

ORDINANCE O-4942

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING CURRENTLY PENDING BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXCEPTIONS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE O-4939 TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF SOME EXTERIOR, NON-ENCLOSED SPACE WITHOUT TRIGGERING AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, Council adopted Ordinance O-4939 to allow up to 500
2 square feet of exterior, non-enclosed spaces to be added to existing buildings without
3 triggering a requirement to add automatic fire sprinklers; and

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5 WHEREAS, under the vested rights doctrine, building permit applications are reviewed
6 under the regulations in effect at the time the application is submitted; and

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8 WHEREAS, Council desires to extend the benefits of Ordinance O-4939 to building
9 permit applications already under review, allowing those applicants to use the new exception
10 if they so desire.

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12 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

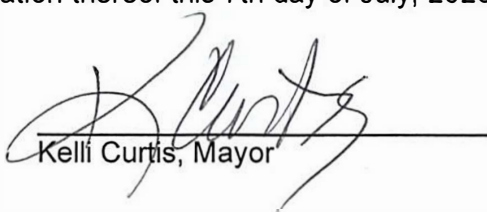
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14 Section 1. Upon request of a permit applicant, the provisions of Ordinance O-4939
15 may be applied to a building permit application that was vested but still in review status prior
16 to the effective date of Ordinance O-4939.

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18 Section 2. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or
19 circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision
20 to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

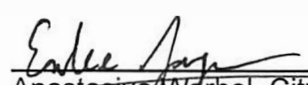
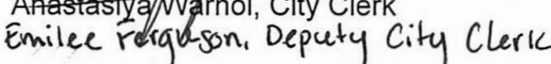
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22 Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its
23 passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication as required by law.

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

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

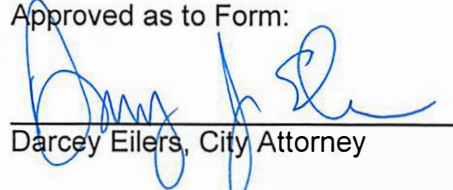

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

Emilee Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

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Approved as to Form:


Darcey Eilers, City Attorney