

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR COUNCILMEMBERS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Garfield recognizes the importance of full participation by councilmembers and the benefit of broad input and citizen representation by councilmembers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON:**

**SECTION 1. Teleconference participation** by Councilmembers at a regular or special council meeting may be allowed under the following circumstances, subject to reasonable technical availability at the meeting location:

(1) Requests to use **Teleconference participation for voting purposes** shall be limited to extraordinary circumstances and must be ruled upon by the Council by specific motion before the Council main agenda begins. In such case, a microphone pickup must allow the teleconference participant to engage in Council discussion and be heard. Telephone charges are to be at the Councilmember's own expense, unless waived in the Council motion. Adequate notice must be given to allow hookup in time for the main agenda

(2) Requests to participate by **Teleconference in a nonvoting capacity** shall be granted provided technical capability exists and adequate notice is given, and shall be at the Councilmember's own expense, unless waived in the Council motion.

(3) No teleconference participation for voting purposes shall be allowed for public hearings or any quasi-judicial proceedings.

Examples of extraordinary circumstances would be: emergencies or illness, accident, unforeseen urgent business, etc.

**PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2010.**

**TOWN COUNCIL:**

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**APPROVED:**

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**Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer**