

ORDINANCE O-4949

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO ELECTION SAFETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 11.12 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS ELECTION CRIMES AND PENALTIES.

1 WHEREAS, King County has established two ballot drop box locations within the city
2 of Kirkland; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council desires to protect safe public access to ballot
5 drop boxes, prohibit barriers that would impede community members from exercising their right
6 to vote, prevent voter intimidation, and ensure free and fair elections in the city; and
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8 WHEREAS, the state, though chapter 29A.84 RCW, has established statewide election
9 protections, including establishing crimes and penalties for destructive or unreasonably
10 disruptive conduct near ballot drop boxes; and
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12 WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the interest of public safety and orderly election
13 administration to integrate chapter 29A.84 RCW through adoption by reference in the City's
14 criminal code to ensure that law enforcement officers with the Kirkland Police Department are
15 clearly authorized to enforce those laws.
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:
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19 Section 1. A new section of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby created, to be
20 codified as Section 11.12.150, which shall read as follows:
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22 **11.12.150 Chapter 29A.84 RCW, entitled "Crimes and Penalties"—Adoption**
23 **by reference.**
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25 The following RCW sections, as currently enacted or as hereafter amended or recodified from
26 time to time, are hereby adopted by reference and shall be given the same force and effect as
27 if set forth herein in full:
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RCW 29A.84.030	Penalty.
RCW 29A.84.040	Political advertising, removing or defacing.
RCW 29A.84.050	Tampering with registration form or ballot declaration.
RCW 29A.84.130	Voter violations.
RCW 29A.84.220	Violations—Corrupt practices—Recall petitions.
RCW 29A.84.250	Violations—Corrupt practices—Initiative, referendum petitions.
RCW 29A.84.420	Unauthorized examination of ballots, election materials— Revealing information.
RCW 29A.84.510	Acts prohibited near voting centers, student engagement hubs, and ballot drop boxes.
RCW 29A.84.520	Electioneering at voting center or ballot drop location by election officers forbidden.
RCW 29A.84.530	Refusing to leave voting booth.
RCW 29A.84.540	Ballots—Removing from voting center or ballot drop location.

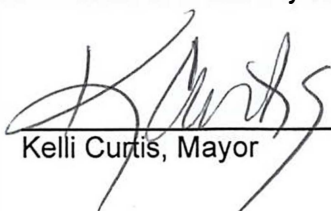
RCW 29A.84.545	Paper record from direct recording electronic voting device— Removing from voting center.
RCW 29A.84.550	Tampering with materials.
RCW 29A.84.555	Unauthorized access.
RCW 29A.84.560	Tampering with voting machines, devices—Unauthorized access.
RCW 29A.84.610	Deceptive, incorrect vote recording—Misrepresentation as official ballot drop box.
RCW 29A.84.620	Hindering or bribing voter.
RCW 29A.84.630	Influencing voter to withhold vote.
RCW 29A.84.640	Solicitation of bribe by voter.
RCW 29A.84.720	Officers—Violations generally.

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

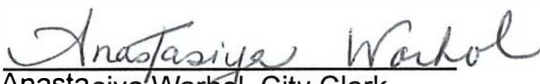
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33 Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its
34 passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication as required by law, in the summary form
35 attached to the original of this ordinance.

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37 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting on this 6th day of
38 October, 2026.

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40 Signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of October, 2026.

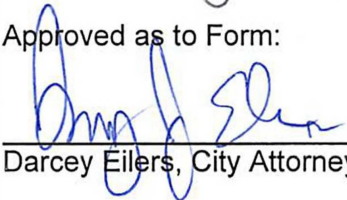

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

Publication Date: October 12, 2026

Approved as to Form:


Darcey Eilers, City Attorney

PUBLICATION SUMMARY
OF ORDINANCE NO. O-4949

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AMENDING THE CITY OF
KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 11.12.

1 SECTION 1. Amends Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 11.12 to adopt
2 Revised Code of Washington Chapter 29A.84 by reference to include crimes and penalties
3 established by Washington's Election Code into the City's criminal code.
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5 SECTION 2. Provides a severability clause for the ordinance.
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7 SECTION 3. Authorizes publication of the ordinance by summary and establishes the
8 effective date as five days after publication of summary.
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10 The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person upon request
11 made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland. The Ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City
12 Council at its meeting on the 6th day of October, 2026
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14 I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance O-4949 approved by the Kirkland
15 City Council for summary publication.


Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk