ORDINANCE NO. 2613

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.06 OF THE MOSES LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “CLASSIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF WETLANDS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WETLANDS”

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 19.06 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code entitled “Classification and Designation of Wetlands and Regulations for the Conservation and Protection of Wetlands” is amended as follows:

19.06.120 Wetlands Classification and Ratings Guidelines: A wetland rating and classification shall be established based upon a completed delineation report prepared by a wetland specialist to determine boundary, size, function, and value. Guidelines for preparing a wetland delineation report are defined in Section 19.06.150 of this chapter and the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements. Guidelines for rating wetlands are defined in the Washington State Department of Ecology Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington, August 2004. Wetlands shall be classified in accordance with this rating system.

Section 2. The City Council declares that an emergency exists and this ordinance is deemed a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of public health, public safety, public property, or public peace and shall take effect immediately as provided by law upon one reading if a majority plus one of the whole membership of the City Council vote in favor of passage.

Adopted by the City Council and signed by its Mayor on April 12, 2011.

ATTEST:

Ronald R. Cone, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katherine L. Kenison, City Attorney