

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-09-086**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE 11.38 TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE BOUNDARIES AND EXTEND TIME LIMITS FOR TEMPORARY VISITOR'S PERMITS.**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest to establish Residential Parking Zones to regulate on-street parking for adjacent uses; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been observed that some residences adjacent to the zones are prohibited from obtaining permits by virtue of the street name selected when the property was addressed; and,

**WHEREAS**, these properties abut streets designated as being eligible for issue of Residential Parking Permits and have requested issue of the same; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been demonstrated that a need exists for visitor's permits in excess of two permits for durations exceeding five days to accommodate activities such as home renovation or construction; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of affected properties is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the purpose or management of the program;

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

**Section 1:** Sections of 11.38 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**11.38.010 Residential Parking Zone Established**

The area including one block of Morey Avenue northwest of Highland Drive, Forest Street between Olive Street and Cedar Street, all of Cedar Street, N. State Street between Cedar Street and the southern end of the 400 block of N. State Street, Garden Street between Olive Street and Beech Street, the 200 and 400 blocks of N. Garden Street, and Olive, Palm, Bryant, and Sycamore Streets between Forest Street and Garden Street, as depicted on the map attached as Appendix A, is a residential parking zone, to be known as Residential Parking Zone 1; and the areas bounded by Maple Street, Newell Street, Jersey Street and the Sehome Hill Arboretum, including Maple, Newell, Mason, Liberty, Laurel, Key, Myrtle, Ivy

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and Jersey Streets, and Key Street between Maple Street and Chestnut Street, as depicted on the map which is attached as Appendix B, is a residential parking zone, to be known as Residential Parking Zone 2. A property shall be included within a residential parking zone only if its address includes, or access to the property is via, a street which is within the zone. On and after September 22, 1997, it shall be a parking infraction to park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for Morey Avenue only) Monday through Friday, except holidays, on any street within a residential parking zone unless the parked vehicle displays a valid residential parking permit or visitor's parking permit for the residential parking zone in which it is parked.

#### **11.38.070 - Visitor's Permits**

**A.** The Finance Director is authorized to issue visitor's permits. No more than two annual visitor permits may be issued per residential address. Visitor's permits may be issued to persons who establish proof of residence as provided in 11.38.030. An application for a visitor's permit shall be on forms provided by the Finance Department and shall, at a minimum, contain the name, address and telephone number of the applicant, an acknowledgment that the applicant is familiar with the terms of this Chapter, and a signature of the applicant. Visitor's permits shall be valid only for vehicles not exceeding 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

**B.** The fee for an annual visitor's permit shall be established by Council Resolution.

**C.** Visitor's permits are for the temporary use of guests of the permit holder while visiting the permit holder and for use of a borrowed or rented vehicle by the resident. Any other use is prohibited.

**D.** Annual Visitor's permits expire on October 1 after the date of issuance, provided that permits issued in August or September of 1997, shall expire on October 1, 1998, and permits issued in September of a later year shall expire on October 1 of the following year.

**E.** Visitor's permits must be displayed in the vehicle in the location stated on the permit. They shall contain the number of the residential parking zone for which it was issued, a serial number of the permit and the expiration date of the permit.

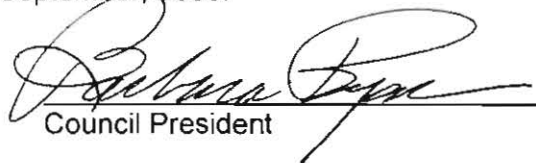
**F.** Eligible residents may also be issued any number of temporary visitor's permits, which shall be valid for not more than six months after the date of issuance, which permits shall be subject to the same application procedure and terms of use (except for expiration date) as for other visitor's permits. The fee for a temporary visitor's permit shall be established by Council Resolution.

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**Section 2:** Except as expressly amended above, Section 11.38.010 of the Bellingham Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as presently enacted.

**Section 3: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective fifteen(15) days after passage and publication of the ordinance or summary thereof.

**PASSED** by the Council this 15th day of September, 2008.

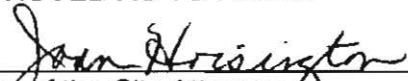
  
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**APPROVED** by me this 19th day of Sept., 2008.

  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**   
Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Office of the City Attorney

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