

ORDINANCE NO. 994

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2009-2010 BUDGET,
ORDINANCE 988 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 992, BY
DECREASING EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
ADJUST TO THE CONTINUING DECLINE OF CITY REVENUES
DUE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, State law, Chapter 35A.34 RCW provides for the biennial adoption of the City's budget and provides procedures for filing of the proposed budget, deliberations, public hearings, and final fixing of the budget; and

WHEREAS, a biennial budget for fiscal years 2009-2010 was adopted in December 2008; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to adoption of the 2009-2010 budget, additional information was received from the State indicating that revenues for streamlined sales tax and the Transportation Benefit District would not be received by the City in the same amounts or time periods anticipated by the budget; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to adoption of the 2009-2010 budget and budget amendment Ordinance 992, adopted in February 2009, additional financial information has been received showing the continued decline in General Fund revenues due to the deterioration in the economy and thus the City's financial position; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.34.200(3) states that if it is found to be in the best interests of the City, the City Council, on the vote of one more than the majority of all members, may decrease, revoke, or recall all or any portion of the total appropriations for any one fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the City to immediately amend the 2009-2010 adopted budget by making adjustments to expenditures and to use a portion of the City's \$1.65 million in reserves to improve the City's financial position; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is required by RCW 35A.34.120 to include all revenues and expenditures for each fund in the adopted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditure Savings. The 2009-2010 budget assumed a 2% overall underexpenditure level for the General Fund. The annual underexpenditures are usually achieved through salary savings from vacant staff positions. Due to the economic

downturn there are less vacant positions and it is expected that it will be difficult to achieve 2% in underexpenditures. Such reduction of positions shall be re-evaluated by the City Council during the 2009-2010 mid-biennial budget process. The following action is authorized to assist the Administration with the management of the 2% in General Fund underexpenditures:

Vacant Police Officer: There is currently a vacant Police Officer position. This position will remain in the budget but the funding for the position is eliminated.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective after adoption, posting, and publication as required by law.


**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE FOREST PARK,
WASHINGTON THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2009, AND SIGNED INTO
AUTHENTICATION THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2009.**

APPROVED:



David R. Hutchinson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Susan Stine, City Clerk

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