

ORDINANCE O-4880

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO COMBINED SCHOOL SPEED ZONES AND ENFORCEMENT PERIODS FOR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS IN SCHOOL SPEED ZONES.

1 WHEREAS, state law authorizes cities to create school or
2 playground speed zones where vehicles must travel no more than
3 twenty miles per hour; and
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5 WHEREAS, Kirkland has established school speed zones
6 throughout the city, including in areas where there are multiple
7 overlapping school and school crosswalk speed zones, such as in the
8 Finn Hill and Kingsgate neighborhoods; and
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10 WHEREAS, given the overlap between the school and school
11 crosswalk speed zones in these particular areas and the signage
12 requirements that accompany the beginning and ending of each zone
13 individually, these overlapping zones are appropriately considered
14 combined school speed zones to avoid driver confusion for signage and
15 enforcement purposes; and
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17 WHEREAS, Council now desires to adopt a formal regulation
18 designating these overlapping combined school and school crosswalk
19 zones to clearly reference and support these areas; and
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21 WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized the use
22 of automated traffic safety cameras for the detection of and issuance of
23 infractions for traffic violations in school speed zones in order to achieve
24 lower vehicle speeds in school zones and improve safety for school
25 children, their families, and their caregivers; and
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27 WHEREAS, the time periods for automated enforcement that are
28 currently established by City code do not clearly account for combined
29 school zones, since the start and end times vary from school to school;
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32 WHEREAS, increased compliance with the 20-mph school
33 speed limit reduces the exposure of our most vulnerable road, sidewalk,
34 and bike path users to crashes that are more likely to result in serious
35 injuries or fatalities; and
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37 WHEREAS, in addition to improved safety, lower vehicle speeds
38 provide a more comfortable and lower stress environment for people
39 walking, rolling, and bicycling to school and, therefore, encourage more
40 transportation mode choices, in alignment with the City Council's goals
41 of Balanced Transportation and a Sustainable Environment; and
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43 WHEREAS, to support the goal of Kirkland's automated
44 enforcement program to improve safety for vulnerable users of all travel
45 modes traveling to and from school, the City Council desires to modify
46 the enforcement period to account for combined school zones.
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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. A new section, to be titled "School and playground speed zones," is added to chapter 12.04 of the Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC), to be codified as KMC 12.04.060:

12.04.060 School and playground speed zones.

(a) The speed limit in school and playground speed zones shall be 20 miles per hour when appropriate signs indicate or when flashing beacons are active, as applicable. School and playground speed zones shall be 300 feet, or as close as reasonably possible given the physical constraints of placing signage, but with marked crosswalks no less than 300 feet, in either direction from a marked school or playground crosswalk or from the border of a school or playground property. Combined school zones must be approved by the Council. The following combined school zones are authorized:

- (1) Approximately 1,580 feet along 132nd Avenue NE from just south of NE 143rd St. to just north of NE 138th Pl.
- (2) Approximately 4,800 feet along 84th Avenue NE from just south of NE 141st St. to NE 126th Pl.

(b) The school and playground speed zones shall be extended beyond the distances specified in subsection (a) if a greater distance is required by RCW 46.61.440 or WAC 468-95-330.

Section 2. KMC 12.14.010, and the corresponding portions of Ordinance O-4681 § 1 (2019), is amended to read as follows, with new text shown in underline and deleted text shown in ~~strikethrough~~:

12.14.010 Authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras.

(a) Law enforcement officers of the city of Kirkland and persons commissioned by the Kirkland police department are authorized to use automated traffic safety cameras and related automated systems to detect ~~school~~ speed zone violations.

(b) The use of automated traffic safety cameras is subject to the following restrictions:

- ~~(1) Use of traffic safety cameras is restricted to school speed zones only; and~~
- (12) Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures record images of the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is occurring. ~~Pictures-Images~~ taken by automated traffic safety cameras may not reveal the face of the driver or of the passengers in the vehicle.
- ~~(23)~~ Use of traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations in school speed zones is restricted to the school year, as may be extended, excluding summer recess and weekends, and camera use on each school day will occur during two periods. The first

104 period will be 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after the school
 105 start time, and the second period will be 30 minutes prior to and
 106 30 minutes after the school end time. For any combined school
 107 zone, the first period will begin 30 minutes prior to the earliest
 108 school start time and end 30 minutes after the latest school start
 109 time, and the second period will start 30 minutes prior to the
 110 earliest end time and will end 30 minutes after the latest school
 111 end time periods last for one full hour beginning thirty minutes
 112 prior to the start of each school day and for a second full hour
 113 beginning thirty minutes prior to the end of each school day.

115 (c) The city shall clearly mark all locations where automated traffic
 116 safety cameras are in use by placing signs in locations that clearly
 117 indicate to the driver that he or she is entering a zone where traffic laws
 118 are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera.

120 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs,
 121 microphotographs and electronic images prepared under this chapter
 122 and as provided in RCW 46.63.170(1)(f) are not open to the public and
 123 may not be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the
 124 action or proceeding relates to a violation under this chapter. No
 125 photograph, microphotograph or electronic image may be used for any
 126 purpose other than enforcement of violations under this chapter nor
 127 retained longer than necessary to enforce this chapter.

129 Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to
 130 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the
 131 ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or
 132 circumstances is not affected.

134 Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days
 135 from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication
 136 pursuant to Section 1.08.017, Kirkland Municipal Code in the summary
 137 form attached to the original of this ordinance and by this reference
 138 approved by the City Council.

140 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
 141 meeting this 7th day of August, 2024.

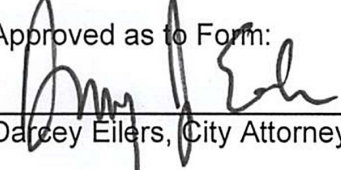
143 Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of August, 2024.



 Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


 Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


 Darcey Eilers, City Attorney

Publication Date: August 12, 2024

PUBLICATION SUMMARY
OF ORDINANCE NO. O-4880

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1 SECTION 1. Adds a new Kirkland Municipal Code Section
2 12.04.060 related to school and playground speed zones.
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4 SECTION 2. Amends Kirkland Municipal Code Section
5 12.14.010 related to the authorized use of automated traffic safety
6 cameras.
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8 SECTION 3. Provides a severability clause for the ordinance.
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10 SECTION 4. Authorizes publication of the ordinance by
11 summary, which summary is approved by the City Council pursuant to
12 Section 1.08.017 Kirkland Municipal Code and establishes the effective
13 date as five days after publication of summary.
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15 The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to
16 any person upon request made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland.
17 The Ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City Council at its meeting
18 on the 7th day of August, 2024.
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20 I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance 4880
21 approved by the Kirkland City Council for summary publication.



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk