

ORDINANCE NO. 3849

AN Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Kirkland at an election to be held on November 5, 2002, of a proposition to authorize the City to impose tax levies in excess of the limit established in RCW 84.55.010, to provide funds for the purpose of operating, maintaining and improving Kirkland parks and recreation facilities in the aggregate amount of \$.10 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

WHEREAS, the best interests of the inhabitants of the City of Kirkland, Washington (the "City") require the City to maintain and improve park facilities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to address operating, maintenance and improvement concerns of the City's parks; and

WHEREAS, funds available to the City from the regular levy at the current rates during the upcoming years will be insufficient to meet such needs; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the costs of the operation, maintenance and improvements as found necessary by the City Council, it is deemed advisable that the City impose taxes within the limits permitted to cities; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters of a City to permit the levy of taxes in excess of the levy limitations established in RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth create an emergency which requires the holding of a special election in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the City require the City to operate, maintain and improve park facilities within the City.

SECTION 2. Upon approval of the voters of the Proposition specified in Section 4, the City shall be able to expend the approved funds to operate, maintain and improve park facilities within the City (the "Project").

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the City of the proposition whether the City shall levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations established in RCW 84.55.010 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on November 5, 2002. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the King County Records and Elections Division, as ex officio supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, is hereby requested to find the existence of such an emergency and to call and conduct such special election to be held within the City on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for an aggregate tax levy of \$.10 per thousand dollars of assessed value, which tax levy is estimated to produce the sum of \$670,000 per year. Upon approval of the voters of the Proposition hereinafter set forth, the City may use proceeds of such levy for such purposes, issue short-term obligation(s) as provided by RCW ch. 39.50.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the King County Records and Elections Division, as ex officio supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, in the following form:

CITY OF KIRKLAND
PROPOSITION NO. __

LEVY FOR PARK SAFETY, IMPROVEMENTS
AND MAINTENANCE

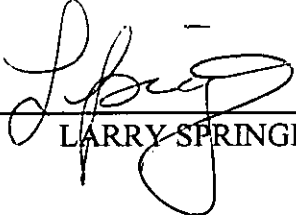
The City Council of the City of Kirkland passed Ordinance #3849 concerning a proposition for an increased levy for park purposes. This proposition authorizes the City of Kirkland to increase its regular property tax levy by \$.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value in excess of the limit set by RCW 84.55.010 for one or more years in order to collect \$670,000 for the purpose of operating, maintaining and improving Kirkland parks and recreation facilities. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO


PASSED THIS 2nd DAY OF JULY, 2002, by the City Council of the City of Kirkland,
and signed in approval therewith this 8th day of July, 2002

CITY OF KIRKLAND



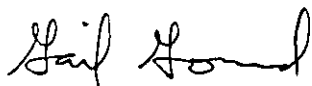
LARRY SPRINGER, Mayor

ATTEST:



JANICE PERRY, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gail Gorud, City Attorney

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