's October 31, 2014 decision regarding Wallace Street Church Conditional Use Permit, CU2014-001; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the findings of facts and conclusions of law contained in the Hearing Examiner's October 31, 2014 decision as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full, and APPROVES the Wallace Street Conditional Use Permit, CUP2014-001, subject to the conditions set forth in said Exhibit.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the City of Granite Falls City Council on the 19th day of November, 2014 and signed into authentication this 49th day of November, 2014.

Joshua Golston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darla Reese, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thom Graafstra, City Attorney