



CITY OF GRAND FORKS

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

E-MEMORANDUM

TO: Maureen Storstad, Director of Finance mstorstad@grandforksgov.com
FROM: Howard D. Swanson, City Attorney hswanson@swlawltd.com
RE: Ordinance adopting Section 3-0402 - nonsubstantive corrections of ordinances
DATE: March 12, 2019

I have attached a revised Ordinance adopting Section 3-0402 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to nonsubstantive corrections of ordinances and City Code provisions. Please note that there is a clean version of the Ordinance which includes the amendments made at the Committee of the Whole meeting. I have also attached the original Ordinance as presented at the Committee of the Whole with the changes identified in the text.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachment: Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval as provided by law.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Storstad, Director
Finance & Administrative Services

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APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council
Maureen Storstad
03/18/2019
Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Committee of the Whole – March 11, 2019

City Council – March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019

Agenda Item: Ordinance adopting Section 3-0402 relating to nonsubstantive corrections of ordinances and City Code revisions

Submitted by: Howard D. Swanson, City Attorney

Staff Recommended Action: Give preliminary and final approval of the proposed City Code amendment.

Committee Recommended Action: Refer to City Council with recommendation to approve, with amendment to remove phrase "including but not limited to", and further that the City Attorney will provide a semi-annual report to City Council of any such changes made. Passed unanimously.

Council Action:

BACKGROUND:

The City Attorney is the designated Code reviser for the City of Grand Forks. Periodically over the years ordinances have been passed which contain various nonsubstantive errors such as spelling errors, grammatical errors, punctuation errors, numbering errors, etc. The City Attorney has typically directed the Code publisher to correct these errors. However, the Grand Forks City Code does not have any specific grant of authority to the City Attorney to do that. The purpose of this Code amendment is to provide that express authority for the City Attorney to act as Code reviser and to make appropriate nonsubstantive corrections.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Draft Ordinance.

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