## Town of Nespelem Ordinance 2021-02

An Ordinance of the Town of Nespelem, Washington, regarding additional out-of-town water connections and Resolution 2012-07.

**WHEREAS,** RCW 35.92.010 authorizes cities and towns to construct, maintain, and operate water works "with full power to regulate and control the use, distribution, and price thereof"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-07 does not adequately describe the scenario; and

**WHEREAS**, the pump and motor broke down in the original Well #3, SO3, in late 2012, and the Town went to operating off of a smaller capacity well and pump in Well #4, SO4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town needs to be able to continue to adequately supply water to all current connections and be prepared in case of a wildfire or other natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nespelem has since been limiting spending in all areas in order to increase the balance in the bank account to an adequate operating fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nespelem was able to take the first step and repair the original pump and motor in Well #3, SO3, in October 2017 and is currently working on obtaining funding to make the necessary additional repairs to 30+ year old piping, valves, and electrical controls to Well #3, SO3;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nespelem and Indian Health Services installed a new plumbing tree to Well #3, SO3 in November 2020 and it was put back online as the primary water source as it has been functioning properly for a month and a half;

This ordinance rescinds Ordinance 2019-04 and any other previous related

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Nespelem, Washington, as follows:

The moratorium on additional out-of-town water connections will be lifted effective January 1, 2021.

Passed by the Town Council this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2021.

Darcy Epperson, Mayor

Attest:

Dalene Marchand, Clerk/Treasurer