

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-04-024

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.28.020(G) TO DECLARE THAT TREES INTERFERING WITH THE USE OF SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYS ARE A NUISANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to protect the safety of persons walking upon City sidewalks and enable free and unimpeded movement upon City sidewalks without regard to intrusive vegetation, and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to protect vehicles and their drivers from tree branches that impede travel by larger vehicles in alleyways, including sanitation trucks and fire trucks,

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

**Section 1.** Section 10.28.020(G) of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

**10.28.020 - Nuisances Declared**

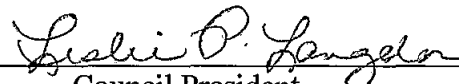
Each of the following, unless otherwise permitted by law, is declared to be a nuisance.

**A.-F. [UNCHANGED]**

**G.** All trees which are growing on property adjacent to public sidewalks whose limbs are less than eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk or public pedestrian way; or trees, regardless of their location, whose limbs are less than fifteen feet above the surface of any street or alley;

**H.-V. [UNCHANGED]**

PASSED by Council this 16th day of APRIL, 2001.

  
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APPROVED by me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

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