

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06-013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had unprecedented economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” order closing all non-essential businesses in Washington State and subsequently extended the order through May 31; and

WHEREAS, nearly 40 percent of the City’s general fund revenues are directly tied to economic activity through sales tax and business and occupation tax; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department forecasts both sales tax and business and occupation tax to fall short of revenue targets by 10-15 percent; and

WHEREAS, many other minor revenue sources will also be impacted; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the continued financial stability of the general fund, budget reductions are needed.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

The 2019-2020 Biennial Budget is hereby amended to reduce appropriations of departments within the General Fund by \$2,179,000, as shown below:

General Fund	2020	Adjustment	NEW 2020
	Revised Budget		Revised Budget
Non-Departmental	1,737,519	-	1,737,519
Mayor	1,301,263	(80,000)	1,221,263
City Council	707,616	(39,000)	668,616
Hearing Examiner	151,795	-	151,795
Museum	1,587,615	(214,000)	1,373,615
Library	6,068,487	(202,000)	5,866,487
Finance Department	2,659,242	(185,000)	2,474,242
Human Resources	1,960,066	(50,000)	1,910,066
Information Technology Services	4,094,712	(280,000)	3,814,712
Legal	2,330,530	(211,000)	2,119,530
Municipal Court	2,750,661	(110,000)	2,640,661
Parks and Recreation	10,261,402	(500,000)	9,761,402
Planning	6,569,428	(142,000)	6,427,428
Fire	21,319,026	-	21,319,026
Police	30,893,085	(166,000)	30,727,085
General Fund Total	94,392,447	(2,179,000)	92,213,447

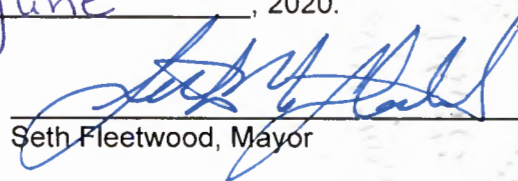
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PASSED by the Council this 8th day of June, 2020.



Gene Knutson, Council President

APPROVED by me this 18 day of June, 2020.



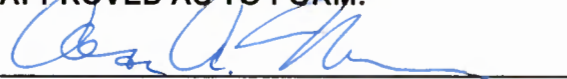
Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andy Asbjornson, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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