ORDINANCE NO. 3633

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE RCW 9A.36.150 RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, adoption of the following ordinance enhances domestic violence laws in the City of Kirkland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. Section 11.36A.260 of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

11.36A.260 Interfering with the reporting of domestic violence.

RCW 9A.36.150 is adopted by reference as part of this code.

<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 effected.

<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 regular, open meeting this <u>19th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 1998.

Signed in authentication thereof this <u>19th</u>day of <u>May</u>, 1998.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy Only Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

RCW 9A.36.150 Interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. (1) A person commits the crime of interfering with the reporting of domestic violence if the person:

(a) Commits a crime of domestic violence, as defined in RCW 10.99.020; and

(b) Prevents or attempts to prevent the victim of or a witness to that **domestic violence** crime from calling a 911 emergency communication system, obtaining medical assistance, or making a report to any law enforcement official.

(2) Commission of a crime of **domestic violence** under subsection (1) of this section is a necessary element of the crime of interfering with the reporting of **domestic violence**.

(3) Interference with the reporting of domestic violence is a gross misdemeanor.