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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Tracey Dunlap, Director of Finance & Administration  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

**Date:** January 3, 2007

**Subject:** Official City Newspaper

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council: (1) adopt the attached Ordinance revising Chapter 1.08 of the Kirkland Municipal Code ("KMC") relating to the official City newspaper; and (2) adopt the attached resolution designating The Seattle Times as the official City newspaper for the City of Kirkland.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The new owner of the King County Journal recently announced that it would stop publishing the King County Journal. The last issue will be published on January 21, 2007. The King County Journal is currently the official newspaper of the City of Kirkland.

The attached Ordinance makes two significant changes. First, it deletes the requirement that the City designate the official newspaper on an annual basis. State law does not require an annual designation and deleting this requirement will save staff time. Instead, the designation will remain in effect until such time as the City designates a new official newspaper.

Second, the Ordinance deletes the requirement that Public Works calls for bid be published in the official City newspaper. The City has been using both the King County Journal and the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce to advertise calls for bid. City staff would like to begin using only the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce for purchasing and public works notices. City staff is of the opinion that the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce is the most effective publication for such notices since it is widely-read among businesses that participate in the bidding and purchasing processes. Also, using The Seattle Times for such notices would increase the City's expenses since it charges more for publishing legal notices than the King County Journal. Publication of purchasing and public works call for bids would still be governed by KMC Chapter 3.85.

The attached Resolution designates The Seattle Times as the official City newspaper for the City of Kirkland. With the demise of the King County Journal the options for a newspaper serving Kirkland residents and the greater eastside are greatly reduced. Smaller newspapers (e.g. Kirkland Courier, Bellevue Reporter, etc.) do not have the circulation and/or do not publish frequently enough to adequately meet the City's needs.

Staff has become aware of a competitively bid contract that King County has with The Seattle Times which appears to be available for the City to "piggyback" on, and we are further exploring this option. (The City of Bellevue is also pursuing this option.)

ORDINANCE NO. 4082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND PUBLICATION OF ITEMS IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 1.08.010 of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1.08.010 Required publications.**

- (a) All ordinances of the city, shall promptly after adoption be published at least once in the city's official newspaper.
- (b) All notices of hearings before the city council, planning commission and hearing examiner ~~and all other matters requiring publication,~~ shall be published at least once in the city's official newspaper.

Section 2. Section 1.08.015 of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1.08.015 Designation of official newspaper.**

The city shall ~~annually~~ by council resolution designate an official newspaper. The newspaper so designated must qualify as a legal newspaper under RCW Chapter 65.16.

Section 3. Section 1.08.020 of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1.08.020 Number of publications—Notices of hearing ~~and call for bids.~~**

One publication shall satisfy the requirements of this chapter unless a greater number of publications is otherwise required. All notices of hearing ~~and calls for bids~~ shall be published not less than five days prior to such hearing ~~or bid opening.~~

Section 4. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication, as required by law.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION R-4621

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DESIGNATING THE SEATTLE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is required to designate its official newspaper for publication of ordinances and legal notices; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Times is a legal newspaper that has the qualifications prescribed by RCW 65.16;

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

Section 1. The Seattle Times is hereby designated as the City of Kirkland official newspaper.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk