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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4346

AN ORDINANCE regarding payment of an allowance in lieu of reimbursement for use of personal automobiles for official travel.

WHEREAS, RCW 42.24.090 authorizes the City Council to provide for an allowance in the form of payments for use of personal automobiles for official travel by councilmembers on City business, if such payments would be less costly to the City than providing City-owned automobiles for such official travel; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a study and determined that three City-owned vehicles would be required to adequately provide for the official travel needs of the seven members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the study also determined that the monthly cost of providing such vehicles would be \$306 per Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing a monthly allowance in the amount of \$150, in lieu of reimbursement for use of personal automobiles for official travel, is less costly to the City than actually providing City-owned automobiles for such travel; and

WHEREAS, the City also conducted a study of the average usage of personal automobiles by Councilmembers, as opposed to using prior reimbursement claims which do not reflect actual usage, and, applying the current reimbursement rate of \$0.28 per mile, concluded that the actual average monthly reimbursement rate would be \$175.00 per Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, based on said studies the City Council desires to establish an optional car allowance in lieu of reimbursement for City Councilmembers; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, the Mayor and each member of the Bellevue City Council shall be entitled to a monthly allowance of \$150.00 to cover his or her actual and necessary expenses incurred in obtaining, keeping, maintaining, repairing, replacing, operating and using his or her personal automobile for official travel on behalf of the City; provided, that said monthly allowance shall not be in lieu of reimbursement for parking, tolls and similar expenses incurred on official city business. No request for reimbursement or accounting for expenses shall be required to be submitted in order for the Mayor or Councilmember to qualify to receive the allowance provided for in this section. The City Council determines such monthly allowance will be less costly to the City than providing automobiles to the Mayor and Councilmembers for their official travel.

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Section 2. The Mayor or any Councilmember may elect not to receive the monthly allowance provided for in Section 1 of this Ordinance by filing a written election with the City Clerk, which election shall be effective until revoked by a written notice to that effect filed with the City Clerk. Neither the Mayor nor any Councilmember may change his or her election hereunder more frequently than once in any twelve month period. If the Mayor, or any Councilmember, elects not to receive the monthly allowance provided for in Section 1 of this Ordinance, he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the use of his or her personal automobile for official travel as provided in the City's then current adopted reimbursement policy.

Section 3. The City Manager or his designee shall review the amount of the car allowance authorized pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance not less frequently than once every two years.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall become effective on May 1, 1992.

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

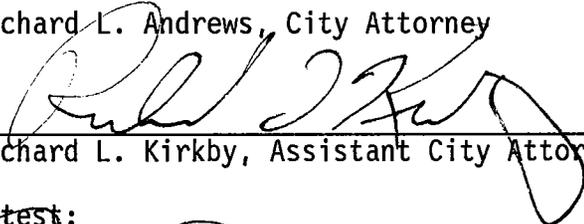
PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of April, 1992, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20th day of April, 1992.

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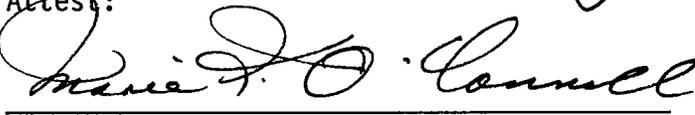

Cary Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney


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Attest:


Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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