

ORDINANCE O-4931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO YOUTH MEMBER ELIGIBILITY FOR KIRKLAND ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 3.08.110, 3.45.010, AND 3.70.030 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.

1 WEHREAS, pursuant to Section 3.08.110 of the Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC)  
2 several City advisory boards and commissions have a youth member position; and  
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4 WHEREAS, KMC 3.08.110 establishes that a youth member is eligible for appointment  
5 if they are a sophomore or junior in high school by September of the year of appointment; and  
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7 WHEREAS, in contrast, there are currently different youth eligibility requirements for  
8 youth members serving on the Transportation Commission and the Human Services  
9 Commission, based on age rather than grade level; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the differences in the youth eligibility requirements have the potential to  
12 create confusion in the appointment process and prohibit otherwise qualified youth interested  
13 in serving; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to align the youth member eligibility requirements  
16 for the Transportation Commission and the Human Services Commissions with the general  
17 youth member eligibility requirements provided in KMC 3.08.110, and to update the language  
18 of KMC 3.08.110 to reflect current commission member positions.  
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20 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:  
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22 Section 1: Section 3.08.110 of the Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC), and the  
23 corresponding portions of Ordinance O-4089 § 1 (2007), is hereby amended as follows, with  
24 new text shown in underline and deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~; all other provisions of the  
25 section remain unchanged and in full force, and these provisions for identifying changes apply  
26 throughout this ordinance:  
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28 **3.08.110 Youth member of boards and commissions.**  
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30 (a) *General.* The city council has added a youth-specific seat on certain citizen resident  
31 advisory boards and commissions. Rules and policies relating to boards and commissions are  
32 contained in a variety of ordinances, resolutions, and other documents. The provisions of this  
33 section will prevail over all other rules or policies of the city to the extent of any conflict with  
34 this section.  
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36 (b) *Youth-Specific Seat Defined.* Appointment to a youth-specific seat shall be made  
37 for a two-year term. A youth-specific seat on a board or commission can be filled only by a  
38 person who is a resident of Kirkland ~~or Kirkland's annexation areas~~ and has attained the grade  
39 level of sophomore or junior by September of the year of appointment. The person so  
40 appointed may complete their term even if they are ~~he or she is~~ over the age of eighteen. All  
41 other qualifications and requirements applicable to members of the board or commission shall  
42 apply to the youth member.  
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44 (c) *Youth-Specific Seats.* A youth-specific seat has been added to the boards and  
45 commissions specified below, ~~increasing their number of members by one.~~ The total number  
46 of members, including the additional youth-specific seat, for each body is listed below:

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(1) Human services ~~commission~~-advisory-committee: ~~Eight~~ Five "at-large" members.

(2) Library board: Six members.

(3) Park board: Eight members. Five members shall constitute a quorum and five affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any proposition.

(4) Transportation commission: Eight members

Section 2: KMC 3.45.010, and the corresponding portions of Ordinance O-3846 § 1 (2002), is hereby amended as follows:

**3.45.010 Membership—Compensation.**

The transportation commission shall consist of eight commissioners, who shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council from persons who reside or work within the city of Kirkland or its potential annexation area. At least three of the eight members should have some expertise in transportation related issues, such as a background in one of the following disciplines: engineering, transportation demand management, or land use planning. ~~One member shall be a youth who, at time of appointment, is at least sixteen but not yet eighteen years of age.~~ No commissioner shall receive any compensation for his or her their services.

Section 3: KMC 3.70.030, and the corresponding portions of Ordinance O-4568 § 1 (2017), is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.70.030 Membership—Appointment.**

The commission shall consist of eight commissioners, who shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council. ~~One member shall be a youth who, at time of appointment, shall be at least sixteen but not yet eighteen years of age.~~

Section 4. 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.

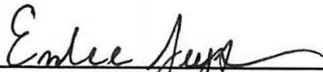
Section 5. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication, as required by law, in the summary form attached to the original of this ordinance.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 7th day of April, 2026.

Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of April, 2026.


  
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Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Anastasiya Warnol, City Clerk  
Emilee Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk

Publication Date: April 13, 2026

Approved as to Form:

  
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Darcey Eilers, City Attorney

PUBLICATION SUMMARY  
OF ORDINANCE NO. O-4931

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1        SECTION 1. Amending Section 3.08.110 of the Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC)  
2 regarding youth members on City advisory boards and commissions.  
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4        SECTION 2. Amending KMC 3.45.010 regarding membership on the Transportation  
5 Commission.  
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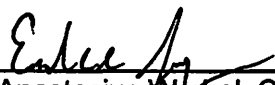
7        SECTION 3. Amending KMC 3.70.030 regarding membership on the Human  
8 Services Commission.  
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10       SECTION 4. Provides a severability clause for the ordinance.  
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12       SECTION 5. Authorizes publication of the ordinance by summary and establishes the  
13 effective 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 any person upon request  
16 made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland. The Ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City  
17 Council at its meeting on the 7th day of April, 2026.  
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19       I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance O-4931 approved by the Kirkland  
20 City Council for summary publication.

  
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Anastasiya Varnol, City Clerk  
Emilee Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk