

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY
DISPENSING WITH THE RECORDS INDEX REFERENCED
IN RCW 42.56.070 AND PUBLISHING A FORMAL ORDER
CONTEMPLATED BY RCW 42.56.070(4)

RECITALS:

1. **WHEREAS**, RCW 42.56.070 requires all cities and public agencies to maintain and make available a current index of all public records; and
2. **WHEREAS**, RCW 42.56.070(4) provides that if maintaining such an index would be unduly burdensome, or would interfere with agency operation, a city need not maintain such an index but it must issue and publish a formal order specifying the reasons why and the extent to which compliance would be unduly burdensome; and
3. **WHEREAS**, when such an order is made, all indexes maintained by that city must be made available to provide identifying information on those records which are available for inspection and/or copying; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the development and maintenance of a city index would be extremely costly; and would provide little benefit to the public compared to the expense in maintaining the index; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the City's operations do not allow for the addition, revision, or reassignment of duties of existing personnel so that an index may be developed and maintained; and anticipated City revenues do not allow for additional staff for the purpose of creating and maintaining such an index; and
6. **WHEREAS**, because the City has records which are diverse, complex and stored in multiple locations and in multiple computer systems and databases, it is unduly burdensome, if not physically impossible, to maintain a central index of records; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the requirement to maintain a public records index would interfere with the City's operations in the following ways:
 - The need to constantly update the index to keep it current would be nearly impossible; and
 - The City does not have enough employees to be charged with constant updates to the index.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Electric City:

1. The City of Electric City is not required to maintain a current index of public records due to the above findings that the requirement is unduly burdensome and such a list is nearly impossible to create and/or maintain; and

2. Pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW, the City of Electric City shall make available for public inspection and/or copying all public records and any indexes of public records maintained by the City to the extent not exempt from inspection and/or copying pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW or other applicable laws.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Electric City, Washington, this 13th day of August, 2019.



John T. Nordine II, Mayor

ATTEST:



Russell D. Powers,
City Administrator – City Clerk/Treasurer