

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-12-096

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE PUGET SOUND ENERGY FRANCHISE.

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has a 25 year franchise for use of the public right-of-way to distribute electrical power in the City of Bellingham; and,

WHEREAS, the franchise between Puget Sound Energy and the City of Bellingham expired on June 30, 1998, but was previously extended by mutual agreement until December 31, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, additional negotiations are required to finalize the new franchise between Puget Sound Energy and the City of Bellingham; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Bellingham to maintain the current franchise with Puget Sound Energy to supply electrical power to the City of Bellingham while negotiating a new franchise;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:


Section 1. Franchise Extension.

That the current franchise agreement between the City of Bellingham and Puget Sound Energy, which has been extended through December 31, 1998, be extended for an additional six month period under the same terms and conditions while a new franchise agreement is negotiated.

Section 2. Term of Extension.

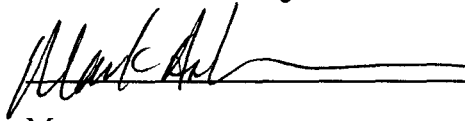
This extension shall expire, and the current franchise shall terminate, on June 30, 1999.

PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 14th DAY OF December, 1998.

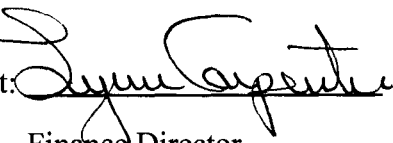


Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS 7th DAY OF January, 1998.9

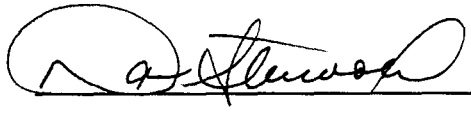


Mayor

Attest: 

Finance Director

Approved as to Form:



Office of the City Attorney

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