

ORDINANCE O-4453

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO LAND USE AND ZONING, AMENDING ORDINANCE O-4447 TO EXTEND THE INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE RETAIL SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, ENACTED BY ORDINANCE O-4447, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND APPROVING A PUBLICATION SUMMARY.

WHEREAS, Initiative 502 (I-502) approved by Washington voters in November 2012, provides a framework for licensing and regulating the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Liquor Control Board has adopted rules pertaining to the licensing of marijuana producers, processors, and retailers, has accepted applications, and has issued licenses for some of these marijuana businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State Liquor Control Board has determined that two state licenses for the retail sale of recreational marijuana may be issued for the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2014, the Washington State Attorney General issued a formal opinion which concluded that I-502 does not prevent local governments from regulating or banning marijuana businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has continued to review how to reconcile the needs of the residents and businesses of Kirkland with respect to the retail sale of recreational marijuana, with I-502, and the rules promulgated by the Washington State Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that health, safety, and welfare of the community is best served by imposing interim zoning regulations, with reasonable limitations, to avoid locating recreational marijuana retail outlets next to incompatible uses, while permanent Zoning Code amendments are considered; and

WHEREAS, following public hearing, the City Council adopted Ordinance O-4439 on March 18, 2014, enacting interim zoning regulations regarding the retail sale of recreation marijuana, which ordinance was subsequently amended by Ordinances O-4446 and O-4447; and

WHEREAS, the interim zoning regulations will expire on September 29, 2014, unless the interim regulations are extended; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2014, a State Environmental Policy Act addendum was issued for the interim zoning regulations extended by this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a hearing on September 16, 2014, providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the interim zoning regulations relating to the retail sale of recreational marijuana prior to the adoption of an extension; and

WHEREAS, the City staff and Planning Commission continue to follow the activities of the State Liquor Control Board and challenges brought concerning the legality of marijuana regulations enacted by other Washington cities; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that additional review related to the licensing, siting, and taxation of recreational marijuana may be forthcoming during the next session of the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the State Liquor Control Board, State Legislature, and courts will inform the recommendations of the City staff and Planning Commission prior to the City Council consideration of any permanent zoning regulations being adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to enact interim zoning regulations under RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as findings of fact in support of the interim regulations extended by this Ordinance. The City Council further finds as follows:

- a. The City Council wishes to exercise its police power authority granted under article XI, section 11 of the Washington Constitution to promote public safety, health, and welfare, but expressly disclaims any intent to exercise authority over marijuana uses in way that would conflict with the federal Controlled Substances Act; and
- b. It is the intent of these interim zoning regulations to ensure that marijuana retail outlets are not located where the use could cause inappropriate off-site impacts; and
- c. The Kirkland School Walk Routes have been identified based on considerations of existing traffic patterns and providing the greatest separation between walking children and traffic; and
- d. The Market Street Corridor (MSC) MSC 1 and MSC 2 zones each abut or contain segments of Kirkland School Walk Routes developed with crosswalks and flashing beacons to encourage use by walking children; and
- e. The potential for vehicular and pedestrian traffic impacts on Kirkland School Walk Routes as a result of proximity to marijuana retail outlets in Washington State is, as yet, unknown; and

- f. Allowing recreational marijuana uses in Light Industrial Technology (LIT) zones primarily adjoining commercial zones lessens the potential for traffic conflicts with residential neighborhoods; and
- g. The public safety risks associated with retail marijuana outlets in Washington State are, as yet, unknown; and
- h. These interim zoning regulations are designed to avoid potential adverse consequences and provide the opportunity to gather data and study, draft, and adopt permanent regulations; and
- i. The City Council desires to create regulations that address the particular needs of the residents and businesses of Kirkland and coordinate with I-502 and the rules promulgated by the Washington State Liquor Control Board regarding recreational marijuana; and
- j. Under these interim regulations there remain other potential sites within the City where the zoning would permit retail marijuana outlets and the properties appear to be located more than 1,000 feet from elementary or secondary schools, playgrounds, recreation centers or facilities, child care centers, public parks, public transit centers, libraries, or any game arcades (where admission is not restricted to persons age 21 or older), the minimum criteria of the State Liquor Control Board; and
- k. The City Council has also determined that City staff shall draft permanent Zoning Code amendments for referral to the Planning Commission for review, public hearing, and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Section 2. Amendment. The duration of the interim zoning regulations set forth in Section 3 of Ordinance O-4447, and this Ordinance, is extended for an additional six-month period as stated in Section 5 below.

