

ORDINANCE O-4814

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE O-4056 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

1           WHEREAS, under state law the salary for municipal court judges  
2 must be established by ordinance; and

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4           WHEREAS, the salary for the Kirkland Municipal Court Judge was  
5 last established by Ordinance O-4056 on September 5, 2006; and

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7           WHEREAS, since 2006, the salary for the Kirkland Municipal  
8 Court Judge has been set at 95 percent of the salary established for  
9 district court judges by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries  
10 for Elected Officials ("Commission"); and

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12           WHEREAS, other cities, such as Kent, whose municipal court  
13 salaries had been set at 95 percent of the salary established by the  
14 Commission for district court judges, have now acted to set that rate at  
15 100 percent in recognition that municipal court judges and district court  
16 judges provide similar services to their communities; and

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18           WHEREAS, other cities with municipal courts are actively  
19 considering matching municipal court judge salaries with district court  
20 judge salaries; and

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22           WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that municipal court  
23 judges and district court judges provide similar services to their  
24 communities and that setting the salary of the Kirkland Municipal Court  
25 Judge at 100 percent of the salary established by the Commission for  
26 district court judges is fair and equitable and will support the City of  
27 Kirkland's interests in recruiting and retaining qualified municipal court  
28 judges in Kirkland; and

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30           WHEREAS, the salary of district court judges set by the  
31 Commission is presently \$193,447.

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

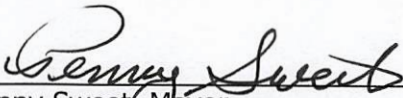
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36           Section 1. Commencing January 1, 2023, and thereafter on the  
37 first day of September of each successive year, the salary paid the  
38 Kirkland Municipal Court Judge shall be set and thereafter automatically  
39 adjusted to an amount equal to the salary established for district court  
40 judges by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected  
41 Officials.

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43           Section 2. Ordinance O-4056 is repealed effective January 1,  
44 2023.

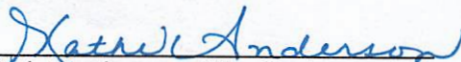
45            Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days  
46 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication,  
47 as required by law.

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49            Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
50 meeting this 04 day of October, 2022.

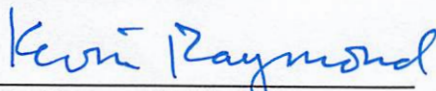
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52            Signed in authentication thereof this 04 day of October, 2022.

  
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Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Kevin Raymond, City Attorney

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