

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL  
CODE SECTION 11.33.230.**

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.230 authorizes the institution of civil penalties for parking infractions and procedures on failures to appear; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.230(B and C) provide for enhanced penalties under circumstances where an individual fails to respond within the allotted time period for payment of parking fines; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.230(B and C) conflict relative to the penalty amounts levied against individual failing to pay parking fines within the allotted time period;

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

**Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.33.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**11.33.230 - Penalties For Parking Infractions - Procedure And Penalty On Failure To Appear**

Civil penalties for parking infractions and procedures on failure to appear are as follows:

**A.** The civil penalty for parking meter and overtime infractions shall be \$5; for disabled parking infractions, \$250; and for all other parking infractions, \$10.

If payment is received by the Municipal Court within 72 hours after issuance of the citation, the penalty for parking meter and overtime infractions shall be reduced to \$3.

**B.** If the person committing a parking infraction fails to respond as directed on the citation within 15 days, the civil penalty shall increase by \$10. The Municipal Court shall send said person notification of the increased penalty, advising that failure to respond before the 30th day will result in an additional civil penalty of \$25, ~~and that failure to respond to 5 or more parking infractions is a separate misdemeanor.~~ If the person fails to respond to the notice of parking infraction before the 30th day the civil penalty shall increase by an additional \$25.

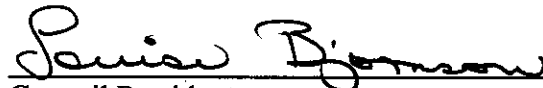
~~C. If paid after the 7th day but before the 30th day after issuance of the citation, the penalty for overtime parking is \$5. The penalty for all other all infractions, except disabled parking infractions, under Chapters 11.33 and 11.36 is \$10. If the person committing the infraction has not appeared within 7 days of issuance of the infraction, the clerk of the Municipal Court will send a letter to him of the increase of the penalty, and advising that failure to respond before the 30th day to 5 or more parking citations is a separate misdemeanor.~~

DC. Failure to respond within 30 days from the date of issuance of the citation to 5 or more parking infractions is a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25 per parking infraction.


**Section 2. Effective Date**

The amendment in Section 1 is effective upon passage and approval.

PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2000.


  
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Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS 19th DAY OF December, 2000.

  
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Mayor

Attest:   
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Approved as to form:

  
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