## **RESOLUTION R-5148**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DECLARING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND STALLS TO BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES RATHER THAN FOR USE AS PARKING SPACES AND TO ALLOW ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEES AND BUSINESS OWNERS, TO CHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES AT CHARGING STATIONS OWNED BY THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.

WHEREAS, the City Council has, in Policy G-11 of the Public Works Pre-Approved Plans, identified parking reserved for employees working in downtown Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, Chapter V of the City of Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan includes Goal NE-5 to improve air quality and reduce Kirkland's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, to further the City's goal of improving air quality and reducing emissions by encouraging the use of electric vehicles, the City installed, owns, and operates electric vehicle charging stations at various locations in the City's downtown area for use by the general public; and

WHEREAS, most of the current inventory of City-owned charging stations are located in areas where downtown employee parking is prohibited under Policy G-11; and

WHEREAS, only electric vehicles may use the stalls with charging stations and the City-owned charging stations are currently underutilized; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to increase charging station utilization and resolve this policy conflict by determining that electric vehicle charging stations and stalls are for the purpose of charging electric vehicles, and are not public parking spaces.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized to designate city-owned parking stalls with electric vehicle charging stations as Public Vehicle Charging Stations rather than parking spaces.

<u>Section 2</u>. All members of the public, including downtown employees and business owners, may use these charging stations while the vehicles are connected to the station and actively charging, subject to the parking time limit placed on all other stalls at the parking lots or facilities that contain the charging stations.

<u>Section 3</u>. Anytime the parking stalls surrounding an electric vehicle charging station are subject to a fee for parking, members of

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the public, including downtown employees and business owners, using such charging stations to connect vehicles to the station and actively charge vehicles, shall pay the parking fee placed on all other stalls at the parking lot.

Section 4. By December 31, 2016, City staff will prepare an assessment and the City Council will evaluate the utilization of the charging stations, the effectiveness of the policy and whether changes to the policy are needed.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of September, 2015.

Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of September, 2015.

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Attest: