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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5712

AN ORDINANCE amending the Bellevue City Code to allow emergency ordinances to take effect immediately upon a vote of a majority plus one of the whole membership of the City Council; amending Section 1.12.040 of the Bellevue City Code; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Code establishes effective dates for ordinances adopted by the Bellevue City Council based on the nature of the ordinance, including a five-day effective date for emergency ordinances; and

WHEREAS, state law provides for an immediate effective date for certain emergency ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain actions taken in the event of or in response to an emergency warrant an immediate effective date, as allowed by state law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 1.12.040 of the Bellevue Land Use Code is hereby amended as follows:

1.12.040 Ordinances not subject to initiative and referendum.

A. Ordinances of the city which shall not be subject to the powers of initiative and referendum and which shall become effective five days following their passage and legal publication are as follows:

1. Ordinances initiated by petition;
2. Ordinances providing for local improvement districts;
3. Ordinances appropriating money;
4. Ordinances providing for or approving collective bargaining;
5. Ordinances providing for the compensation of or working conditions of city employees;
6. Ordinances authorizing or repealing the levy of taxes;
7. Ordinances which are not defined as general ordinances; and
8. Any ordinance exempted now or hereafter by state law from initiative and referendum processes.

B. Ordinances of the city which shall not be subject to the powers of initiative and referendum and which shall become effective immediately upon their passage are as follows:

1. Emergency Ordinances. An ordinance passed by a majority plus one of the whole membership of the council, designated therein as a public emergency

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ordinance necessary for the protection of public health, public safety, public property or the public peace.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 2nd day of January, 2007 and signed in authentication of its passage this 2nd day of January, 2007.

(SEAL)

Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Lori M. Riordan, City Attorney

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Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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