

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-06-038

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING OPERATION OF SECTION 6.32.060 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TEEN DANCE HALLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, current City regulations require that teen dance halls provide licensed security personnel in attendance during and following each teen dance; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns expressed by teen dance hall operators and others, the City is currently looking at alternative ways to provide for security for teen dances; and

WHEREAS, while other methods of providing for the safety and security of teen dances are being explored, the operation of Bellingham Municipal Code Section 6.32.060 which requires licensed security personnel should be suspended.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. For a period of 180 days from and after the effective date of this ordinance, unless sooner revived by ordinance, Section 6.32.060 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be suspended and of no effect. Within 140 days of the effective date of this ordinance the Council shall consider alternative methods of providing security for teen dances.

Section 2. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency due to the difficulties encountered by teen dance halls in providing licensed security personnel and the need to maintain places for teens to lawfully recreate. The ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 1998.

Bob Ryan
Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 1998.

Mark Asant
Mayor

Attest: Lynn Carpenter
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
Office of the City Attorney

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