AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO AMENDING SECTION 11.80.040 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING POSTING SIGNS, POSTERS, AND NOTICES IN CITY OF KIRKLAND PARKS.

WHEREAS, in order to provide the Parks and Community Services Department additional authority to authorize the display of signs within City parks, including through a youth sports sponsorship program, the City Council desires to modify the City's restrictions on displaying signs in City parks.

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

Section 1. Section 11.80.040 of the Kirkland Municipal Code, and the corresponding portions of Ordinance O-4334 § 6 (2003), is amended to read as follows, with new text shown in underline and deleted text shown in strikethrough; all other portions remain unchanged:

11.80.40 Signs, posters and notices.

- (a) It is unlawful for any person, without prior written permission of the director or otherwise consistent with regulations established by the director consistent with this section, to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or cord to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any park; provided, that the director may permit the erection of temporary directional signs or decorations on occasions of public celebration and picnics.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person, without prior written permission of the director or otherwise consistent with regulations established by the director consistent with this section, to use, place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole, or device of any kind for advertising in any park, or to place or erect in any park a permanent or temporary structure of any kind; provided, that before granting any such permit, the director shall establish general rules and regulations pertaining hereto, including provisions pertaining to removal, protection of the city park department and its employees, protection of the interests of the general public, and of persons using said park.
- (c) Before granting any such permit or other permission under this subsection, the director shall establish general rules and regulations pertaining hereto, including provisions pertaining to removal, protection of the city park department and its employees, and protection of the interests of the general public. The director may generally authorize the erection of temporary directional signs or decorations on occasions of public celebration and picnics within the general rules and regulations

without requiring specific permit for such temporary directional signs or decorations. The director may authorize youth sports leagues, in partnership with the City, to engage in a field banner promotion program, where the league solicits community partnerships in order to keep registration fees affordable and offset the costs of equipment and uniforms and provides the community partner the opportunity to advertise its name on a banner displayed at a City field.

<u>Section 2</u>. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

<u>Section 3</u>. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication, as required by law.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 17 day of January, 2023.

Signed in authentication thereof this 17 day of January, 2023.

Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Darcey Eilers, Assistant City Attorney

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