

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-05-033

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE REGULATION AND ZONING, AMENDING CHAPTER 20.08.020 F. (1) OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ADULT FAMILY HOMES TO THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 70.128.175 (2) specifies that adult family homes shall be considered a residential use of property for zoning purposes and that they shall be a permitted use in all areas zoned for residential or commercial purposes, including areas zoned for single family dwellings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Commission held a public hearing on February 19, 1998 and thereafter recommended approval of the amendment, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on May 11, 1998 to take testimony on the proposed amendment, and

**WHEREAS**, a determination of nonsignificant environmental impact was issued by the responsible official under the procedures of the Environmental Policy Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the Planning Commission;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:**

Section 1. BMC Section 20.08.020 F. (1) is hereby amended as follows:

F. (1) Family: One or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption living together within a single dwelling unit. A family may include domestic servants, and not more than 2 guests residing a for temporary

time. A family may not, in any case, consist of more than three unrelated persons. Family foster homes, interim family foster homes (where there is a permanent live in supervisor) and adult family homes as defined under Washington State law or administrative code shall be considered within the definition of family.

**PASSED** by the Council this 26th day of May, 1998.

Bob Ryan  
Council President

**APPROVED** by me this 29th day of May, 1998.

Mark Anderson  
Mayor

Attest: Lynn Carpenter  
Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]  
Office of the City Attorney

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