## CITY OF ORTING WASHINGTON



## **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1064**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM OMC 4-5-3 DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY COMPUTATION AND REMITTANCE OF GAMBLING TAXES, EXTENDING THE PAYMENT DUE DATE PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared the existence of a State of Emergency in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Orting Mayor Joshua Penner declared the existence of a State of Emergency in the City on March 13, 2020, and his declaration was ratified by the Council at its meeting on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-20 on March 18, 2020, waiving and suspending laws and rules relating to tax penalties, fees, interest, and due dates in order to provide tax relief through the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued the "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" Proclamation 20-25 March 23, 2020 which temporarily closed many businesses in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and caused disruptions in many businesses' ability to remit required tax payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orting Municipal Code (OMC) 4-5-3 requires First and Second quarter gambling taxes to be remitted to the City by April 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Suspension of OMC 4-5-3 and Authorization. The City Council suspends the provisions of OMC 4-5-3 and extends the due date for both First and Second Quarter 2020 gambling taxes to August 28, 2020 at 4 pm. No late penalties or fees shall be charged unless payment is remitted after the deadline set in this Ordinance. The Mayor is authorized to take action consistent with this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall only suspend the terms of OMC 4-5-3 for the First and Second Quarter of 2020, and the City Council intends for this Ordinance to have no precedential value.

<u>Section 2. Ratification.</u> Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

<u>Section 3. Corrections.</u> The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE  $12^{\mathrm{TH}}$ , DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

CITY OF ORTING

Joshua Penner, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Charlotte A. Archer

Inslee Best City Attorney

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