

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING A SECTION TO BGMC 2.30
AUTHORIZING THE BATTLE GROUND POLICE DEPARTMENT
TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
WITHIN THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND**

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground Police Department is engaged in a process of law enforcement accreditation through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Enforcement Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, a questionnaire within the accreditation process asks about whether there is a local ordinance providing for statutory authorization to the agency for the law enforcement agency to perform law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, State law under the Washington State Revised Code of Washington authorizes law enforcement agencies of every kind and nature within the State of Washington to provide law enforcement services but no authorization is specifically found within the Battle Ground Municipal Code; and

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Battle Ground as follows:

1. There is added to Chapter 2.30 of the Battle Ground Municipal Code the following subsection:


“2.30.040 Police Department. The police department of the City of Battle Ground shall be the law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction. It’s primary function shall be the detection and apprehension of persons committing infractions or violating traffic or criminals laws duly enacted by the City, State and Federal Governments. The Department shall enforce parking, animal control and nuisances laws and perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated to it by the City Manager or the City Council consistent with RCW 35A.13.090.”

2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective 30 days after approval and shall be published according to law.


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ADOPTED AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.


CITY OF BATTLE GROUND

By: 
Michael J. Ciraulo, Mayor

Attested to by:


Claire Liden, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Brian H. Wolfe, City Attorney

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