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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Elaine Borjeson, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

**Date:** April 20, 2006

**Subject:** RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH THE CITY'S INTEREST IN A PORTION OF UNOPENED  
RIGHT OF WAY

### RECOMMENDATION:

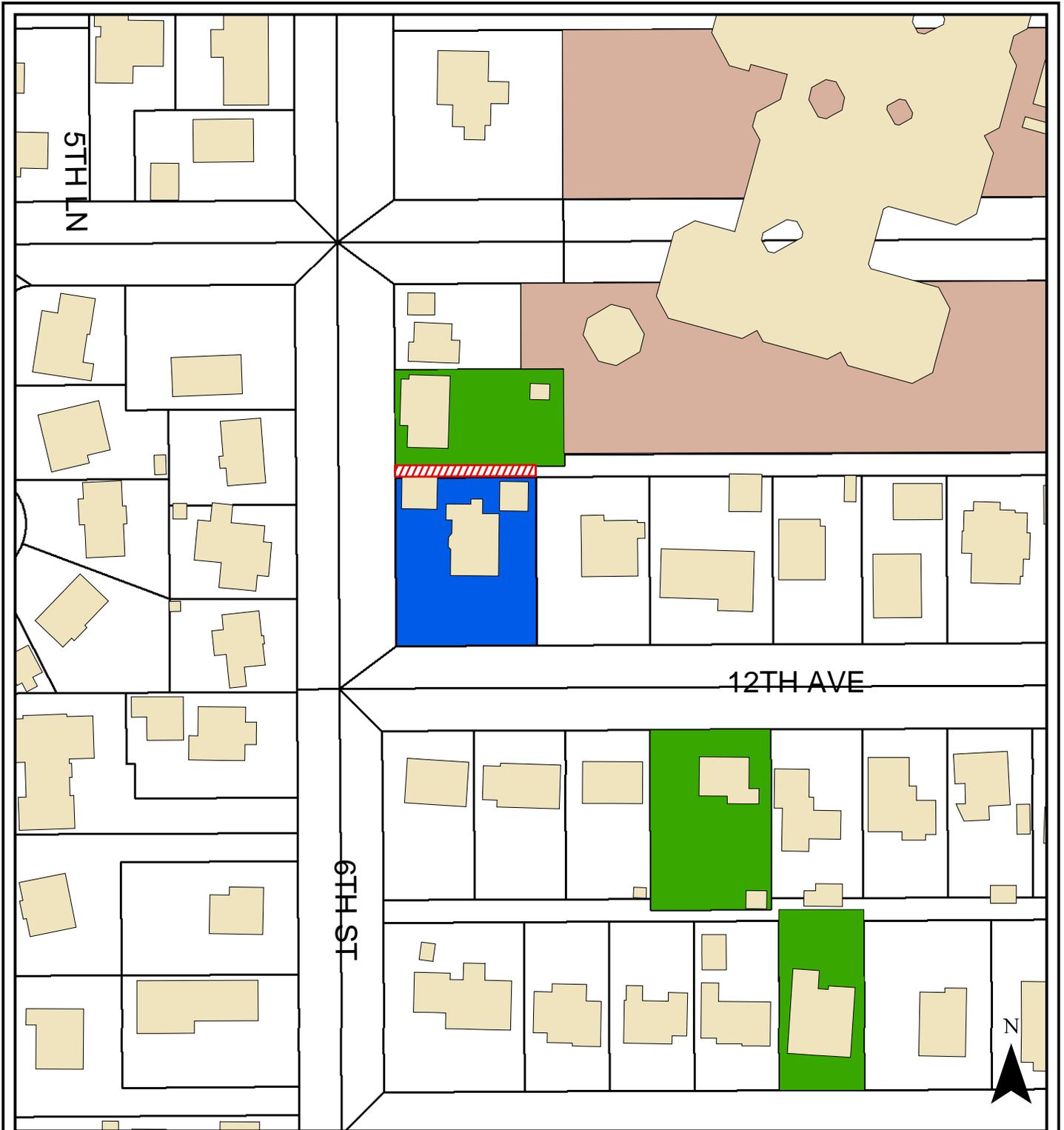
It is recommended that the City Council adopt the enclosed Resolution, relinquishing interest in the south 8 feet of the unopened alley abutting the north boundary of Lots 26, 27, 28 and the west 10 feet of Lot 29, Block 21, Lake Avenue Addition to Kirkland, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, page 86, records of King County, Washington TOGETHER WITH Lot "J" of the Supplementary Plat of the Central Addition to Kirkland, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, page 85, records of King County, Washington.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The unopened alley abutting the property of 604 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue was originally platted and dedicated in 1890 as the Lake Avenue Addition to Kirkland and the Supplementary Plat of the Central Addition to Kirkland. The Five Year Non-User Statute provides that any street or right-of-way platted, dedicated or deeded prior to March 12, 1904, which was outside City jurisdiction when dedicated and which remains unopened or unimproved for five continuous years is then vacated.

Richard D. Erwin, the owner of the property abutting this right-of-way, submitted information to the City claiming the right-of-way was subject to the Five Year Non-User Statute (Vacation by Operation of Law), Laws of 1889, Chapter 19, Section 32. After reviewing this information, the City Attorney believes the approval of the enclosed Resolution is permissible.

Attachments: Resolution  
Vicinity Map



**ERWIN PROPERTY NON-USER VACATION  
604 12TH AVENUE**

- |   |                           |   |                  |
|---|---------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Erwin Property            |  | Building Outline |
|  | Proposed Vacation         |  | School           |
|  | Granted Non-User Vacation |  | Park             |
|  | Pedestrian Easement       |   |                  |



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RESOLUTION R-4574

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELINQUISHING ANY INTEREST THE CITY MAY HAVE IN AN UNOPENED ALLEY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REQUESTED BY PROPERTY OWNER RICHARD D. ERWIN.

WHEREAS, the City has received a request to recognize that any rights to the land originally dedicated in 1890 as right-of-way abutting a portion of the Lake Avenue Addition to Kirkland and the Supplementary Plat of the Central Addition to Kirkland have been vacated by operation of law; and

WHEREAS, the Laws of 1889, Chapter 19, Section 32, provide that any county road which remains unopened for five years after authority is granted for opening the same is vacated by operation of law at that time; and

WHEREAS, the area which is the subject of this request was annexed to the City of Kirkland, with the relevant right-of-way having been unopened; and

WHEREAS, in this context it is in the public interest to resolve this matter by agreement,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. As requested by property owner Richard D. Erwin, the City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby recognizes that the following described right of way has been vacated by operation of law and relinquishes all interest it may have, if any, in the portion of right-of-way described as follows:

A portion of unopened alley being identified as the south 8 feet of unopened alley abutting the north boundary of Lots 26, 27, 28 and the west 10 feet of Lot 29, Block 21, LAKE AVENUE ADDITION TO KIRKLAND, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, page 86, records of King County, Washington TOGETHER WITH Lot "J" of the SUPPLEMENTARY PLAT OF THE CENTRAL ADDITION TO KIRKLAND, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, page 85, records of King County, Washington.

Section 2. This resolution does not affect any third party rights in the property, if any.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk