

ORDINANCE 2013 - 06



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON,
CREATING SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.14
"FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING"**

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.080(9), RCW 35A.13.090 and RCW 35A.11.020 authorize the City Council to establish duties for the City Manager by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to promote fiscal accountability through the required reporting of fines, penalties and other such charges that arise out of error, mistake or misconduct; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that fiscal accountability and reporting be promoted through the creation of a new Chapter of the City Code, Chapter 2.14, and the City Council having reviewed the proposed legislation and having determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, for the promotion of the general welfare, health, safety and sound fiscal practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A new Chapter 2.14 "Fiscal Accountability and Reporting" of the Sunnyside Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**Chapter 2.14
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING**

Sections:

- 2.14.010 Intent - Governing Law
- 2.14.020 City Manager Requirements
- 2.14.030 Payment of Fines, Penalties or Other Such Charges

2.14.010 Intent - Governing Law.

It is the intent of this Chapter to provide direction to the City Manager in all matters related to accountability and reporting of the City's fiscal obligations and/or debts, including, but not limited to, any fines, penalties or other charges.

Chapter 35A.13.080 RCW requires the City Manager to prepare and submit to the Council such reports as may be required by that body or as he or she may deem it advisable to submit and to keep the Council fully advised of the financial condition of the City and its future needs.

2.14.020 City Manager Requirements.

The City Manager shall upon notification of any fine, penalty or other such charge levied against the City, provide a written report of such action at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, but in no event shall the City Manager be required to provide such report sooner than ten (10) days from the date of first notification.

2.14.030 Payment of Fines, Penalties or Other Such Charges.

Unless otherwise provided by law, payment for any fine, penalty or other such charge levied against the City shall require the following:

- A. A report of findings provided to the City Council pursuant to Section 2.14.020 of this Chapter; and
- B. A resolution authorizing payment of said fine, penalty or other such charge approved by a majority vote of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Except as amended herein, Title 2 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED this 25th day of March, 2013.



JAMES A. RESTUCCI, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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