

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-07-059

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 11.36.030 AND 11.36.040 TO ACCEPT UNITED STATES COINS ONLY IN CITY PARKING METERS.**

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code Sections 11.36.030 and 11.36.040 currently allow either United States or Canadian coins to be used in City parking meters; and,

**WHEREAS**, between the exchange rates and the bank fees charged to sort Canadian coins, the City is estimated to lose in excess of \$13,000 in 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, these amendments are in the best interests of the City of Bellingham;

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

**Section 1: Bellingham Municipal Code Section 2.02.020 is hereby amended as follows:**

**11.36.030 - Parking Meters - Deposit Of Coins And Time Limits (WAC 308-330-610)**

- (1) No person shall park a vehicle in any parking meter space alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located unless a United States coin or coins of the approximate denomination as indicated on the parking meter or a city-issued token shall have been deposited therein for unexpired intervals of time, and said meter has been placed in operation.
- (2) No person shall permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired. This provision shall not apply to the act of parking or the necessary time which is required to deposit immediately thereafter a coin or coins in such meter.
- (3) No person shall park a vehicle in any parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than the maximum lawful parking time designated on the meter, irrespective of the number or amounts of the coins deposited in such meter.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this chapter prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

**Section 2: Bellingham Municipal Code Section 11.36.040 is hereby amended as follows:**

**11.36.040 - Parking Meters - Use Of Slugs Not Permitted**

No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any bent coin, slug, button, or any other device or substance as substitutes for United States coins or city-issued tokens.

PASSED by the Council this 11th day of July, 2005.

Grant Dege  
Council President

APPROVED by me this 14th day of July, 2005.

Mark L. ...  
Mayor

Attest: Therese Hol  
Finance Director

Approved as to form:

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