

ORDINANCE NO. 1444
CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE, ADDING CHAPTER 9.60 TO THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND APPROVING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, RCW 10.101.030 requires the City of Lacey to adopt standards for the delivery of Public Defense Services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Supreme Court by Order No. 25700-A-1004, as amended, has adopted new standards for indigent defense; and

WHEREAS, such standards, with the exception of Standard 3.4 are currently in effect; and

WHEREAS, new Standard 3.4 relating to case load limits will become effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of Lacey to adopt the proposed standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new Chapter, 9.60, to read as follows:

9.60.010 – Adoption of Indigent Defense Standards

The city hereby adopts the following standards for public defenders:

(1) Purpose and Intent. These indigent defense standards are intended to ensure that indigent criminal defendants receive high-quality legal representation through a public defense system that efficiently and effectively protects the constitutional requirement of effective assistance of counsel.

(2) Contract. All indigent defense services shall be provided pursuant to a written contract between the indigent defense attorney(s) and the city. The written contract shall include,