Section 3. Interim Zoning Regulations.

- a. Except as prohibited in subsections (b) and (c) below, marijuana retail outlets licensed by the Washington State Liquor Control Board and fully conforming to state law may locate in the following use zones:
 - 1. Use zones where Retail Establishments are allowed;
 - 2. Light Industrial Technology (LIT) zones determined by the City as having at least 50 percent of the boundaries of such zone adjoining commercial zones; and
 - 3. Totem Lake (TL) TL 7 and TL 9 zones.
- b. No marijuana retail outlet may locate in the Market Street Corridor (MSC) MSC 1 and MSC 2 zones.
- c. Marijuana retail outlets shall not locate on any subject property abutting a street segment or public right-of-way segment that includes a Kirkland School Walk Route as shown on Exhibit 1.

d. These interim zoning regulations shall be enforced using the procedures and penalties for violations of the Zoning Code established under Kirkland Municipal Code Chapter 1.12, "Code Enforcement."

Section 4. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

a. "Marijuana" means all parts of the plant Cannabis, whether growing or not, with a THC concentration greater than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. The term does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination.

b. "Marijuana-infused products" means products that contain marijuana or marijuana extracts and are intended for human use. The term "marijuana-infused products" does not include useable marijuana.

c. "Marijuana retailer" means a person licensed by the State Liquor Control Board to sell useable marijuana and marijuana-infused products in a retail outlet.

d. "Retail outlet" means a location licensed by the State Liquor Control Board for the retail sale of useable marijuana and marijuana-infused products.

e. "Kirkland school walk routes" means the school walk routes adopted by the City Council based upon the walk routes identified by the Lake Washington School District within a one-mile radius of all public elementary schools in the City.

f. "Useable marijuana" means dried marijuana flowers. The term "useable marijuana" does not include marijuana-infused products.

Section 5. Duration. The duration of the interim zoning regulations adopted by Ordinance O-4447 shall be extended for a period of six months from the effective date of this Ordinance and shall automatically expire on that date unless extended as provided in RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, or unless terminated sooner by the Kirkland City Council.

Section 6. Work Plan. The City staff is directed to draft permanent Zoning Code amendments. The proposed amendments shall be referred to the Kirkland Planning Commission for review, public hearing, and recommendation for inclusion in the Kirkland Zoning Code.

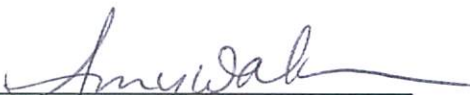
Section 7. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance be held invalid, the

remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect five days after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication pursuant to Section 1.08.017, Kirkland Municipal Code in the summary form attached to this Ordinance and by this reference approved by the City Council.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 16th day of September, 2014.


Signed in authentication thereof this 16th day of September, 2014.


MAYOR

Attest:

