RESOLUTION R-4986

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING THE 2013 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, Kirkland's urban forest is a valuable natural resource that affects the air and water where we live and the desirability of our neighborhoods and downtown; and

WHEREAS, urban forests require sound and deliberate management to ensure that trees function well in their intended landscape, provide optimal benefits to the community, and remain reasonably safe for property and people; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan supports the Comprehensive Plan goal for managing the natural environment and the City Council operational values of efficiency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, City staff have worked with the Park Board and with many citizens to develop the 2013 Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan as a foundation for cohesive, efficient, and sustainable urban forestry management in Kirkland.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to adopt the 2013 Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan to guide the future City practices, programs, projects, comprehensive plan elements and development regulations relating to urban forestry management.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The City of Kirkland 2013 Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan is hereby adopted.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 2nd day of July, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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Attest:

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