

RESOLUTION R- 4591

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
AUTHORIZING INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
INITIATIVES (ICLEI) MEMBERSHIP & CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION*
CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION.

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that CO₂ and other
greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the
Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed
clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse
gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S.
Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and
signed by 275 mayors in the United States as of July 2006 including the City of
Kirkland's Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local
government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced
emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning,
waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a
Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's
climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-
surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National
Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real
problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International
Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research
Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming
has begun; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under
the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their
greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels,
accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of Kirkland to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to join ICLEI, on behalf of the City of Kirkland, as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

Section 2. The City of Kirkland will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the City;
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- Implement the action plan; and
- Monitor and report progress.

Section 3. The City of Kirkland requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of September, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of September, 2006.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk