

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.80.100 REGARDING THE USE OF PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham currently requires purchase orders for goods and services unless specifically exempted by Code; and,

WHEREAS, allowing the exemptions to be set by approved City policy rather than through the Code would streamline the City's ability to adapt to an evolving business environment; and,

WHEREAS, revising the Bellingham Municipal Code as enacted herein is in the best interests of the City of Bellingham;

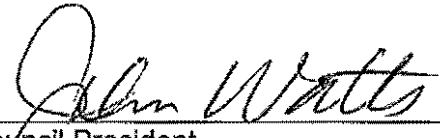
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 4.80.100 is hereby revised as follows:

4.80.100 - Purchase Orders Required - Liabilities In Excess Of Appropriation

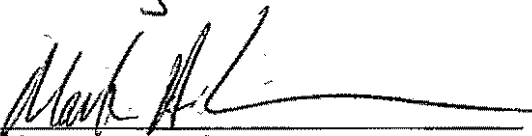
- A. City employees or agents are prohibited from ordering goods or services in behalf of the city until a purchase order has been issued, unless specifically exempted by City policy.
- B. Liabilities incurred by any department, in excess of any budget appropriations for the current year, shall not be a liability of the City. The City shall approve no claim, nor issue a check for an expenditure in excess of budget appropriations except upon an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, specific authorization therefor by the City Council, or except for emergencies when such emergency has been provided for in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the Council this 23rd day of August, 2004.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 30th day of Aug, 2004.



Mayor

Attest: 

Finance Director

Approved as to form:


Office of the City Attorney

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