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ORDINANCE NO. 1574

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS AND TERMS UNDER THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT, DIVISION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA INTO WARDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1985, voters of the City of Centralia authorized the reclassification of Centralia as a noncharter code city and reorganization under the council-manager form of government, and

WHEREAS, due to its population exceeding 5,000 citizens, Centralia will have a seven (7) member council and such positions need to be confirmed and designated, and

WHEREAS, designating four (4) such council positions on the basis of wards and the remaining three (3) as at-large positions appears to be in the public interest so as to assure broadly based citizen representation on said council, and

WHEREAS, the population figures by precincts provides a meaningful basis for such ward division, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF CENTRALIA, LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1

That the council positions under the council-manager form of government in Centralia, as authorized by the voters on September 17, 1985, shall be designated by consecutive numbers 1 through 7 and shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes.

Section 2

That the duration of the initial term of office for those persons elected to council positions one (1) through three (3) shall be until the second Monday in January in the first even-numbered year that follows the next general municipal elections, or as otherwise provided by law, and such positions one (1) through three (3) are hereby established as at-large positions.

Section 3

That the duration of the initial term attaching to the remaining councilmanic positions four (4) through seven (7) shall be until the second Monday in January, two (2) years after the expiration of the initial terms for positions one (1) through (3), or as otherwise provided by law, so that staggered regular four (4) year terms will ultimately result. That council positions four (4) through seven (7) shall respectively represent different wards of the City as follows:

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<u>Council Position</u>	<u>Ward (District)</u>
Four (4)	No. 1 - Precincts 1, 9, 11 (2,807)*
Five (5)	No. 2 - Precincts 3, 6, 8 (3,133)*
Six (6)	No. 3 - Precincts 2, 4, 5 (2,606)*
Seven (7)	No. 4 - Precincts 7, 10 (2,775)*

**\*=Population per 1980 Census**

and such wards are hereby established on the basis of the specific descriptions of such precincts established by the Lewis County Auditor's Office, same being incorporated herein by this reference. Future annexations to the City of Centralia shall automatically be included in the appropriate ward as determined by their assignment to a voting precinct by the Lewis County Auditor.

No person shall be eligible to hold a council position unless he or she is a registered voter of the City at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of the City for a period of at least one year next preceding his or her election. No person shall be eligible for a ward (district) position unless he or she shall be a registered voter and resident of such district. An elected council person from a ward (district) must also reside in such ward (district) during his or her term of office and moving outside such ward (district) forfeits the council position. As to said ward (district) council positions, elections will be held on a ward-wide primary and ward-wide general election basis. Residence and voting within the limits of any territory which has been included in, annexed to, or consolidated with such city is construed to have been residence within the City. No councilperson shall hold within the city government any other public office or employment except as permitted under the provisions of R.C.W. 42.23.

**Section 4**

That the following monthly salaries are hereby established for such council positions:

Council Position One (1) - Mayor.....\$ 200.00 per month  
All Remaining Council Positions.....\$ 100.00 per month  
per position

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That the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and in the event a court of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this ordinance invalid, the remaining provisions shall be unaffected thereby.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective as of December 9, 1985.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED THE FIRST READING this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1985.  
PASSED THE SECOND READING this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1985.  
PASSED THE THIRD READING this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1985.

  
John Gelder, Mayor



Carol LeVeely  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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