RESOLUTION NO. 296

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO MAKE SILENCE AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE; AND AMENDING RULE 7.16.

WHEREAS, the City Council at its meeting of February 8, 2010 reviewed Council rules and procedures, including the presumption given to silence of a Councilmember on a Council vote;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that counting silence as an affirmative vote, while preserving the right to abstain, will allow expedited proceedings by allowing the Mayor to find consensus without a formal vote on routine actions; and

WHEREAS, amending rule 7.16 to count silence as an affirmative vote is consistent with Roberts Rules of Order; now therefore

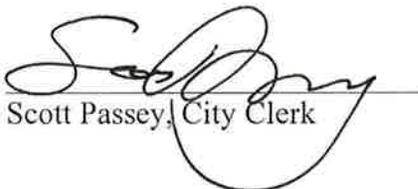**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

That the Shoreline City Council Rules of Procedure Rule 7.16 is hereby amended as follows:

> 7.16   If a member of the Council ~~abstains or~~ is silent on a vote, it shall be recorded as an ~~neutral~~ affirmative vote. If a member of the Council abstains, it shall be recorded as an abstention and not included in the vote tally.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22, 2010.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, City Clerk