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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4342

AN ORDINANCE relating to damage claims against the City; amending the procedures for obtaining authorization for payment of such claims; amending Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Sections 4.36.010 and 4.36.030 of the Bellevue City Code; and repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Section 4.36.035 of the Bellevue City Code.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Section 4.36.010 of the Bellevue City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

4.36.010 Place for filing claims.

Claims for damages against the city shall be filed with the city clerk. The city clerk shall immediately forward copies of such claims to the city attorney and to the city's risk manager.

Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Section 4.36.030 of the Bellevue City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

4.36.030 City procedure.

All damage claims shall be investigated by the risk manager or the risk manager's designee.

Settlement and authorization for payment of such claims shall be as follows:

A. Settlements for \$20,000.00 or less may be paid by the city upon written authorization of the city manager or the city manager's designee.

B. Settlements exceeding \$20,000.00 may be paid upon authorization of the city council after receiving a report of the city manager.

The council auditor shall audit settlements paid under A and B above, and shall report bimonthly to the city council on said settlements.

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Section 3. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Section 4.36.035 of the Bellevue City Code are repealed.

Section 4. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2695 and Section 4.36.038 of the Bellevue City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

4.36.038 Legal Representation.

The city attorney is hereby authorized to hire and retain private attorneys for representation of the city regarding any evaluation of or litigation involving damage claims; fees for such services shall be paid from the general self-insurance fund.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 23rd day of March, 1992, and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of March, 1992.

(SEAL)

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