

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET, INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF SUCH INCREASE**

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham has an emergency childcare shortage due to the loss of childcare facilities which previously provided fifteen percent (15%) of the childcare slots in Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids' World currently provides 532 licensed childcare slots, sixty-one percent (61%) of which are filled by children reliant on a full or partial state subsidy; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids' World intends to cease operations on December 31, 2019 because it has determined its business model is no longer sustainable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County board of directors has directed staff to pursue an agreement with Kids' World to take over operations and preserve the 532 childcare slots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boys and Girls Club has requested community support for near-term operational start-up costs to ensure the childcare slots are retained; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Bellingham staff recommend a \$100,000 grant to preserve subsidized childcare in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of these grant funds supports low-income families, is a recognized governmental function regarding child welfare and economic development and is made for consideration of the provision of services to these families; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this purpose was not included in the 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES FIND AND ORDAIN:**

**Section 1.** City Council does hereby adopt the above recitals as findings of the City Council.

**Section 2.** The 2019-2020 Biennial Budget is hereby amended to increase appropriation authority in the Planning and Community Development Department in the General Fund by an additional \$100,000.

**PASSED** by the Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Council President

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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