

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3582**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 19.40 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COUNTY EVENT CENTER (CEC) DISTRICT; ADDING GOVERNMENTAL ANIMAL SHELTERING AS A PERMITTED USE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the County Event Center (CEC) District was established to provide for the continued use and development of the County-owned Event Center property and has evolved over time to accommodate changing community needs and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cowlitz County is the primary property owner within the County Event Center District, and the City of Longview and Cowlitz County have maintained a longstanding partnership in the planning, development, and operation of the County Event Center and Fairgrounds for the benefit of the citizens of both jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council initiated amendment to Chapter 19.40 of the Longview Municipal Code to provide additional flexibility for future public uses within the County Event Center District while preserving the overall purpose and intent of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would add governmental animal sheltering as a permitted use within the County Event Center District when operated by a governmental entity or a governmental contractor and in compliance with LMC 6.07; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that governmental animal sheltering is a public-serving governmental function that is compatible with the purpose of the County Event Center District and provides additional flexibility to meet future public service needs while remaining consistent with the character of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental review of the proposed amendments was completed pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, and a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and recommended approval of the governmental animal shelter amendment while recommending denial of the proposed amendment relating to Peardale Lane access; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering the Planning Commission recommendation, the staff report, public testimony, the Comprehensive Plan, and the entire legislative record, the City Council finds that adoption of the governmental animal shelter amendment is in the best

interests of the City and promotes the efficient use of publicly owned property while maintaining the existing operational limitations applicable to Peardale Lane;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.**

The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council.

**Section 2. Amendment to LMC 19.40.010 – Uses Permitted.**

Section 19.40.010 of the Longview Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following permitted use:

"(12) Animal sheltering, when operated by a governmental entity or an operator contracted to a governmental entity, provided the facility is constructed and operated in compliance with LMC 6.07. Noise emanating from an animal sheltering facility shall comply with the maximum permissible noise levels pursuant to WAC 173-60-040."

**Section 3. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 4. Codification.**

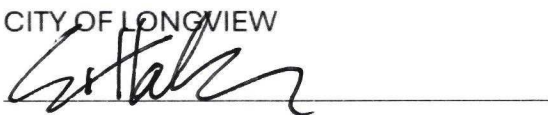
The City Clerk is authorized to codify the amendments adopted herein as part of the Longview Municipal Code and to make such formatting, numbering, and clerical corrections as are necessary to accomplish codification.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

CITY OF LONGVIEW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. H. Baker", is written over a horizontal line.

Tiffany Rothman

City Clerk

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City Attorney

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