

ORDINANCE NO. 839

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.52 OF THE SCAPPOOSE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

THE SCAPPOOSE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Scappoose City Council finds that the use of criminal background checks is an important tool for the City in ensuring the public safety and quality of its volunteer employees; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to have more flexibility in determining which volunteer employment positions are appropriate for which to require criminal background checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.52.020 of the Scappoose Municipal Code is amended to read as follows: *(Omitted language is in ~~strikethrough~~, proposed language is underlined)*

In order to protect the integrity and safety of sponsored activities of the city, criminal background checks shall may be conducted on volunteer employees through the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS). The city may, by resolution, adopt a policy regarding the use of criminal background checks for volunteer employees.

Section 2. Section 2.52.030 of the Scappoose Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The chief of police or his designee shall cause the criminal background check to be done. ~~upon notification of volunteer employment.~~

Section 3. Section 2.52.040 of the Scappoose Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Volunteer employees will be notified that a criminal background check ~~will~~ may be conducted prior to the background check commencing.


A. Notification shall be printed upon the volunteer application or a supplemental written notification form.

B. Volunteer employees shall be required to sign an acknowledgement that a criminal background check ~~will~~ may be done and authorize that check.

C. Appointed volunteers shall be subject to all sections of this chapter. ~~but shall only be subject to a criminal background check via the Law Enforcement Data System, (LEDS). Checks shall not extend into the areas of personal, financial or character issues beyond the criminal background check.~~

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after passage by the Council, signed by the Mayor and posted by the City Recorder.


APPROVED: Approved by the City Council of Scappoose this 2nd day of March, 2015.



Scott Burge, Mayor

First Reading: February 17, 2015
Second Reading: March 2, 2015

ATTEST:



Susan M. Reeves, MMC
City Recorder