

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05-030**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.16, CIVIL SERVICE, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.16.060 EXPANDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, membership on City boards and commissions generally requires that the person appointed to the board or commission be a City resident unless otherwise provided in the ordinance which establishes the board or commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has recognized that certain boards and commissions benefit by having members with particular expertise that serves the City's interests even though the member does not reside within the City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a desired qualification for a member of the Civil Service Commission to be familiar with Civil Service Rules, as well as be familiar with the job classification system and the selection and recruitment process of the City of Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a desired qualification that a member of the Civil Service Commission have an understanding of the collective bargaining agreements and human resource practices of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to expand the residence requirements for members of the Civil Service Commission beyond the city limits of the City of Bellingham, to enable the City to appoint a member who may possess these desired qualifications; but does not reside within the City limits;

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

Bellingham Municipal Code 3.16 is hereby amended to add a new Section BMC 3.16.060 as follows:

**BMC 3.16. 060 - Citizenship and Residency Requirements:**

Every member of the Civil Service Commission shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington for at least 3 years and Whatcom County for at least 2 years previous to their appointment.

**PASSED** by the Council this 18th day of May, 2009.

  
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Council President


**APPROVED** by me this 26th day of May, 2009.

  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Office of the City Attorney

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