AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADDING SECTION 5.74.045 TO THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL SERVICE FEES FOR UTILITY/LIEN SEARCHES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kirkland has from time to time established fees for various services, applications and permits by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, upon request from Title companies, Escrow companies and owners, the City will provide utility and lien search information and final billings derived therefrom relating to property transactions occurring in the City of Kirkland to those companies or customers; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing a utility and lien search should be paid by those making the request and not shared by all the rate payers; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that assessing a fee in the amount of \$25 for an electronic utility and lien search and \$30 for a manual utility and lien search is reasonable based on the actual cost of providing these services:

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

Section 1. A new section 5:74.045 of the Kirkland Municipal Code Utility/Lien Search Fees for Property Closings is hereby added to Chapter 5.74 to read as follows:

## 5.74.045 Utility/Lien Search Fees for Property Closings

For each request for service received by the City of Kirkland the following listed fee (s) shall be charged and imposed:

SERVICES	FEES
1. Electronic Utility and Lien Search	\$25.00
2. Manual Utility and Lien Search	\$30.00

<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>. Effective date for the Utility/Lien Search Fees for Property Closings: the fee schedule herein adopted shall go into effect and become the rates charged as of June 1, 2005.