RESOLUTION NO. 1235

A RESOLUTION expressing concern about potential adverse impacts from the presence of increasing numbers of coal trains passing through the City of Camas, and requesting the appropriate authority to require an environmental impact statement that identifies the impacts to the City of Camas.

WHEREAS, there would be a significant increase in the number of coal trains passing through the City of Camas, and

WHEREAS, the expanded number of coal trains would result in an increase in train travel noise and frequency of horn blowing, and

WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe track bisects the communities of Camas and Washougal in an easterly/westerly direction, and

WHEREAS, Washougal has five at-grade crossings, and only one overhead crossing, and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas provides emergency medical services to the City of Washougal, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that the substantial increase in coal train traffic will result in closure of at-grade crossings with greater frequency and for longer times, thus resulting in traffic congestion that can potentially impact emergency service response times, and

WHEREAS, the Council is concerned about the impact on our community's health, environment, safety and businesses from coal dust and other particulates which may be blown or fall from open coal cars,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS AS FOLLOWS:

I

We urge the appropriate authorities to require an environmental impact statement that identifies and measures the impacts on our community from the significant increase in coal train traffic.

II

We request that the impact statements include impacts to traffic from increased closure of at-grade crossings, impacts to the City of Camas's ability to render emergency services due to inability to cross the train tracks, and health and safety impacts related to coal dust and other particulates being blown from open coal cars.

III

We urge the appropriate authorities to hold at least one of the environment impact statement scoping hearings at a location in Clark County.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Camas this 6th day of March, 2012.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

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City Attorney

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