

ORDINANCE 2010-960

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
TITLE 3 CHAPTER 1 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO
DEADLINES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Waitsburg holds its annual election on the first Monday in April of each year; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.08.140 was amended in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the city code now conflicts with a generally applicable State law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that aligning the code with the State law provides additional benefits to the citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Waitsburg do ordain as follows:

SECTION I:

SECTION 3.1.060 of the Waitsburg Municipal Code shall be amended and shall read as follows:

3.01.060. Registration Books shall be ordered from the Walla Walla County Auditor's Office thirty days prior to the City Elections. If the City is notified by the Walla Walla County Auditor's Office that a new filer meets the requirements of RCW 29A.080.140 as set forth herein, the City will make available a ballot, either by mail or in person.

(1) In order to vote in any primary, special election, or general election, a person who is not registered to vote in Washington must:

(a) Submit a registration application no later than **twenty-nine days** before the day of the primary, special election, or general election; or

(b) Register in person at the county auditor's office in his or her county of residence no later than **eight days** before the day of the primary, special election, or general election. A person registering under this subsection will be issued an absentee ballot.

(2) A person who is already registered to vote in Washington may update his or her registration no later than **twenty-nine days** before the day of the primary, special election, or general election to be in effect for that primary, special election, or general election. A registered voter who fails to transfer his or her residential address by this deadline may vote according to his or her previous registration address.

(3) Prior to each general election, the City Clerk shall give notice of the registration deadlines as required under WMC 3.01.050.

SECTION II:

The newly added chapters of the WMC related to Ordinance 2010-959 regarding nominating convention updates are hereby recodified from their previous sections to WMC 3.01.070 – 140.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Council and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Waitsburg City Council this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Approved:

Attest:

Markeeta Little Wolf, Mayor

Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Janelle Carman, City Attorney