

RESOLUTION NO. 578

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE AND EXPRESSING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CAUSED BY FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS; AND TO SIMULTANEOUSLY PROVIDE NECESSARY SEWER EXTENSIONS AND CAPACITY UPGRADES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARKET SQUARE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Since incorporation of the City of University Place in 1996, approximately 25% of the property within the City's boundaries is served by septic tank systems, many of them exceeding 30 years, requiring continuous maintenance, experiencing repeated failures, and imminently jeopardizing public health and environmental integrity; and

WHEREAS, The citizens, Council, and staff of the City of University Place, the neighboring City of Fircrest, Pierce County Council, Pierce County Wastewater Treatment Division staff, and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department participated in numerous studies to identify solutions to resolve public health and environmental issues arising from failing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, without federal financial participation, the financial requirements of the Utility Local Improvement District laws make conversion from septic to sewer service unrealistic and cost prohibitive to the citizens of University Place; and

WHEREAS, The City of University Place's "Market Square" downtown revitalization transit-oriented design project, which has already benefited from federal transportation funding, satisfies numerous sustainable economic development and job creation goals for the City, while providing essential, long-term revenue generating benefits to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City is currently constructing the Market Square central business area, and expansion of the City's sewer infrastructure capacity is essential to accommodate anticipated residential growth in Market Square.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

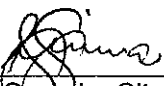
That the City Council, through the City Manager, will pursue federal funding to address public health and environmental issues and to provide necessary sewer extensions and capacity upgrades.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008.



Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emy Genetia, City Clerk