

ORDINANCE NO. 407

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION AND OPINIONS TO LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES AND THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH RENDERING SAID SERVICES AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new chapter, 2.80, to read as follows:

"Section 2.80.010. The City Council of the City of Lacey finds that prompt and informative responses to inquiries from legislators and public administrators, and attendance at legislative committee hearings, relating to the effect of legislation on municipal finances, services and authority, is necessary and serves the best interests of the City of Lacey and its citizens, and declares that the providing of such services fulfills a municipal purpose.

Section 2.80.020. The Mayor, members of the City Council, and the City Manager or other city employees or officers designated by the City Manager, are hereby authorized to collect, accumulate and analyze information concerning the effect of proposed or pending legislation; to consult with employees or representatives of other municipalities or associations thereof; to respond and provide data and information and give testimony to state legislators,

legislative committees, state administrative officers, or other municipalities investigating the city's experience or anticipated costs, benefits or problems which would result from such proposed or pending legislation, provided, however, that no testimony or opinions shall be advanced before such bodies by a representative of the City without prior consent of the Mayor, who shall, if in doubt, consult with the City Council.

Section 2.80.030. Any such representative appearing on behalf of the City, shall not have any authority to make any commitments or promises binding upon the City unless such commitment has received prior approval by the City Council. If any employee or officer of the City of Lacey has occasion to appear to give testimony before such bodies in a capacity other than in his official capacity with the City, such officer or employee shall make it clear that he does not speak as an officer or employee of the City and shall not in any manner enter the City or its concerns into the proceedings.

Section 2.80.040. While engaged in informational, educational and testimonial activity on behalf of the City, a city employee, including the City Manager, shall continue to receive his or her current salary as a city employee. No additional compensation shall be paid or accrue to an elected official during his or her term of office with the City for such activities. Employees or elected officials of the City shall receive reimbursement for costs of travel, lodging and meals reasonably

incurred in the course of such service, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.58 of the Lacey Municipal Code.

Section 2.80.050. No expenditures from city funds for the hosting, entertainment or campaign assistance of any legislator or state officer shall be authorized, expended or reimbursed.

Section 2.08.060. The city's employee or representative in such informational or lobbying activities shall comply fully with all state regulations relating to ethical practices and conduct, and comply with all regulations relating to the reporting of expenditures in connection therewith."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY
this 11th day of MARCH, 1976.

CITY COUNCIL

By

Karen R. Frayer
Mayor

Attest:

Timothy McGuire
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

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