

ORDINANCE 2009-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE EATONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 9.08, ADDING NEW SECTION 9.08.090 TO PENALIZE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE

Whereas, the Town of Eatonville has recently received calls from residents stating they are going to commit suicide; and

Whereas, any failed attempt to commit suicide would necessitate the Town incurring an expense to transport by ambulance; and

Whereas, the associated costs, including the time taken for police and fire assistance and the removal of an ambulance from services to others would lessen the Town's readiness to assist others; and

Whereas, by making it a misdemeanor to threaten one's own life may serve as a deterrent to avoid these costs and to protect persons who threaten suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 9.08.090 is hereby created and added to chapter 9.08 entitled Offenses Against the Person. Said added section shall read:

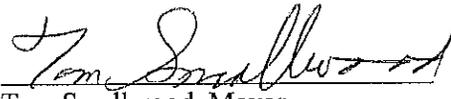
**9.08.090 Attempted Suicide.**

Any person who, with intent to commit suicide or to inflict grave personal injury upon himself, performs an act threatening to his own life is guilty of a misdemeanor.

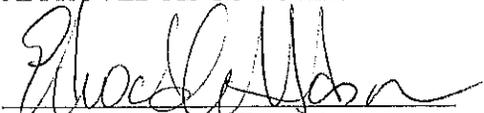
PASSED by the Town Council and approved by the Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 12 day of Oct., 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Chrystal McGlone, Town Clerk

  
Tom Smallwood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Edward G Hudson, Town Attorney