## Klickitat County Port District No. 1 **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2013**

## A Resolution of the Port of Klickitat Commission Authorizing an Annual Fireworks Event

**WHEREAS**, the discharge of fireworks in Klickitat County represents a fire hazard during the dry summer months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Commission banned the use of any and all fireworks on Port property in Resolution 6-2001 adopted July 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Klickitat County limits the use of fireworks in all unincorporated areas to certain periods including July 4 from 9 A.M. to 11 P.M. pursuant to Klickitat County Code Chapter 8.26; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Bingen banned the use of any and all fireworks within city limits in Ordinance 05-04-512 adopted March 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the city of White Salmon discourages the use of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Bingen and White Salmon have requested that the Port provide a controlled area in which their residents may discharge legal fireworks; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission desires to support the neighboring cities of Bingen and White Salmon, to protect Klickitat County from the threat of fire, and to provide its constituents with a safe location in which to celebrate Independence Day and engage in the traditional activities related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has, in its regular public meetings, approved a "do-it-yourself" fireworks event at the Bingen Point Business Park on a temporary basis so as to evaluate the risks and feasibility of hosting such an event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has found no cause to cease or suspend said fireworks event and deems such an event feasible and desirable on a permanent basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Port Commission does hereby authorize the hosting of an Annual Fireworks Event open to the general public for the personal discharge of legal fireworks on Port property, subject to the provisions set forth below:

- 1. Hosting of the Event shall be at the discretion of the Executive Director provided, however, that said Event shall not be held when there exists a condition of extreme fire danger or there is insufficient Port or other personnel to adequately and safely monitor the Event.
- 2. The Event may take place only on July 4 between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.
- 3. The discharge of fireworks shall be limited to common areas designated by the Executive Director for such use.
- 4. The Port's Executive Director shall establish rules, implement security measures, and take any and all other steps as may be deemed necessary by same to protect all Port, lessee, and neighboring property and ensure the safety and security of the general public.
- 5. The discharge of fireworks shall be required to be in accordance with state law, all applicable regulations established by the Commission including those set forth herein, and all rules established by the Executive Director pursuant to this Resolution.

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- 6. Illegal fireworks, alcohol, marijuana, illegal drugs, pets, firearms, and the discharge of fireworks by minors not accompanied by an adult shall be prohibited at any such event.
- 7. The Port's Executive Director shall seek and secure the support, cooperation, and participation, including the contribution of funds and/or personnel, of the cities of Bingen and White Salmon, the Klickitat County Sheriff, any local Hospital or EMS district, and others.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 6th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

Margie Ziegler, Port Auditor

PORT OF KLICKITAT COMMISSION

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