

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.06 TO THE REPUBLIC MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "PUBLIC URINATION AND/OR DEFECATION".

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Republic, Washington, has determined that to protect the health and safety of the residents of the City of Republic ("City") and the public at large, that certain regulations be enacted which prohibit any person from intentionally urinating or defecating in a public place, other than a restroom, washroom or toilet room.

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

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT BY ADDITION.

The Republic Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 8.06 entitled "Public Urination and/or Defecation" as follows:

8.06.010 Urinating and/or defecating in public is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally urinate or defecate in a public place, other than a restroom, washroom or toilet room, where such act could be observed by a member of the public or other electronic means.

8.06.020 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Public place" is defined as an area accessible by the public and/or visible to public view, or by other electronic means, and includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, bridges, alleys, plazas, parks, driveways, parking lots, automobiles (whether moving or not), shorelines or waterways, properties owned or controlled by the City of Republic, and buildings open to the general public, including those which serve food or drink, or provide entertainment, and the doorways and entrances to buildings or dwellings and the grounds enclosing them.
- b. "Restroom, washroom or toilet room" is defined as any area, structure, or portable structure used and marked as a place to urinate or defecate.

8.06.030 Violation-Penalty.

1. Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a civil infraction and may be punished by a civil penalty of up to \$250 for each offense. Each violation shall be treated as a separate offense.
2. Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter and previously has twice violated such provisions, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage by the City Council, approval by the Mayor, and five (5) days after publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Republic, Washington, at its regular open meeting this 20th day of May, 2024.

APPROVED:

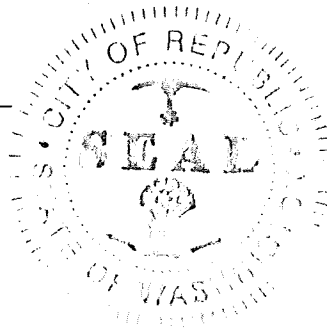


Gabriel Becklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nicolas Olsen, City Clerk-Treasurer



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. Scott DeTro, City Attorney