

ORDINANCE O-4858

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE O-4814.

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 City Council most recently established
5 compensation for the municipal court judge through Ordinance O-4814,
6 setting the salary at 100 percent of the salary of district court judges as
7 set by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected
8 Officials the Commission ("Commission"); and
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10 WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that municipal court
11 judges and district court judges provide similar services to their
12 communities and that setting the salary of the municipal court judge at
13 100 percent of the salary established by the Commission for district
14 court judges is fair and equitable and will support the City's interests in
15 recruiting and retaining qualified municipal court judges in Kirkland; and
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17 WHEREAS, the City Council desires that salary adjustments for
18 the municipal court judge correspond with the effective date of
19 adjustments to the annual salaries of district court judges made by the
20 Commission, requiring a new ordinance to be adopted to repeal and
21 replace Ordinance O-4814; and
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23 WHEREAS, the annual salary of district court judges set by the
24 Commission is presently \$206,988, effective as of July 1, 2023, and
25 effective July 1, 2024, it will be \$217,337.
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do
28 ordain as follows:
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30 Section 1. The salary paid the municipal court judge for the
31 Kirkland Municipal Court shall be automatically adjusted to an amount
32 equal to the salary established for district court judges by the
33 Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The
34 Kirkland municipal court judge salary adjustments required of this
35 section shall be effective on a date commensurate with the effective
36 date of adjustments to the salaries of district court judges made by the
37 Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials.
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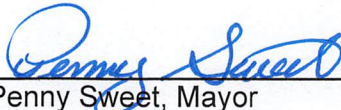
39 Section 2. Ordinance O-4814 (2022) is hereby repealed by this
40 ordinance but shall remain in force and effect until the effective date of
41 this ordinance.
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43 Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days
44 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication,
45 as required by law. Once this ordinance is effective, the salary
46 provisions shall apply retroactively to July 1, 2023. All other provisions,
47 if any, shall apply prospectively.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of September, 2023.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of September, 2023.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

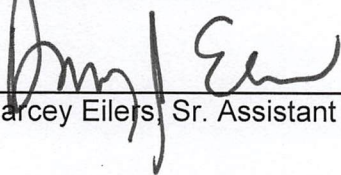
Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

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Approved as to Form:



Darcey Eilers, Sr. Assistant City Attorney