

RESOLUTION NO. R- 2315

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND PROTESTING THE ACTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY OF CHANGING THE COMMUTER BOOK SALES POLICY AND IMPOSING HIGHER BRIDGE TOLLS UPON CERTAIN TRAFFIC USING THE SECOND LAKE WASHINGTON BRIDGE (EVERGREEN POINT BRIDGE).

WHEREAS, There have been announcements that the Washington State Toll Bridge Authority intends to discontinue the sale of the \$5.00 and \$10.00 commuter ticket books (having already eliminated the \$10.00 book sales) for an indeterminate period of time and to impose a different and higher toll rate schedule for certain vehicular users of the Second Lake Washington Bridge (Evergreen Point Bridge), and

WHEREAS, the construction and financial support of the Second Lake Washington Bridge was made possible through the concerted and cooperative efforts of Eastside citizens, including the citizens of Kirkland, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of commuter books and the imposition of a different and higher toll rate schedule upon certain traffic users of said bridge was done without notice or consultation with Eastside groups and will work an unnecessary hardship upon a large segment of the population of the Eastside who by necessity make use of such bridge and often at times when it is impractical or impossible to combine into car pools or other modes of transportation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Kirkland does strongly protest and object to the discontinuance of the sale of commuter books and to the imposition of a higher toll rate schedule for certain vehicular traffic users of the Second Lake Washington Bridge (Evergreen Point Bridge). The Kirkland City Council does further strongly urge the Washington Toll Bridge Authority, at its next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose within the next two weeks, to reconsider and rescind the action which has been taken in regard to the toll rate schedule.

Section 2. That the Washington Toll Bridge Authority and the State Highway Department consult with Eastside Groups and public agencies, particularly the cities of the Eastside

before taking unilateral action which affects a large segment of the population of the area lying east of Lake Washington and dependent upon the Lake Washington floating bridge for ingress, egress and commerce with and from Seattle.

ADOPTED by the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 7th day of July, 1975.

Robert Hein
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Director of Administration & Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)