

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-39

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIMITED PROGRAM OFFERING 2 HOURS OF FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN, FROM THE HOURS OF 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM, FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

WHEREAS, Bellingham Municipal Code ("BMC") Chapter 2.02 created a Downtown Parking Commission to act as the City's operating and policy advisory board regarding parking in downtown Bellingham; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with BMC 2.02.055 the Parking Commission is authorized and empowered to set policy regarding on-street parking, including setting parking rates; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Pike and the Parking Commission believes that a temporary suspension of parking fees downtown may provide downtown retailers some support in dealing with the effects of an unstable economy as more customers may be encouraged to drive downtown for lunch; and

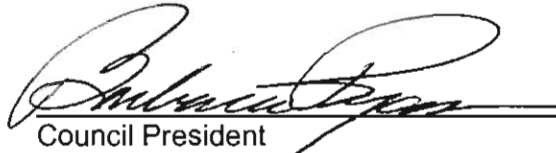
WHEREAS, area business-owners and employees may be tempted to abuse the program, effectively eliminating any benefit the City hopes to provide, time limits will be enforced and the cost of 8-hour meters shall be reduced to \$.25 per hour to offer low-cost parking alternatives in low demand areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The cost to park in paid parking spaces downtown shall be temporarily suspended from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, from November 15, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Parking time limits shall be enforced and the cost of 8-hour metered parking shall be reduced to \$.25 per hour.

This resolution shall be effective on November 15, 2008.


PASSED by the Council this 10th day of Nov., 2008.


Council President

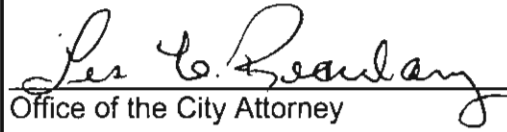
APPROVED by me this 14 day of NOV., 2008.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Office of the City Attorney