

ORDINANCE NO. 10672

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2.24 POLICE DEPARTMENT, AMENDING SECTION 2.24.040 TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS AND LIMITED COMMISSION OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the current code section pertaining to special and reserve officers provides that the Mayor determines when to appoint special and reserve officers in cases of emergencies, and that such appointments must be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bellingham, Article IV. Sect. 4.01 Authority of the Mayor, provides that the Mayor may authorize the head of a department responsible to him to appoint subordinates in such department without specific mayoral or council approval; and

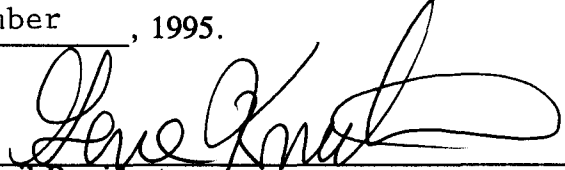
WHEREAS, Reserve police officers and persons with limited police commissions provide various routine law enforcement services for the City under the direction of the Chief of Police, it is appropriate and more efficient for these appointments to be made by the Chief of Police;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN that Section 2.24.040 is hereby amended as follows:

2.24.040 RESERVE POLICE AND LIMITED POLICE COMMISSIONS.

There shall be such reserve police officer and limited police commission appointments as shall be authorized by the Chief of Police whenever such appointments will serve and assist the Police Department in maintaining adequate police protection and other law enforcement services. Reserve officers shall have as to the law enforcement duties assigned to them the same full power to issue citations and make arrests as the regular police officers of the City. A reserve police officer shall receive such training as is deemed appropriate and perform such duties as are specified by the Chief of Police, but shall receive no compensation for performing such training or duties. Limited police commissioned personnel shall have those limited enforcement powers as are specifically designated in the appointment by the Chief of Police. The appointment of reserve officers and limited police commissions may be revoked at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.

PASSED by Council this 18th day of September, 1995.



Council President

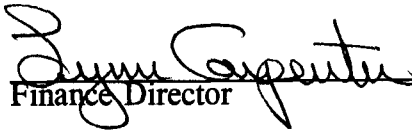
APPROVED by me this 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 1995.



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