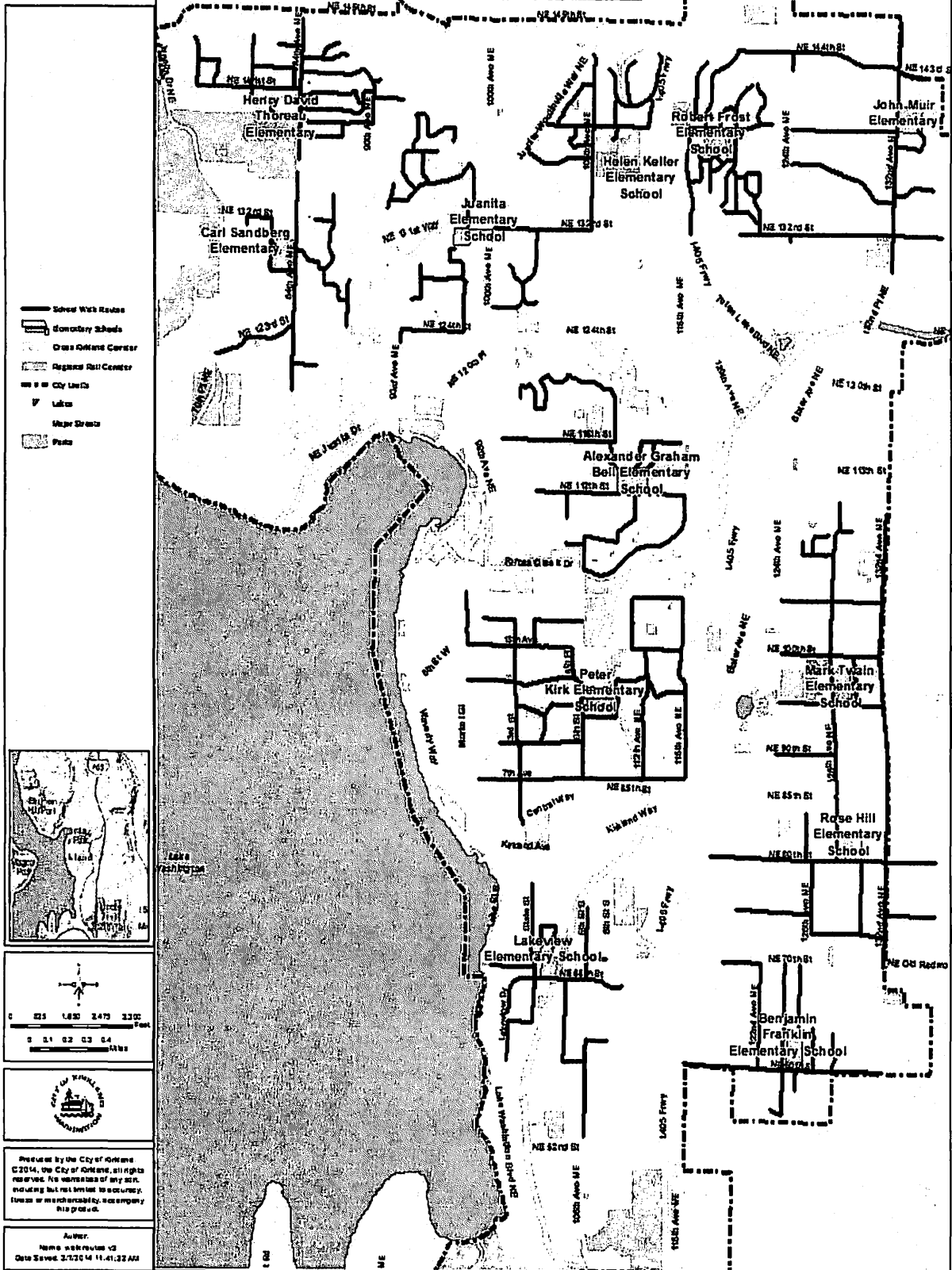

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


City Attorney

Publication date: September 22, 2014

Kirkland School Walk Routes - March 18, 2014



PUBLICATION SUMMARY
OF ORDINANCE O-4453

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SECTION 1. Adopts findings for the interim regulations.

SECTION 2. Amends Ordinance 4447 to extend duration of interim regulations by six months.

SECTION 3. Sets forth interim zoning regulations.

SECTION 4. Defines terms used in the ordinance.

SECTION 5. Sets forth the duration of the ordinance.

SECTION 6. Sets forth the work plan.

SECTION 7. Provides a severability clause for the ordinance.

SECTION 8. Authorizes publication of the ordinance by summary, which summary is approved by the City Council pursuant to Section 1.08.017 Kirkland Municipal Code and establishes the effective date as five days after publication of summary.

The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person upon request made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland. The ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City Council at its meeting on the 16th day of September, 2014.

I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance O-4453 approved by the Kirkland City Council for summary publication.



City Clerk