RESOLUTION R-5673

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT APPLICABLE SPECIFICALLY TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the holding of positions on City of Kirkland boards and commissions is one of public trust; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Kirkland City Council adopted a code of conduct to ensure the public's confidence in its appointed representatives; and

WHEREAS, the current code of conduct applies to both elected members of the City Council and appointed members of boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, most elements of the current code of conduct are relevant to both elected officials and appointed members of boards and commissions, but there are a few elements of the code of conduct that pertain primarily to elected members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create a specific code of conduct for members of boards and commissions that is substantially similar to the current code of conduct but that amends the elements that do not directly apply, and includes an acknowledgement that boards and commissions are advisory to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes a code of conduct specific to the City's boards and commissions will provide clarity on the City Council's expectations for those serving the Council and the community in these advisory roles and will better assist appointed officials in understanding their responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Conduct attached as Exhibit A is adopted as the code of conduct applicable to all members of City of Kirkland advisory boards and commissions, who should acknowledge this code once per term at the beginning of their appointed term.

Section 2. For purposes of members of City advisory boards and commissions only, the code of conduct adopted by this resolution replaces the one adopted by Resolution R-4889 and reflected in the City Council Policies and Procedures. When proposed changes to the Council Policies and Procedures are next presented to Council, the City Manager is hereby directed to propose revisions to Chapter 2 to reflect adoption of a code of conduct specifically applicable to boards and commissions.

 Section 3. The Code of Conduct originally adopted by Resolution R-4889 and reflected in the City Council Policies and Procedures, most recently re-adopted in Resolution R-5670, continues to apply to the City Council.

Passed by unanimous vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 4th day of February, 2025.

Signed in authentication thereof this 4th day of February, 2025.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk