

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06.050 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING A TAX ON STORM AND SURFACE WATER UTILITY REVENUES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham (the "City") has an existing storm and surface water utility which imposes storm and surface water charges; and,

**WHEREAS**, the storm and surface water utility should pay a tax upon its total gross income;

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

**Section 1: Chapter 6.06 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:**

**6.06.050 - Occupations Subject To Tax - Amounts**

There are levied and shall be collected annual license fees or occupation taxes against the persons on account of the business activities, and in the amounts to be determined by the application of the rates against gross income, as follows:

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| <b>A.</b> | <b>Telephone Business.</b>             | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>Telegraph Business.</b>             | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>Gas Suppliers.</b>                  | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>D.</b> | <b>Electric Light and Power.</b>       | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>E.</b> | <b>Water Suppliers.</b>                | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>F.</b> | <b>Cable Television.</b>               | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>G.</b> | <b>Sewer Collection and Treatment.</b> | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>H.</b> | <b>Municipal Gold Course.</b>          | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |
| <b>I.</b> | <b>Cellular Telephone Business.</b>    | <b>[Unchanged]</b> |

**J. Storm and Surface Water.** The City's storm and surface water utility shall pay a tax equal to nine and one-half percent (9 ½%) of the total gross income from the utility, such tax to be paid covering each month's business and to be paid within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of such month.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be effective March 1, 2001.

PASSED by the Council this 12TH day of FFBR, ~~2000~~ 2001.

Leslie O Langdon  
Council President

APPROVED by me this 27th day of Febr., ~~2000~~ 2001.

Mark Asmus  
Mayor

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