CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 998 – UTILITY TAX RATE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 3 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13.12, INCREASING THE UTILITY TAX RATE.

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville has suffered from decreased tax revenues, and;

Whereas, without additional revenue sources, services to the residents of North Bonneville will need to be lowered to unacceptable levels, and;

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville has already reduced costs by reducing staff by over 30% as well as by eliminating important contracts and services; NOW, THEREFORE;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending Chapter 3.12 Other Utilities
Section 3.12 "Other Utilities" is amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. CITY OWNED UTILITIES
3.12.010 Levied--Rates.
Effective ~~October 1, 1987,~~ January 1, 2012, there is levied a utility tax of ~~five~~ six percent (~~5~~6%) on all city owned utilities including but not limited to water and~~,~~ sewer ~~and television~~ services.

ARTICLE II. OTHER UTILITIES
3.12.030 Utilities subject to tax--Rate.
Effective January 1, ~~1989~~2012, there is levied the following license fees or taxes in the amounts to be determined by the application of rates as follows:

1) Upon every person, firm or other entity engaged in carrying on a telephone business, a tax equal to ~~five~~ six (~~5~~6%) percent of the total gross income, including the maximum percentage allowable by state law on intrastate calls, from such business in the City of North Bonneville.
2) Upon every person, firm or other entity engaged in carrying on the business of selling or furnishing electric light and power, a fee or tax equal to ~~five~~ six (~~5~~6%) percent of the total gross income from such business in the City of North Bonneville.
3) Upon every person, firm or other entity engaged in carrying on the business of selling or furnishing natural or propane gas, a fee or tax equal to ~~five~~ six (~~5~~6%) percent of the total gross income from such business in the City of North Bonneville.
4) Upon every person, firm or other entity engaged in carrying on the business of selling or furnishing petroleum liquid fuels, including liquefied petroleum gases for

use in combustion devices other than motor vehicles, a fee or tax equal to ~~five~~ six (~~5~~6%) percent of the total gross income from such business in the City of North Bonneville.

5) Upon every person, firm or other entity engaged in carrying on the business of collecting and disposing of garbage, a fee or tax equal to ~~five~~ six (~~5~~6%) percent of the total gross income from such business in the City of North Bonneville.

Section 2. Severability.
If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date and Publication.
A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 22th, 2011.

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Don Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Spencer, City Clerk