

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-10-074

AN ORDINANCE CREATING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.16.045 TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Washington Section 3.50.075 provides that municipal court judges may appoint court commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City recently decided to fill the position of Municipal Court Judge by election; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to promote judicial economy and effectiveness by relying upon a permanent court commissioner rather than numerous temporary judges pro tem to assist the Municipal Court Judge in hearing the large volume of cases in Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to confirm the Municipal Court Judge's authority to appoint court commissioners for the Bellingham Municipal Court,


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 2.16.045 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall be created to read as follows:

2.16.045 - Court Commissioners

The Municipal Court Judge may appoint one or more Municipal Court Commissioners, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Municipal Court Judge. Each Municipal Court Commissioner shall have such power, authority, and jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters as the Municipal Court Judge may lawfully prescribe.

PASSED by Council this 21ST day of OCTOBER, 2002.


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APPROVED by me this 1st day of November, 2002.

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