

ORDINANCE NO. 10797

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LIABILITY LOSS FUND, AMENDING SECTION 4.16.020 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH GOVERNS THE AUTHORITY OF THE RISK MANAGER TO PAY CLAIMS.

WHEREAS, the City Risk Manager has the authority to either approve or deny payment of claims of \$2,500.00 or less; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance requires that the Risk Manager must seek City Council approval to pay claims greater than \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the procedure of seeking City Council approval tends to delay payment of minor and undisputed claims in which there is no question of City responsibility and in which the damage needs immediate attention such as in the case of sewer back-ups, water main breaks, or minor or non-injury automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, raising the authority of the Risk Manager to approve payment of claims to the amount of \$5,000.00 or less, and to \$15,000.00 with the approval of the Mayor, will reduce administrative delay, improve response to the claimant, and serve to mitigate any increase in damages that might be attributable to delay.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 4.16.020 is hereby amended as follows:

A. The Risk Manager/Assistant City Attorney shall have the authority to either approve or deny payment of claims of \$5,000.00 or less.

B. For claims of greater than \$5,000.00, the Risk Manager/Assistant City Attorney has the authority to deny the claim. If the Risk Manager/Assistant City Attorney determines that a claim greater than \$5,000.00 but less than \$15,000.00 should be paid, then he shall recommend payment of the claim to the Mayor who shall be authorized to approve payment. If the Risk Manager/Assistant City Attorney determines that a claim greater than \$15,000 should be paid, then he shall recommend payment to the City Council.

C. [Unchanged]


D. [Unchanged]

PASSED by Council this 9th day of December, 1996.


Council President

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

APPROVED by me this 23 day of December, 1996.



Mayor

ATTEST: 
FOR Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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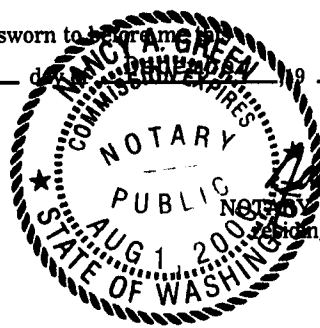
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duly sworn on oath says: That (s)he is the Public Notices Clerk of
The Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation in
said county and state and of Federated Publications, Inc., a Dela-
ware Corporation (publisher of said newspaper), 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
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each number of said newspaper published and circulated on the
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December 27, 1996

that for more than six months prior to the date of the first publica-
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Gail Kihn

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
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Nancy A. Green
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