

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-04-026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.18.040(B) TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW REGARDING THE REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the City desires to conform B.M.C. 11.18.040(B) to RCW 46.55.120(1)(e) regarding the redemption of impounded vehicles,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code ("B.M.C.") 11.18.040 shall be amended to read as follows:

11.18.040 - Redemption Of Impounded Vehicles (Replaces Portions Of Rcw 46.55.120)

Vehicles impounded by the City shall be redeemed only under the following circumstances:

A. [UNCHANGED]

B. Any person so redeeming a vehicle impounded by the City shall pay the towing contractor for costs of impoundment (removal, towing and storage) and the administrative fee imposed pursuant to BMC 11.18.070, prior to redeeming such vehicle. Such towing contractor shall accept payment as provided in RCW 46.55.120 (1) (b), as now or hereafter amended. If the vehicle was impounded pursuant to section 11.18.030 upon the driver's arrest for violation of RCW 46.20.342 or RCW 46.20.345 as adopted by reference in the Bellingham Municipal Code and was being operated by the registered owner when it was impounded, it may not be released to any person until all penalties, fines or forfeitures owed by the registered owner have been satisfied.

C.-D. [UNCHANGED]

PASSED by Council this 23rd day of April, 2001.



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APPROVED by me this 7th day of May, 2001.

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