

RESOLUTION R-5338

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1631, CONCERNS POLLUTION.

1 WHEREAS, in 2007, the City Council adopted strong greenhouse
2 gas ("CO2") emission reduction targets for the City of Kirkland ("City")
3 and community to help bring total CO2 emissions in Kirkland to 80
4 percent below 2005 levels by 2050; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 2009, the City Council adopted the Climate
7 Protection Action Plan through Resolution R-4760 to help achieve
8 greenhouse gas reduction targets by reporting annual greenhouse gas
9 inventories to the City to allow quicker revisions and corrections to
10 better help meet targets; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2014, the City joined the King County-Cities
12 Climate Collaboration ("K4C") to work alongside other cities through
13 joint funding, outreach and coordination to find innovative solutions to
14 climate challenges in our region; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2015, the City Council adopted amendments to its
16 Comprehensive Plan which included elements of Goal E5 to target
17 carbon neutrality by 2050 to greatly reduce the impacts of climate
18 change; and

19 WHEREAS, the City and Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") have
20 worked jointly to encourage the development of renewable energy
21 projects that provide clean energy to utility customers at stable long-
22 term contracted rates, and that also support the local economy and
23 regional and national energy independence; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2017, the City Council entered into a voluntary,
25 long-term agreement with PSE through Resolution R-5256 to provide
26 nearly all of the City's electricity use through PSE's Green Direct
27 program, which allows participants to directly invest in a specific
28 renewable energy project while also locking into a stable and predictable
29 price for electricity for ten years, thereby helping remove City electricity
30 costs from a sometimes volatile and unpredictable energy market; and

31 WHEREAS, PSE estimates that the City's use of Green Direct
32 power will provide a reduction of 3,250,000 pounds of CO2 emissions
33 annually based on all eligible City uses, including those at City Hall, the
34 Kirkland Justice Center, the Maintenance Center, the community centers
35 and the Fire Stations; and

36 WHEREAS, some concerned Kirkland residents have urged the
37 City Council to hold a public hearing and to officially support I-1631;
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39 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure 1631 ("I-1631"), concerns
40 pollution, will be on the general election ballot on November 6, 2018;
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42 WHEREAS, I-1631 seeks to add a new chapter to Title 70 of the
43 Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"), Public Health and Safety; and

44 WHEREAS, I-1631 would impose a pollution fee on large emitters
45 of greenhouse gases; and

46 WHEREAS, I-1631 would set forth procedures for proposing and
47 approving the programs and projects that could be funded by money
48 generated from the new fee; and

49 WHEREAS, I-1631 would create a public oversight board to
50 implement the measure and approve funding for certain environmental
51 programs and projects; and

52 WHEREAS, as provided for by RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council
53 provided public notice of its intent to consider taking action at its
54 October 2, 2018 meeting to support or oppose I-1631, at which time
55 members of the public were given an opportunity to express their views
56 in connection with I-1631; and

57 WHEREAS, such hearing has now been held; and

58 WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to show its support to
59 I-1631.


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

62 Section 1. The City Council supports Initiative 1631, concerns
63 pollution.

64 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote yes on
65 Initiative 1631 and enact the measure into law.
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67 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
68 meeting this 2nd day of October, 2018.
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70 Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of October, 2018.



Amy Walen, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk