

CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 19 - 15

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY,
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
BMC 2.80.020 RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR
THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, it is a constitutional requirement, a requirement of Chapter 10.101 RCW, and a public purpose that each person charged with a crime punishable by incarceration be provided with effective legal representation in order to ensure equal justice under the law without regard to his or her ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, effective legal representation should be provided consistent with the constitutional requirements of fairness, equal protection, and due process in all cases where the right to counsel attaches; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Buckley, consistent with Chapter 10.101 RCW and other applicable law, to make such services available in efficient manner than provides effective representation at reasonable cost to the City;

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

Section 1. Chapter 2.80.020 of the Buckley Municipal Code entitled “Duties” is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.80.020 Indigent defense services standards.

To the extent appropriate at the municipal court level, the Washington State Bar Association Standards for Indigent Defense Services shall constitute standards for the delivery of public defense services as that term is used in RCW 10.101.030 until such time as the city council may by ordinance adjust those standards.

Section 2. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such

invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

APPROVED by the Buckley City Council this 11th day of August, 2015.



MAYOR, PAT JOHNSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



JOANNE STARR, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 

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