

***City of College Place, Washington***  
**ORDINANCE NO. 24-009**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE,  
WASHINGTON TO AMEND TITLE 5, ENACTING CHAPTER 5.20 TO REGULATE REAL  
PROPERTY CHARITABLE TRANSFER FEES**

**Whereas**, the City of College Place is a non-charter code city governed by the rules and regulations of RCW 35A; and

**Whereas**, RCW 35A.11.020 allows the City to adopt and enforce ordinances pertaining to local affairs; and

**Whereas**, Article XI, § 11 of the Washington state Constitution allows the City to make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws; and

**Whereas**, sufficient and adequate housing, in particular affordable housing is scarce in Walla Walla county;

**Whereas**, real estate transfer fees negatively affect the marketability and transferability of real property, in particular residential real property;

**Whereas**, requiring real estate developers and sellers/grantors to obtain City approval before imposing a charitable transfer fee on real property ensures said developers are compliant with state law and that any such transfer fee is beneficial and not harmful to home buyers and the local housing market;

**Now therefore, the City Council of the City of College Place do hereby Ordain as follows:**

**Section 1:** Ordinance No. 242-XXX adding a new chapter to Title 5 of the College Place Municipal Code to real property charitable transfer fees as shown in Exhibit A, which is fully incorporated herein, is enacted.

**Section 2: Clerical Corrections.** The City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to,

the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 3: 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 portions of this ordinance.

**Section 4: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of College Place, Washington, this 23rd day of July, 2024.

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*Norma L. Hernandez*

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Norma L. Hernández, Mayor

Attest:

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*Athen Reid*

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Athen Reid, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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*Rea L. Culwell*

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Rea Culwell, City Attorney