

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1856

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROHIBITING THE OBSTRUCTION OF A CORRECTIONS OR COURT OFFICER**

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, corrections officers and court officers must be able to discharge their official duties without hindrance, delay, or obstruction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to prohibit the willful hindrance, delay, or obstruction of a corrections or court officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 9.13.030 is hereby added to the Fife Municipal Code to read as follows:

**9.13.030 Obstructing a corrections or court officer.**

A. A person is guilty of obstructing a corrections or court officer if the person willfully hinders, delays, or obstructs any corrections or court officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties.

B. "Corrections or court officer" means any commissioned corrections officer or court officer who is responsible for the monitoring, transportation, or securing of inmates inside a detention or court facility.

C. Obstructing a corrections or court officer is a misdemeanor.

Section 2. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof, provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

Passed by the City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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