

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-11-083

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 2.24 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 2.24.050, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PENSION PLAN UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF AND PENSION ACT (RCW 41.24).

WHEREAS, the State has enacted a statute (RCW 41.24) and amendments thereto which allow reserve police officers to participate in the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief and Pension Act ; and

WHEREAS, this statute requires that the City of Bellingham pass appropriate legislation to provide that City of Bellingham reserve police officers may enroll and participate in the retirement provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the statute further requires that the City must elect, on a one-time basis, one of three options for allowing the reserve officers to receive credit for previous service ;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN that a new section 2.24.050 is hereby added to Chapter 2.24 of the Bellingham Municipal Code to read as follows:

2.24.050: Reserve Police Officers - Participation in Volunteer Firefighters' Relief and Pension Plan

The City of Bellingham shall allow qualifying reserve police officers to participate in the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief and Pension Plan, administered by the State Board for Volunteer Firefighters' , under option three (3) as provided in RCW 41.24.410 which option provides that the City will count and pay the cost of all credit for service as a reserve officer and pay pension fees at the option of the member, who must agree to pay his/her portion of the fees plus interest, at an actuarial rate to be determined by the state board. Any portion of the back fees may be assigned by the municipality to be paid by the member.

PASSED by Council this 9th day of November , 1998.

Bob Ryan
Council President

APPROVED by me this 18th day of November 1998.

Mark Abundis
Mayor

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