RESOLUTION NO. 2019-118

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla passed Municipal Ordinance A-2405 on May 13, 1970 which classified the City of Walla Walla as a nonchartered code city under Title 35A of the Revised Code Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, section 35A.11.020 of the Revised Code of Washington provides in pertinent part that "[t]he legislative body of each code city shall have all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution of this state, and not specifically denied to code cities by law;" and

WHEREAS, it is part of the normal and regular conduct of the City of Walla Walla to identify its legislative priorities to provide input to state legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council has considered this matter during a regularly and duly called public meeting of said Council, has given this matter careful review and consideration, finds that good government and the best interests of the City of Walla Walla will be served by identifying its legislative priorities, and members of the legislative body and members of the public have been afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing views,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Walla Walla do resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City of Walla Walla hereby adopts the following legislative priorities for the 2020 state legislative session:

- The City supports fully funding US Highway 12 Phase 8, which completes the Walla Walla/Tri-Cities segment and improves safety and efficiency on this critical travel corridor.
- The City supports transportation funding to improve the intersections on US Highway 12 at Clinton Street/Lower Waitsburg Rd., and US Highway 12 at Wilbur Avenue, as recommended in the US Highway 12 Corridor Study (City, County, Port and WSDOT funded), to improve traffic safety, emergency response times and efficiency on a critical travel corridor within Walla Walla city limits.
- The City supports providing equal rights to all cities fully planning under the Growth Management Act.
- The City supports funding for the state's Department of Natural Resources wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention in eastern Washington, specifically the Mill Creek watershed, the City of Walla Walla's primary water source.
- The City encourages sustainable funding for the Public Works Assistance Account. Additionally, we look to strengthen the program by ending revenue stream diversions from the account now instead of waiting until 2023.
- The City supports dedicated revenue resource(s) to cities for enhancing the provision of much needed human service programs to address issues that impact affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and drive public safety costs at the state, county and municipal level.
- To improve the market for recyclable materials the City supports providing for long term recycling market stabilization, rather than relying on volatile foreign markets. The State of Washington should pursue a regional recycling processing facility (declare it a critical public facility) and incentivize its development by facilitating financing and permitting.
- The City supports the Association of Washington Cities 2020 Legislative Priorities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Walla Walla, Washington, this 9th day of October 2019.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney