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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3256

AN ORDINANCE designating the Fire Department as the hazardous materials incident command agency for the City of Bellevue; authorizing the Fire Department to enter into mutual assistance agreements with persons having equipment, personnel and expertise in the handling of hazardous materials incidents; providing for limitations on liability of persons rendering emergency care, assistance or advice with respect to a hazardous materials incident.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue is required by RCW 70.136.030 to designate a hazardous materials incident command agency; and

WHEREAS, such hazardous materials incident command agencies are authorized and encouraged, prior to hazardous materials incidents, to enter into written hazardous materials emergency assistance agreements with persons whose knowledge or expertise is deemed potentially useful; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. A new Chapter 3.96 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code:

CHAPTER 3.96
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT COMMAND AGENCY

3.96.010 Agency designated. Pursuant to RCW 70.136.030, the City of Bellevue Fire Department is designated as the hazardous materials incident command agency within the boundaries of the City of Bellevue. The fire chief shall be the director of the agency.

3.96.020 Emergency Assistance Agreements Authorized. The agency by and through its director is authorized to enter into written hazardous materials emergency assistance agreements with any person, as defined in RCW 70.136.020(3), whose knowledge or expertise is deemed potentially useful to the agency.

3.96.030 Verbal Emergency Assistance Agreements. The agency is authorized to enter into verbal hazardous materials emergency assistance agreements at the scene of an incident where execution of a written