

ORDINANCE NO. 10675

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES FOR TRAVEL ON CITY BUSINESS, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.04.060.

WHEREAS, the City reimburses employees for their use of privately owned vehicles on City business; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of operating an automobile increases from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of administrative efficiency, the reimbursement rates for use of privately owned vehicles should be updated on the basis of a nationally recognized and accepted standard; and,

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service annually reviews the costs of automobile use and establishes a "Standard Mileage Rate" for federal income tax purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the employees who substitute routine and continuous use of their own private vehicles for the use of an assigned City vehicle incur higher insurance costs than otherwise,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Bellingham does ordain that Municipal Code section 3.04.060 be amended as follows:

3.04.060 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLE

A. Any officer or employee of the City required on a periodic basis to use a private vehicle for travel on City business shall be reimbursed at the "Standard Mileage Rate" (or equivalent) then in effect and approved by the Internal Revenue Service; provided that this reimbursement rate shall not apply to officers and employees covered by subsection B of this section.

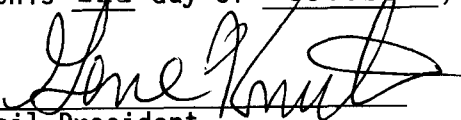
B. Those officers and employees having continuous and routine use of a City vehicle pursuant to administrative policy executed by the Mayor may:

1. Utilize the City vehicle assigned; or
2. Substitute the routine and continuous use of their private vehicle therefor, in which case the reimbursement rate shall be four cents above the current Internal Revenue Service rate, or as established for the City by the Mayor in a periodic rate adjustment.

[C. through E., unchanged.]

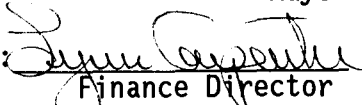
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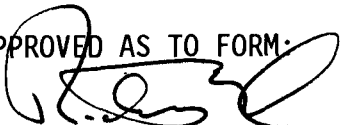
PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of October, 1995.


Council President

APPROVED by me this 10th day of OCTOBER, 1995.


Mayor

ATTEST: 
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the City Attorney

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