

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.10.050 TO PERMIT THE CITY TO CREATE ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS State law and City ordinances permit the creation of assessment districts to provide for the reimbursement to parties making street improvements; and,

WHEREAS until 1997, reimbursement for improvements the City wished to make could only be done in conjunction with private parties who make improvements; and,

WHEREAS in 1997 the Legislature amended RCW 35.72.050 to allow cities to make such improvements on their own initiative; and,

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City to be able to use this process,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED that Bellingham Municipal Code section 13.10.050 be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

13.10.050 City Participation in Assessment Reimbursement

As an alternative to financing projects under this chapter by owners of real estate, the city may join in the financing of or may on its own finance improvement projects and may be reimbursed in the same manner as the owners of real estate who participate in the projects, provided that the conditions of its participation be specified by ordinance. The city may be reimbursed only for the costs of improvements that benefit that portion of the public who will use the developments within a given assessment reimbursement area. No costs of improvements that benefit the general public may be reimbursed.

PASSED by the Council this 11th day of May, 1998.

Bob Ryan
Council President

APPROVED by me this 21st day of May, 1998.

Mark Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST: Jenny Carpenter
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
Office of the City Attorney

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