

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City in an amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for the resolution or settlement of such claims.

**WHEREAS**, each year the City of Bainbridge Island receives a number of damage claims and is subject to a number of lawsuits; and

**WHEREAS**, dependent upon a number of factors (i.e., facts and circumstances, potential liability exposure, and costs and resources associated with defending the respective claim), some of these claims and/or lawsuits are appropriate for settlement discussions and resolution short of litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with RCW 35A.11.010 (which provides in part that the City may "by and through its legislative body" enter into contracts), settlement agreements are considered and approved by City Council in open public session; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35A.12.100 provides that the Mayor shall have general supervision of the administration of City government and all City interests; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to streamline this process with regard to smaller damage claims/lawsuits, it is recommended and respectfully requested that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents relating to resolution or settlement of claims against or by the City in an amount of \$50,000 or less; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents relating to resolution or settlement of claims against or by the City in an amount of \$50,000 or less; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND:**

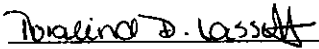
The City Council authorizes the Mayor to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Bainbridge Island in an amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all necessary documents, including settlement agreements relating to such claims, and to authorize and approve the issuance of warrants pursuant to the resolution of such claims. Claims settled by the Mayor under this authority would be noted in the confidential quarterly litigation reports provided to the City Council by the City Attorney.

**PASSED** by the City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

  
Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

  
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Rosalind D. Lassoff, CMC  
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:  
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January 16, 2007  
March 14, 2007  
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