

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5911

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Bellevue, Washington, defining criminal conduct, and adding a new section to Chapter 10.06 of the Bellevue Code.

WHEREAS, in 2005, the City adopted Ordinance No. 5622 to replace the prior criminal code with a simplified criminal code incorporating Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") criminal code sections by reference rather than restating them as local code sections; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No 5622 was intended to repeal only city codes that mirrored the state RCW sections but it repealed a unique City Code protecting children; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bellevue recognizes the need to protect children from being left in vehicles in public places in furtherance of its goals in creating a safe environment for its citizenry; now, therefore,

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

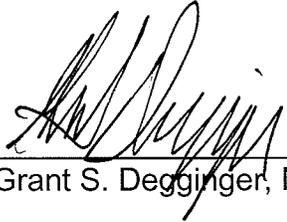
Section 1. The Bellevue Municipal code shall be amended to add a section to Chapter 10.06 Miscellaneous Offenses to read as follows:

10.06.100 Leaving child unattended in vehicle. It is unlawful for any person, while in charge of a vehicle, to park or willfully allow such vehicle to stand upon a public highway or in a public place leaving a child under the age of eight years unattended therein; except where another responsible person over twelve years of age has immediate control over such children and is physically present in the vehicle.

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 19th day of October, 2009
and signed in authentication of its passage this 19th day of October,
2009.

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Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

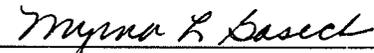
Approved as to form:

Lori M. Jordan, City Attorney



Siona D. Windsor, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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