

ORDINANCE NO. 212

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 1.20, ENFORCEMENT, OF THE UNIVERSITY PLACE  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 1.20.085, COLLECTION  
OF CIVIL FINES AND PENALTIES, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE COLLECTION  
OF CIVIL FINES AND PENALTIES OWED TO THE CITY THROUGH A  
LICENSED COLLECTION AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of University Place has been filing cases in the Superior Court for the State of Washington and County of Pierce to reduce to judgment the civil fines and penalties ordered by the City's hearings examiner; and

WHEREAS, litigation is a time-consuming and expensive method for collecting civil fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS, RCW 19.16.500 authorizes cities to collect civil fines by assigning them to a collection agency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that collecting civil fines and penalties through a collection agency will be both cost-effective, by reducing the amount of staff time expended on collection efforts and effective, because it will induce persons who owe fines to the City to pay them prior to referral to a collection agency; NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Adding a New Section 1.20.085, Collection of Civil Fines and Penalties, to the University Place Municipal Code. Chapter 1.20 of the University Place Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 1.20.085, Collection of Civil Fines and Penalties, which reads as follows:

**1.20.085 Collection of civil fines and penalties**

Pursuant to RCW 19.16.500, the civil fines and penalties ordered by the City's hearings examiner may be collected by a licensed collection agency working under a contract with the City.

Section 2. Publication and Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after publication.

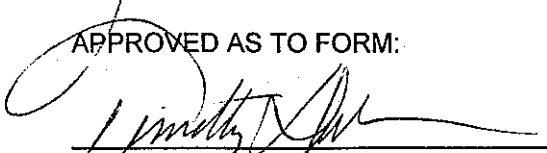
**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON December 14, 1998.**

  
Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan Mathew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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