

RESOLUTION R- 4321

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
ADOPTING POLICIES REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS
IMPROVEMENTS TO WATERFRONT STREET ENDS.

WHEREAS, waterfront street ends are community assets which, in appropriate circumstances, should be available for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to develop coordinated waterfront street end policies to ensure the proper use and development of waterfront street ends; and

WHEREAS, the following policies are intended to guide the City in developing appropriate public access improvements on waterfront street ends;

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the following policies to guide the City in developing public access improvements on waterfront street ends:

Policy A. Waterfront Street End Preservation. Waterfront street ends shall be preserved as public rights-of-way to allow improvements for public uses and access. All waterfront street ends with public access improvements should be signed to indicate the limits of the public right-of-way.

Policy B. Evaluation Criteria. Proposed public improvements for waterfront street ends shall be permitted only in suitable locations. The following evaluation criteria shall be employed to establish the suitability of a waterfront street end for public use improvements.

1. Function of the area and compatibility of public use and public access improvement with the predominant waterfront activities and land use patterns in the adjacent area.
2. Compatibility of waterfront street end public use and access with existing and anticipated circulation patterns and pedestrian and vehicular movement.
3. Compatibility of waterfront street end public access with adjacent open space and/or pedestrian activity patterns.
4. Compatibility of waterfront street end public access with existing topography, physical improvements, surrounding uses, and natural features to provide safe public use.
5. Compatibility with other City adopted policies and plans.

Policy C. Implementation Procedures. Applications for waterfront street end improvements shall be approved in a manner consistent with

adopted procedures established by the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Services on waterfront street end public access improvements.

Policy D. Private Encroachments. When the City determines that private encroachments on public rights-of-way providing access to water are to be removed, they shall be removed at the expense of the responsible private property owner.


Policy E. Permits for Public Use. Street use permits for public access improvements will be granted following a review process and only for proposals consistent with these policies. Existing street use permits for waterfront street ends will be revoked or modified when a proposed public access improvement is approved, or upon a determination by the City that the use under permit impairs public access to the shore.

Policy F. Permits for Private Uses. Street use permits for private use at waterfront street ends may be granted following a City review process upon a finding that there is not an active application for a street use permit to develop a public access improvement.

Policy G. Fees for Private Use. The City shall charge permit fees for private use of waterfront street ends. The fees shall be based on the value of the abutting private property but shall be adjusted depending on the facts and circumstances of each case, including the nature and the extent of the encroachment and the use to which the waterfront street end is being put.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 11th day of December, 2001.

Signed in authentication thereof this 11th day of December, 2001.



MAYOR

Attest:



City Clerk
Reso\stends