

## RESOLUTION R-4904

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths, abuse of prescription pain killers and abuse of pharmaceuticals by young people is a growing problem and unwanted pharmaceuticals left in the home contribute to opportunities for drug abuse, drug diversion and accidental poisonings; and

WHEREAS, most pharmaceuticals, when discarded, designate as dangerous waste under the Washington State Dangerous Waste regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC); or hazardous waste under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 USC 6901), or both; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceuticals disposed of by flushing into sewers are not completely treated or removed by sewage treatment facilities, or onsite sewage systems allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceuticals disposed of in the trash are not secure from diversion or may eventually end up in landfill leachate which may be sent to sewage treatment facilities, eventually allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceuticals present in the aquatic environment pose risks to the health and reproductive capabilities of Chinook salmon, Orca whales and other species listed as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency recommend the use of pharmaceutical take-back programs where available as a safer disposal method than throwing pharmaceuticals in the trash;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. We encourage the establishment and use of pharmaceutical take-back programs that destroy collected drugs at appropriately permitted facilities as the most safe, secure, convenient and environmentally sound method for the disposal of unused, unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals from households; and

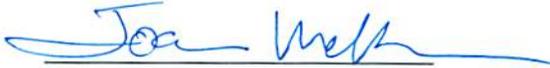
Section 2. Pharmaceuticals should not be disposed of in any sewage treatment facility, as these systems are not designed to treat or remove these complex chemicals, which can be released into the environment.

Section 3. Pharmaceuticals should not be disposed of in municipal solid waste at the curbside or at any transfer station or landfill, because they may end of in landfill leachate, which is often conveyed to sewage treatment facilities, eventually allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment.

Section 4. At such time an adequate, convenient and secure pharmaceutical take-back system is available to residents, local actions will be explored to prohibit the disposal of waste pharmaceuticals to sewage and solid waste systems.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting the 12th day of December, 2011.

Signed in authentication thereof this 12th day of December, 2011.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk