

ORDINANCE O-4595

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT.

1 WHEREAS, Kirkland Municipal Code ("KMC") Chapter 14.24
2 relates to the Operation of Watercraft in the waters of Lake Washington
3 within the jurisdiction of the City of Kirkland ("City"); and
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5 WHEREAS, as part of a review of the KMC by Councilmember
6 Toby Nixon it was recommended that KMC Section 14.24.130 be
7 amended because it currently states that emergency vessels and
8 watercraft will display flashing red lights which has now been changed
9 to flashing blue lights for law enforcement watercraft; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Fire Department still utilizes red lights for its
12 emergency response watercraft; and
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14 WHEREAS, the title of the rules book governing navigation on
15 lakes has been changed to the USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations
16 Handbook for Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).
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18 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do
19 ordain as follows:
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21 Section 1. Kirkland Municipal Code Section 14.24.090 is
22 amended to read as follows:
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24 **14.24.090 Rules of the road.**

25 Except as herein otherwise specified, vessels or watercraft shall be
26 subject to the US Coast Guard Navigation Rules and Regulations
27 Handbook for Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83) ~~—"Rules to Prevent~~
28 ~~Collisions of Vessels and Pilot Rules for Certain Inland Waters of the~~
29 ~~Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and of the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico" (C.F.~~
30 ~~236479)~~, promulgated by the United States Coast Guard, pursuant to
31 the act of Congress, as such rules are now or may hereafter from time
32 to time be adopted.
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34 Section 2. Kirkland Municipal Code Section 14.24.130 is
35 amended to read as follows:
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37 **14.24.130 Yielding right-of-way to authorized emergency**
38 **vessels and watercraft.**

39 It shall be the duty of the master, owner or operator of a vessel or
40 watercraft to reduce speed and if necessary stop his or her vessel or
41 watercraft and at the same time yielding right-of-way as herein
42 otherwise specified upon the approach of an authorized emergency
43 vessel or watercraft displaying a red light for fire department watercraft
44 or a blue light for law enforcement watercraft and sounding a siren and
45 while actually responding to an emergency or in immediate pursuit of

46 any actual or suspected violator of the law, ~~within the purpose for which~~
47 ~~such emergency vessel or watercraft has been authorized.~~

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49 Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to
50 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the
51 ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or
52 circumstances is not affected.

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54 Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days
55 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication,
56 as required by law.

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58 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
59 meeting this 5th day of September, 2017.

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61 Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of September,
62 2017.



Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

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Approved as to Form:



Stephanie E. Croll, Senior Assistant City Attorney