AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 22.15.050(5) OF
THE SAMMAMISH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR VEHICLE
IMPOUNDMENTS

WHEREAS, Section 22.15.050(5) of the Sammamish Municipal Code authorizes the police
chief to release an impounded vehicle upon a showing of economic or personal hardship, or equity,
and return administrative fees upon redemption of the impounded vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the police department recommends amending the Sammamish Municipal
Code to authorize retaining such administrative fees in order to compensate the department for the
administrative time necessary to process impounded vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of SMC. Section 22.15.050(5) of the Sammamish Municipal Code
is hereby amended as follows:

(5) The Sammamish police chief, or designee, is authorized to release a vehicle
implied pursuant to this chapter prior to the expiration of any period of impoundment
upon the petition of the registered owner of the vehicle based upon economic or personal
hardship or equity, provided the registered owner was not the operator of the vehicle at
the time of the impound. If such release is authorized, the registered owner must satisfy
the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, with the exception of the
administrative fee, in order to redeem the vehicle.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of
the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON
THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2006.
CITY OF SAMMAMISH

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