ORDINANCE NO. <u>10794</u>

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY'S SELF-INSURANCE FUND FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4.11 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER OF EXCESS FUNDS AND TO DELETE UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 4.11 of the Bellingham Municipal Code was adopted in 1981 when the City became self-insured for employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the fund accumulated reserves have grown and it may become prudent to redirect some of the funds to other City purposes upon a determination that the fund exceeds needs for the benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, certain of the sections in Chapter 4.11 are no longer necessary since the City is now self-insured,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: Chapter 4.11 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

4.11 HEALTH BENEFIT SELF-INSURANCE FUND

4.11.010 - Established - Use Of Moneys

The City shall maintain a special municipal fund, designated "Health benefit self-insurance fund," into which shall be placed any current or future funds generated by the continuation of the medical, vision and dental plans. Such fund is hereby declared to be perpetual, and moneys remaining therein at the conclusion of each budget year shall carry over into the ensuing year. Provided, however, upon determination that the balance of this special fund exceeds the amount necessary to maintain a prudent funding level for current expenditures, reserves and future premium stabilization, and as part of the budgetary process, the City may make withdrawals from this fund for any City purpose.

Such moneys as are available within such fund shall be drawn upon to pay benefit costs as may be necessary by the terms of the applicable contracts, exempt employee policies, and state laws and to pay other costs incurred by the city in conjunction with the administration of the employee health benefit programs. Provided, however, in the event an expense should arise for which insufficient sums are available within the health benefit self-insurance fund, such amounts shall be prorated over the departments and operations of the city as are appropriate to reflect an equitable distribution of the obligation.

4.11.020 - Finance Director Duties

The Finance Director is directed to maintain the above referenced funds as provided herein, and to invest the same so as to generate such additional moneys as is reasonably prudent which shall remain a part of the fund.

City of Bellingham CITY ATTORNEY 210 Lottie Street Bellingham, Washington 98225 Telephone (360) 676-6903

4.11.030 - Limitations On Interest In Funds

It is hereby declared that neither the employees of the city or their representatives shall have any interest whatsoever in the funds provided, or the administration thereof, except with respect to benefits provided by union contract or by grant of the city to exempt employees.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this 9th day of ______ 1996. President APPROVED BY ME this 23 day of December 1996. Attest: Finance Director FOR APPROVED AS TO-FORM: 120 Office of the City Attorney Published: City of Bellingham CITY ATTORNEY 210 Lottie Street Bellingham, Washington 98225

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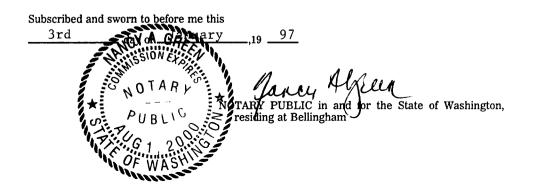
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duly sworn on oath says: That (s)he is the Public Notices Clerk of The Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation in said county and state and of Federated Publications, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (publisher of said newspaper), and authorized to make this affidavit; that the legal notice entitled in the cause and court named on the attached copy which is a true and correct copy of the original (and hereinafter referred to as "Notice") was published in the regular and entire issue, and not in supplement, of each number of said newspaper published and circulated on the following dates, to wit:

December 27, 1996

that for more than six months prior to the date of the first publication of said Notice, at all times since, and now, the said "The Bellingham Herald" has been established, published and circulated in the English language continuously and continually as a daily newspaper in the city of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington, the same being at all times printed either in whole or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that such newspaper has been approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of Whatcom County, Washington; that the full amount of the fee charged for such publication is \$ ____14.91

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CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

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