

ORDINANCE O-4562

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COSTS OF PROSECUTION UPON CONVICTION OF A CRIME.

1 WHEREAS, as part of a legal review of the Kirkland Municipal
2 Code ("KMC") by Code Publishing Company it was noted that the federal
3 Department of Justice ("DOJ") has warned against practices that raise
4 revenues without supporting justice; and
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6 WHEREAS, one practice of concern to DOJ has been the
7 imprisonment of individuals convicted of crimes simply on the basis of
8 their having failed to pay fines and costs levied by a court; and
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10 WHEREAS, KMC Section 1.04.030 provides for the imprisonment
11 of individuals who have failed to pay the costs of their prosecution; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Judge, Chief of Police and
14 Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Kirkland all support the repeal of
15 KMC Section 1.04.030.
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do
18 ordain as follows:
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20 Section 1. Kirkland Municipal Code Section 1.04.030 is repealed.
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22 Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days
23 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication,
24 as required by law.
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26 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
27 meeting this 7th day of March, 2017.
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29 Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of March, 2017.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk

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Approved as to Form:


City Attorney