

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-011

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AND WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FOR INTERIM DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND A REVIEW PROCESS FOR PROJECTS IN THE WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL ZONE.

WHEREAS, the main campus of Western Washington University (WWU) is located in an Institutional zone per the 1998 Western Washington University Neighborhood Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Title 20, Chapter 20.40 of the Land Use Development Ordinance requires the City to adopt a master plan for Institutionally zoned areas to govern the development of large, campus-style public uses, to ensure that such areas develop in a planned and coordinated manner, and to establish a public review process for individual projects within the institutional area; and,

WHEREAS, WWU, the City of Bellingham, and representatives from the Sehome, South Hill and Happy Valley neighborhoods have been working on an institutional master plan (IMP) for the WWU campus since 1998; and,

WHEREAS, the Western IMP is not expected to be completed and adopted until June, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, WWU needs to proceed with certain projects prior to completion of the IMP to fulfill its mission as a state facility of higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bellingham and WWU providing for interim development regulations and a review process for projects in the Western Washington University Institutional Zone is necessary until such time as the IMP is completed; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the October 26,2000 Final Ordinance and Decision of the Western...the MOA is recognized as a development regulation that is adopted consistent with public participation goals and requirements; and,

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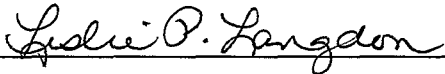
WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Commission held a public hearing on November 30, 2000 on the Memorandum of Agreement, took public testimony and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council recommending adoption of the Memorandum of Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on February 12, 2001 on the Memorandum of Agreement, received public testimony and directed staff to prepare an ordinance for adoption of the Memorandum of Agreement and incorporating revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement as to its scope and duration,

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

The Mayor is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bellingham and Western Washington University.

Passed by the Council this 5TH day of March 2001.

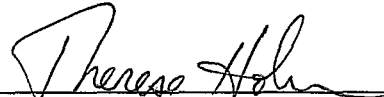


Council President

Approved by me this 16th day of March 2001.

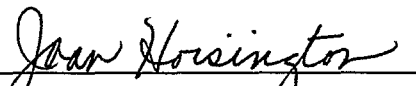


Mayor

Attest: 

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Approved as to Form:



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