

TOWN OF CATHLAMET

ORDINANCE NO. 544-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CATHLAMET MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) CHAPTER 3.85.040 RELATING TO THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET UTILITY TAX AND CHAPTER 13.20.065, INCREASING THE TAX RATE PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Cathlamet, in Ordinance No. 463 (2004), codified as Chapter 3.85 in the Cathlamet Municipal Code (CMC), created a utility tax on the privilege of conducting a water service and a sewer service, and on other utility services, and imposed a tax rate of 3% on each utility service; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Cathlamet, in Ordinance No. 477 (2005), codified as Chapter 13.20.065 in the Cathlamet Municipal Code (CMC), provided that the utility tax on the privilege of conducting a water service and a sewer service, is to be paid by each customer of said utilities in town and outside town, at the same rate as imposed under Ordinance No. 463, (currently 3%); and

WHEREAS, CMC Chapter 3.85.040(8) and CMC 13.20.065 each provide for the periodic review and change of the rate imposed; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Cathlamet has not raised the rate of 3% since the utility tax was created in 2004, and the Council has reviewed the need for a rate change and determined a rate increase **is** needed; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Cathlamet has determined that a rate increase to six percent (6%) for each utility service provided by the Town of Cathlamet is needed to financially sustain the provision of Town services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET:

Section 1. Cathlamet Municipal Code Chapter 3.85.040, [Ord. No. 463, 2004), in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7), is hereby amended to increase the utility tax rate from three percent (3%) to six percent (6%) for the calendar year 2012 and beyond, or as hereafter amended.

Section 2. Cathlamet Municipal Code Chapter 13.20.065 -Utility Tax - is hereby amended to indicate the utility tax imposed by Ordinance No. 463. as changed to be "(currently of 6%)", or as hereafter amended.

Section 3. Except as specifically amended or modified by this Ordinance, CMC Chapter 3.85.040 and CMC Chapter 13.20.065 shall in all other respects remain in full force and effect.

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Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication.

Passed first reading: NOV. 14, 2011

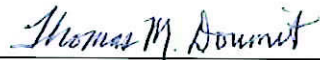
Passed second, third and final reading: Dec. 19, 2011

ATTEST:




Tina Schubert, Clerk-Treasurer

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