

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-09-059

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE 2000 BUDGET AND CREATING AN ADDITIONAL POSITION OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY 2 IN THE WATER FUND FROM EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON WATER RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, AND HABITAT CONSERVATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City currently uses the legal firm of Preston, Gates, Ellis for representation on issues related to water rights, environmental law, and habitat conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes that it would be more cost effective to employ our own legal staff to do the less complicated legal work in the above areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the outside counsel costs can be reduced to cover the added position;

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

The sum of \$11,418.00 is hereby reallocated in the Water Fund for the purpose of reducing outside legal counsel costs for water rights, environmental law, and habitat conservation by hiring in house counsel to provide the less complicated portion of these services. The source of funding will be from:

410	Water Fund	
5625	Public Works Water Division	
112	Administration - General Services	
4104	Special Legal Services	- \$ 11,418.00

To be credited as follows:

410	Water Fund	
5625	Public Works Water Division	
112	Administration - General Services	
1101	Salaries & Wages	\$ 9,038.00
2101	Personnel Benefits	<u>2,308.00</u>
		\$ 11,418.00

City of Bellingham

**CITY ATTORNEY**

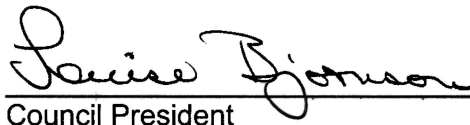
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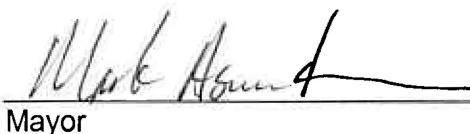
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The funds being transferred will be used to create in Plan E a position of Assistant Attorney 2 with a value of 456 points effective November 1, 2000, .17 FTE.

PASSED by Council this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2000.


  
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Council President

APPROVED by me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Office of the City Attorney

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