

**CITY OF BUCKLEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-24**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A TWO-YEAR BIENNIAL BUDGET BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 35A.34 RCW.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Buckley currently prepares and manages its budget on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, through Chapter 35A.34 RCW, the State Legislature has provided that any city legislative body may by ordinance elect to have a two-year biennial budget in lieu of the annual budget that is otherwise provided for; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 35A.34 RCW provides that such ordinance shall be enacted at least six months prior to the commencement of the fiscal biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, biennial budgeting will provide an opportunity for better long-range and strategic financial planning and consolidation of efforts vested in the budget development and approval process, thereby improving services to the residents of Buckley;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Biennial Budget Established.** Pursuant to RCW 35A.34.040, the City Council hereby establishes a two-year biennial budget for the City of Buckley, beginning with the biennium starting on January 1, 2025. The 2025-26 Biennial budget shall be prepared, considered and adopted under the provisions of this ordinance and Chapter 35A.34 RCW.

**Section 2. Mid-Biennial Review and Modification.** Pursuant to Chapter 35A.34 RCW, the City Council hereby provides for a mid-biennium review and modification of the biennial budget. No sooner than (8) months after the start of the first year of the fiscal biennium and no later than the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting in November of the first year of each biennial budget, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare proposed budget modifications to be effective the following January 1.

**Section 3.** All references to “annual budget” in the Buckley Municipal Code (BMC) shall be construed as references to a “biennial budget.” All procedures based upon yearly submissions for an annual budget associated with annual budgeting shall be construed to conform to biennial submission requirements associated with adoption of a biennial budget.

**Section 4. Adoption** This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and expiration of five days after publication as provided by law.

Introduced, passed, and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

 Beau Burkett, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Treva Zumeck, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney

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