CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4991

AN ORDINANCE regarding the Special Events Code; and amending Section 1 of Ordinance 4622, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4655, and as amended by Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Ordinance 4714; and Sections 14.50.070 and .040 of the Bellevue City Code.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4622, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4655, and Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 4714, and Bellevue City Code 14.50.070 are amended to read as follows:

14.50.070 Special Events Committee - Membership.

There is created hereby a Special Events Committee - To carry out the provisions of this Code. In order to assure working representation from all appropriate segments of the community and to provide effective deliberation and stakeholder approval of all impacting events, the Special Events Committee shall consist of the following members:

- A. One representative each from the Police, Fire, Parks, and Transportation Departments.
- B. A representative from METRO Transit.
- C. A representative from East King County Convention & Visitors' Bureau.
- D. Three business representatives appointed by the City Council, one to represent the area west of I-405 and north of I-90, one to represent the area east of I-405 and north of I-90, and one to represent the area south of I-90.
- E. Four neighborhood representatives appointed by the City Council, two to represent the area west of I-405 and north of I-90, one to represent the area east of I-405 and north of I-90, and one to represent the area south of I-90.
- F. Two event promoter representatives appointed by the City Council, one to represent volunteer promoters and one to represent paid promoters.
- G. The Chair of the committee shall be from the lead department. The Chair shall provide for maintaining committee records, arranging meeting times and places and issuing permits on behalf of the Committee.

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Section 2. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4622 as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 4655 and Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Ordinance No. 4714, and Section 14.50.040 of the Bellevue City Code are amended as follows:

14.50.040 Policy

It is the policy of the city, as implemented through this code and any procedures adopted hereunder, to recognize the substantial community benefits that result from special events. These events provide cultural enrichment, promote economic vitality, and enhance community identity and pride. They also may provide opportunities for family activities and funding for our community's nonprofit agencies. Partnerships between the city, event sponsors and the community are valuable in ensuring successful events. Therefore, the city will strive to accommodate special events. The city recognizes that events can be difficult to implement successfully and that the city requirements may represent a significant portion of an event's costs. When setting fees and conditions for events, the city will be sensitive to their impacts on the event's costs while balancing the city's obligation to protect public health and safety. It is the city's goal to have successful special events that enrich and enliven the community.

It is the polity of the City that events be staged in various areas in Bellevue: (Downtown, Eastgate, Crossroads, Wilburton Hill, Newport Hills, and Factoria) when feasible, thus encouraging the participation by a greater number of Bellevue citizens. The City also recognizes that certain events are site-specific; therefore flexibility is important when determining event locations.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this / Affday of signed in authentication of its passage this 2/54 day of May of May