ORDINANCE O-4421

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO LAND USE AND ZONING AND PROVIDING INTERIM OFFICIAL ZONING CONTROLS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS ADJOINING THE CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR AND THE EASTSIDE RAIL CORRIDOR WITHIN THE CITY OF KIRKLAND.

WHEREAS, the Eastside Rail Corridor is a rail corridor, a portion of which runs through the City of Kirkland ("City"), that is railbanked pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1247(d); and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City purchased a 5.75 mile segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor that runs through Kirkland and a small portion of Bellevue, which is known as the "Cross Kirkland Corridor" or the "CKC;" and

WHEREAS, The City is actively planning the future development of the Kirkland portion of the Eastside Rail Corridor as a multi-modal transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, King County has purchased the remainder of the Eastside Rail Corridor within Kirkland city limits and is actively planning the corridor's future development as a multi-modal transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing zoning regulations along the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the Eastside Rail Corridor within the City of Kirkland were established at a time when the primary use of the corridor was for heavy rail; and

WHEREAS, with the purchase of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the Eastside Rail Corridor for a multi-modal transportation corridor necessitates a review of existing zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to enact a limited number of zoning regulations on an interim basis while it considers permanent zoning regulations regarding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on October 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to adopt an interim zoning ordinance pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. For purposes of this ordinance, "Corridor" shall refer to the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the Eastside Rail Corridor within the City of Kirkland.

Section 2. The regulations as set forth in Attachment A attached to this ordinance and incorporated by reference are adopted.

Section 3. Findings of Fact.

A. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of fact.

B. It is appropriate to establish regulations pertaining to development along the Corridor on an interim basis while the City Council considers permanent zoning regulations with respect to properties adjoining the Corridor.

Section 4. The interim regulations adopted by this Ordinance shall continue in effect for one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Ordinance, unless repealed, extended, or modified by the City Council. The Council may adopt extensions of this Ordinance after any required public hearing pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390.

Section 5. To the extent the subject matter of this ordinance, pursuant to Ordinance 2001, is subject to the disapproval jurisdiction of the Houghton Community Council, this ordinance shall become effective within the Houghton Community Municipal Corporation only upon approval of the Houghton Community Council or the failure of said Community Council to disapprove this ordinance within 60 days of the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance be held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 7. 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 6th day of November, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of November, 2013.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

For purposes of this ordinance, "Corridor" shall refer to the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the Eastside Rail Corridor within the City of Kirkland.

I. Restaurant and/or Tavern Uses

Purpose: To encourage uses that are supportive of the active nonmotorized and multi-use vision for the Corridor

Regulation:

A. For all properties located within Totem Lake zones TL 7, TL 9A, TL 10B, TL 10C, TL 10D, and TL 10E and within 150' of the Corridor:

1. Restaurant or Tavern shall be an allowed use with no limits on gross floor area and no requirements that the use be accessory to a primary use. The Restaurant or Tavern use shall otherwise be subject to the development standards listed in the applicable zone. For the TL 9A and 10B zones where Restaurant or Tavern is not listed as an allowed use, the use shall be subject to the development standards for an Office use and required parking spaces shall be 1 per each 100 square feet of gross floor area.
2. Where allowed uses in these zones permit accessory retail sales pursuant to a special regulation, the maximum allowed floor area of such accessory retail sales shall be 50 percent of the gross floor area of the allowed use. All other provisions of the applicable special regulations shall apply.

II. Retail Storage

Purpose: To avoid siting new or expanded facilities that are detrimental to the active nonmotorized vision for the Corridor

Regulation: No new Retail Establishments Providing Storage Services, as listed in the applicable Kirkland Zoning Code use zone charts, shall be allowed on properties within 150 feet of the Corridor. No expansion of existing Retail Establishments Providing Storage Services shall be allowed on properties within 150 feet of the Corridor.

III. Required Yards

Purpose: To preserve adequate open space between the Corridor and adjoining development.

Regulation: Within all Commercial, Industrial, and Office zones adjoining the Corridor, the minimum required yard shall be ten (10) feet as measured from the common property line. The TL 7 and TL 9A zones are not subject to this required yard.

Regulation: Outdoor use, activity or storage areas located adjacent to the Corridor must comply with the minimum ten foot required yard.

IV. Design Standards

Purpose: To ensure that new development is designed in keeping with the active nonmotorized and multi-use vision for the Corridor.

Regulation: Development on properties adjoining the Corridor; except those properties located in single family, TL 7, TL 9A, and YBD 2 zones; shall comply with the following standards:

1. Site Design: Development adjoining the Corridor shall be designed to complement and interact with the public nature of the Corridor though the following site design and pedestrian improvements:
   a. Landscape islands required pursuant to KZC 95.44 (Internal Parking Lot Landscaping Requirements) shall be provided such that there are no more than eight contiguous parking stalls along the corridor.
   b. In addition to providing the screening and buffering functions required by the KZC, landscape design shall integrate with and complement corridor functions.
   c. A pedestrian entrance facing the Corridor shall be provided with pedestrian access connecting from the entrance to the Corridor installed pursuant to the standards of KZC 105.18.2.a. The City may waive the connection requirement where grade or other natural features preclude access to the Corridor.
   d. Public pedestrian walkways required by KZC 105.19.1 shall include circumstances where blocks are unusually long and pedestrian access is necessary to connect between existing streets and the Corridor. The City may waive the connection requirement where grade or other natural features preclude access to the Corridor.
2. Building Design: Building design adjoining the Corridor shall acknowledge the high visibility from this active public space through the following building design standards:
   a. All buildings shall be designed so that facades visible from the Corridor comply with the provisions of KZC 92.15.3 (Blank Wall Treatment).
   b. All building shall be designed so that parking garages visible from the Corridor comply with the provisions of KZC 92.15.4.a and b (Parking Garages).
   c. Building facades visible from the Corridor shall incorporate similar building materials and window treatment as other facades of the building.
   d. Building facades visible the Corridor shall avoid long, unbroken facades and rooflines by incorporating horizontal and vertical modulation to break large building masses into smaller building masses.

Compliance with these design standards shall be administered by the Planning Official in conjunction with review of an applicable development permit unless the proposal is subject to Design Board review, in which case the Design Review Board shall review the proposal for compliance.

PUBLICATION SUMMARY
OF ORDINANCE O-4421

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SECTION 1. Defines "Corridor" as referring to the Cross Kirkland Corridor and the Eastside Rail Corridor within the City of Kirkland.

SECTION 2. Adopts and incorporates regulations by attachment.

SECTION 3. Sets forth the findings of fact.

SECTION 4. Sets forth the effective date for the interim regulations.

SECTION 5. Establishes that this ordinance, to the extent it is subject to disapproval jurisdiction, will be effective within the disapproval jurisdiction of the Houghton Community Council Municipal Corporation upon approval by the Houghton Community Council or the failure of said Community Council to disapprove this Ordinance within 60 days of the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Provides a severability clause for the Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Authorizes publication of the Ordinance by summary, which summary is approved by the City Council pursuant to Section 1.08.017 Kirkland Municipal Code and establishes the effective date as five days after publication of summary, except as provided in Section 5.

The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person upon request made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland. The Ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City Council at its meeting on the 6th day of November, 2013.

I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance O-4421 approved by the Kirkland City Council for summary publication.

Kathi Anderson
City Clerk