

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12-052

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON ADOPTING
A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE BASE RATE AND RATE SCHEDULE FOR
2016.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham is authorized under Washington State law to impose Transportation Impact Fees ("TIF") pursuant to Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 82.02.050 - .090 for the purpose of collecting a proportional fair share contribution toward the capital improvement costs of transportation infrastructure to accommodate new growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham adopted a TIF ordinance in 1993, codified as Bellingham Municipal Code ("BMC") 19.06, and has since assessed all new development for transportation impact fees; and

WHEREAS, BMC 19.06.040(A) requires that "A revised schedule shall be adopted each year by the city council concurrent with, or subsequent to, the adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for arterial streets."; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham's 2015 TIF base rate is \$1,869 per p.m. peak hour vehicle trip, as adopted by the City Council in Ordinance 2014-12-067 on December 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, City of Bellingham transportation planning staff have calculated the 2016 TIF base rate and rate schedule in accordance with BMC 19.06; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program on June 1, 2015 and one work session on June 15, 2015 and approved Resolution 2015-09 adopting the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, State law (RCW 82.02.050 - .090) requires that transportation impact fees collected by a jurisdiction must be spent for capital improvements to transportation infrastructure needed as a result of growth within six years or the collected fees must be refunded with interest; and

WHEREAS, transportation impact fees based on common Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) trip generation rates should reflect future developments' proportional share contributions toward city-wide capital improvement costs for transportation infrastructure needed to serve new growth and development; and

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WHEREAS, on November 6, 2015, the City of Bellingham Public Works Department provided a courtesy letter notifying the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC) Board of Directors of anticipated increase to the TIF rates for 2016; and

WHEREAS, after published notice, the City Council held a public meeting regarding the proposed ordinance on December 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the decrease to the TIF base rate and rate schedule for 2016 and finds this ordinance to be in the best interests of the City of Bellingham and its citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1. The Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) base rate charged to new development proposals seeking building permits in Bellingham shall be **\$2,017** per p.m. peak hour vehicle trip.

Section 2. BMC 19.06.040 is amended to repeal Table 19.06.040(A) and replace it with the 2016 TIF rate schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

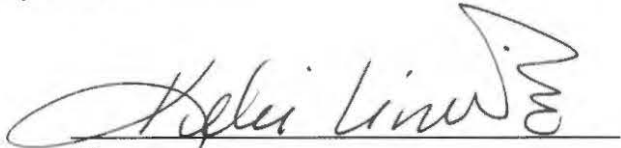
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2016.

PASSED by the Council this 14th day of December, 2015.



Council President *Pro Temp.*

APPROVED by me this 29th day of Dec, 2015.

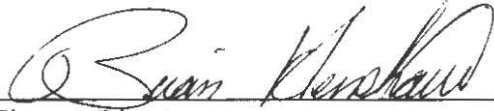


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