

**ORDINANCE NO. 1998-12-091**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 11.33.090 AND 11.33.190.**

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code section 11.33.090 authorizes the issuance of Mechanic's Vehicle Permits under circumstances enumerated therein but does not set a specific fee therefor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code section 11.33.190 authorizes the issuance of parking meter hoods under the circumstances enumerated therein but does not set a specific fee therefor; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Bellingham to provide for the fees for Mechanic's Vehicle Permits and for parking meter hoods;

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

**Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.090 is hereby amended as follows:**

**11.33.090 - Certain Types Of Firms Using Commercial Vehicles May Obtain Mechanic's Vehicle Permit**

1. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the plumbing, electrical, construction, refrigeration, or repair business or trade and any other persons engaged in similar trades or businesses within the city limits, requiring the use of a motor vehicle or motor vehicles licensed as a truck or commercial vehicle by the State of Washington in connection with any work being performed by said person, firm,

corporation, or any of their employees, may obtain a permit designated as a Mechanic's Vehicle Permit, which permit shall be issued upon the approval of the Parking Services Manager, shall be issued upon payment of \$75.00, and may be renewed annually.

2. Application for a Mechanic's Vehicle Permit shall be made to the Parking Services Manager on such forms as are prescribed. The applicant shall set forth the applicant's business and the necessity for such permit. The Parking Services Manager shall investigate the facts as necessary. If it appears a necessity exists, the Parking Services Manager may authorize the issuance of such permit.

3. In addition to the requirement that the vehicle benefitted by said permit have a truck or commercial license, said motor vehicle shall also have a decal or lettering of a permanent nature identifying the person, firm, or corporation using said vehicle, prominently affixed to some portion of the exterior of said vehicle, provided that the latter requirement may be dispensed with in the case of an individual vehicle if a written waiver is first obtained from the Parking Services Manager.

**Section 2. Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.190 is hereby amended as follows:**

**11.33.190 - Parking Meter Hoods**

The Parking Services Manager is authorized to issue a permit for parking meter hoods upon payment of the fee as set forth herein and upon the following conditions:

(1) Application shall be made to the Parking Services Manager on such forms as are prescribed. The applicant shall set forth the applicant's business and the necessity for such permit. The Parking Services Manager shall investigate the facts as necessary.

(2) If it appears that a necessity exists, the Parking Services Manager may authorize the issuance of such permit under the conditions prescribed in this section.

(3) Upon issuance of the permit, the permittee shall be issued a parking meter hood to be used in covering any "non-handicapped" parking meter. The Parking Services Manager shall have responsibility for determining the number and location of meter hoods to be issued in response to permit requests, taking into account the needs of the applicant and the operational needs of the parking system.

(4) [Unchanged.]

(5) The permittee shall not place the hood over any meter when the space is occupied by another vehicle, and shall, before vacating the space at the conclusion of the work, remove the hood. The hood shall not be allowed to remain in place for over one hour when the space is not occupied by an authorized vehicle, nor shall it be allowed to remain in place after 6 p.m. on any day. It shall not be used during hours when parking or stopping in the parking meter space is prohibited. No vehicle licensed as a passenger car shall be parked in the space controlled by the hooded parking meter unless so authorized by the Parking Services Manager on the face of the permit.

(6) The Parking Services Manager may revoke any permit if the parking meter hood is used for any purpose other than that authorized in this section or for any violation of this chapter. Upon revocation, the hood shall immediately be returned to the Parking Services Office and the deposit, as set forth in paragraph 7 of this section, shall be forfeited. Any misuse of a parking meter hood shall be reported to the Parking Services Manager.

(7) The permittee shall also pay a deposit in an amount prescribed by the Parking Services Manager at the time of issuance of the hood, which shall remain the property of the City of Bellingham. In case a hood or other property issued with the hood becomes lost or destroyed or so defaced that it is no longer usable, the permittee shall forfeit such deposit or a portion thereof.

**Section 3. Effective Date**

The modifications contained herein shall become effective on January 1, 1999.

**PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 1998.**

Bob Ryan

Council President

**APPROVED BY ME THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 1999.**

Mark Hunt

Mayor

Attest

Lynn Carpenter

Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]

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