

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1841

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 11 of the Bellevue City Code (Traffic Code) in regard to penalties; adding a new section, 11.20.015; amending Section 11.20.010, 11.20.060, 11.48.130, 11.48.160, and 11.82.001 of the Bellevue City Code.

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

Section 1. Section 11.20.010 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

11.20.010 Penalty for violations. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this title shall be punished by a civil penalty or fine of not more than \$250.

Section 2. A new section, Section 11.20.015, is hereby added to Chapter 11.20 of the Bellevue City Code to provide as follows:

11.20.015 Costs of prosecution. A person convicted of a violation of any section of this Title 11 must pay the costs of prosecution in addition to any fine imposed. The court may, in its discretion, treat as a civil contempt any intentional failure to comply with a court order in respect to payment of a fine, or payment of costs of prosecution, or both.

Section 3. Section 11.20.060 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

11.20.060 When complaint to be issued - failure to respond to notice - misdemeanor. In the event any person fails to comply with a notice given to such person or attached to a vehicle or fails to make appearance pursuant to a summons directing an appearance in the traffic Violations Bureau, or if any person fails or refuses to deposit bail as required and within the time permitted by ordinance, the traffic Violations Bureau shall forthwith have a complaint entered against such person and secure and issue a warrant for his arrest. A failure to respond to a notice to appear before the court or to appear in or to contact the Violations Bureau is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 90 days, or both.

Section 4. Section 11.48.130 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

11.48.130 Reckless driving. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner over and along the streets of this city or ways open to the public. For the purpose of this section, the term to "operate in a reckless manner" means the operation of a vehicle upon the streets of this city or ways open to the public in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. The offense of operating a vehicle in a reckless manner is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 90 days, or both.

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Section 5. Section 11.48.160 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

11.48.160 Negligent driving. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a negligent manner over and along the streets of this city or ways open to the public. For the purpose of this section the term to "operate in a negligent manner" means the operation of a vehicle in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

The offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner shall be considered to be a lesser offense than, but included in, the offense of operating a vehicle in a reckless manner, and any person charged with operating a vehicle in a reckless manner may be convicted of the lesser offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner. The offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 90 days, or both.

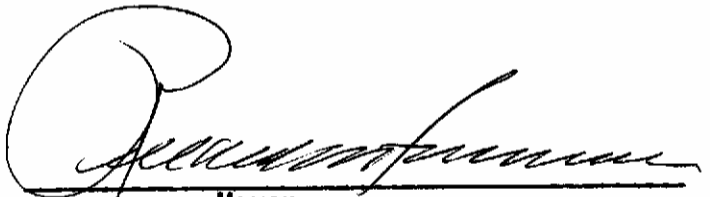
Section 6. Section 11.82.001 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

11.82.001 Statutes adopted by reference designated. The sections of the Revised Code of Washington, as now enacted or as hereafter amended, which are set forth in Sections 11.82.004, 11.82.012, 11.82.016, 11.82.020, 11.82.037, 11.82.044, 11.82.052, 11.82.061, and 11.82.160 of this Chapter 11.82 are hereby adopted by this reference.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 25 day of September, 1972, and signed in authentication of its passage this 25 day of September, 1972.

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Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Clerk

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