Town of La Conner Ordinance No. 996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA CONNER, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.25.030 (d) (e) OF THE LA CONNER MUNICPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY TAXES.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there will be a deficit in the revenues of the General Fund in the Town of La Conner Budget for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town has availed itself of all appropriate revenue sources currently authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Taxes on have not been increased since 1998, the La Conner Finance Committee did meet with staff to review the current utility taxes on garbage and cable television;

WHEREAS, RCW 21.35. 860, 865 and .870 allow the Town to impose utility taxes in an amount not to exceed six percent (6%) of the provider's gross revenue without a vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF LACONNER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Chapter 3.25.030 (d) (e) of the La Conner Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- (d) Garbage or Solid Waste. Upon every person engaged in or carrying on the business of collection of garbage or solid waste within the town of La Conner, a tax equal to six percent of the total gross revenue from such business during the tax reporting period.
- (e) Cable Television. Upon every person engaged in or carrying on a cable television businesses within the town of La Conner, a tax equal to six percent of the total gross revenue from such business during the tax reporting period.

Section 2: All other sections of Chapter 3.25 of the La Conner Municipal Code shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

<u>Section 3:</u> If any provision or section of this Ordinance shall be held void, invalid or unconstitutional, all other parts, provisions, and sections shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Passed by the La Conner Town Council at a regular meeting this 11th day of December, 2007.

ATTEST:

Lorraine Taylor, Finance Director

Wayne Everton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brad Furlong, Town Attorney