

RESOLUTION NO. 995

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO ENROLL IN
A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN CURRENTLY OFFERED
TO QUALIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden is a participating city and member of the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust ("Trust"); and

WHEREAS, qualifying City employees have access to the Trust medical health insurance plans offered by the City; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Trust, the City currently offers two major medical and prescription insurance plans to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently provide health insurance coverage to the Mayor or Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Trust's Board of Trustees elected official participation policy, the City may provide health insurance benefits currently being offered by the City to the Mayor if authorized by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Trust's Board of Trustees elected official participation policy, the City may provide health insurance benefits currently being offered by the City to the Councilmembers if 50% of all elected officials enrolls in such a health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide elected officials the option to enroll in the City's health insurance plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 41.04.190, medical aid for elected officials is not additional compensation and further, the Mayor and Councilmembers will pay the cost to participate in one of the City's offered medical health plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lynden as follows:

Section 1: The Mayor is authorized to enroll in a Trust medical and prescription insurance health plan currently offered by the City of Lynden to its qualified employees at the Mayor's sole expense.

Section 2: City Councilmembers may enroll in, at their sole expense, a Trust medical and prescription insurance health plan currently being offered by the City to its qualified employees so long as the Trust's Board of Trustees elected official participation policy and carrier specific underwriting rules are satisfied.

Section 3: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Section 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original Resolution or Resolutions shall be in full force and effect.

Section 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on the date set forth below.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, 6 IN FAVOR 0 AGAINST AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 4 DAY OF March, 2019.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY