

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02-010

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES AND  
ADDING A NEW BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.16.090.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 10.101.030 requires each City to adopt standards for the delivery of public defense services;

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2007, the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association adopted updated Standards for Public Defense Services; and

**WHEREAS**, these standards have been reviewed by the Municipal Court Judge, the City Attorney, and the Municipal Court contracted Public Defender and have been recommended to the City Council for adoption;

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

**Section 1. A new Bellingham Municipal Code Section 2.16.090 is added to read as follows:**


**2.16.090 Standards for Public Defense**

The City of Bellingham adopts by reference the Standards for Public Defense Services adopted by the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association on September 21, 2007 as the standards for public defense services in the City of Bellingham, as required by RCW 10.101.030.


**Section 2. Effective Date.**

The new BMC Section 2.16.090 is effective fifteen days after final passage of this ordinance.

**PASSED** by the Council this 25th day of February, 2008.


  
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Council President

**APPROVED** by me this 4th day of March, 2008.

  
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