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ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13

An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 2.118.045 of the Pierce County Code to Update the List of Alternate Branch Offices Authorized for Use by the Council During a Declared Emergency.

Whereas, Section 1.40 of the Pierce County Charter identifies Tacoma as the county seat and it authorizes branch offices of the county government as established by ordinance; and

Whereas, Section 2.118.045 of the Pierce County Code (PCC) identifies alternate branch offices at which the Council may convene whenever it becomes impracticable, due to disaster, to convene in the County seat; and

Whereas, it is necessary to update and amend the alternate branch office locations from time to time; **Now Therefore**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:



1 Section 1. Section 2.118.045 of the Pierce County Code is hereby amended as
2 shown on Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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5 PASSED this 7th day of April, 2009.

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7 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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11 Denise D. Johnson

12 **Denise D. Johnson**
13 Clerk of the Council

Roger Bush

14 **Roger Bush**
15 Council Chair

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17 Pat McCarthy

18 **Pat McCarthy**
19 Pierce County Executive

20 Approved Vetoed , this
21 17 day of April,
22 2009.

23 Date of Publication of
24 Notice of Public Hearing: March 19, 2009

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26 Effective Date of Ordinance: April 27, 2009

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4 **2.118.045 Continuity of County Government.**

- 5 A. In the event of a disaster, it is essential to assure continued operation of County
6 government, to preserve and protect records essential to the continued functioning of
7 County government, and to provide for the appointment of temporary interim successors
8 to the elected and appointed offices of the County.
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10 1. If a declared disaster reduces the number of members of the County Council, then
11 those members who are available for duty shall have full authority to act in all
12 matters as the County Council. In the event no member of the County Council is
13 available for duty, then those elected County officials other than judges of District or
14 Superior Court, but including the Presiding Judge of Superior Court, as are available
15 for duty shall jointly act as the County Council and shall possess by majority vote
16 the full authority of the County Council.
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18 2. Elected County officers, other than the Executive and members of the County
19 Council, are authorized and directed to designate one or more temporary interim
20 successors to the office of such officer in the event the officer is unavailable for duty
21 during an emergency caused by a declared disaster.
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23 3. The County Executive shall, subject to such rules as the Executive may adopt,
24 permit each appointed County officer to designate one or more temporary interim
25 successors of such officer in the event the officer is unavailable for duty during an
26 emergency caused by a declared disaster.
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28 B. Any County officer succeeding to an office on a temporary interim basis pursuant to this
29 Section shall discharge the duties of that office until such time as the elected or
30 appointed officer is available for duty or a regular successor is appointed by the ordinary
31 means applicable to the office.
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33 C. Whenever it becomes impracticable, due to disaster, to convene the Council in the
34 County seat, the Council may convene in any of the following alternate branch offices,
35 designated pursuant to Section 1.40(2) of the Pierce County Charter:
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37 1. Emergency Management
38 (Emergency Operations Center)
39 ~~County City Building~~
40 ~~930 Tacoma Avenue So., Room B-36~~
41 ~~Tacoma, Washington 98402~~
42 ~~(253) 798-6595~~
43 ~~Emergency Management—Alternate~~
44 2501 South 35th
45 Tacoma, Washington 98409
46 (253) 798-7470
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48 2. ~~South Hill Precinct~~
49 ~~271 John Bananola Way E~~
50 ~~Puyallup, WA 98374~~
51 ~~(253) 798-4721—Dispatch~~
52 ~~Public Works Frederickson Central Maintenance Facility~~
53 ~~4812 196th Street~~
54 ~~Spanaway, WA 98387~~
55 ~~(253) 798-6061~~



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3. Environmental Services Building
9850- 64th Street W
University Place WA 98467
(253) 798-4050

If it becomes impracticable or unsafe for members of the Council to convene in person during a declared emergency, the Council may convene by teleconference or any other reasonable means. After any emergency relocation, the business of the Council shall be lawfully conducted at such alternate site or sites for the duration of the emergency.

D. Essential Records Preservation. All departments of Pierce County shall identify records essential for continuity and preservation of government and provide for their protection according to the guidelines set by the State Archivist (Secretary of State's Office, RCW 40.10.010).