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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Christian Geitz, Planning Supervisor
Adam Weinstein, Planning and Building Director

Date: October 20, 2020

Subject: Designating October 2020 as "National Code Compliance Month" in Kirkland

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor proclaim October 2020 as National Code Compliance Month in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The American Association of Code Enforcement and Washington Association of Code Enforcement recommends that October be designated as National Code Compliance Month to honor and recognize the City's efforts in Code Enforcement and the associated multi-disciplinary team of staff comprised of members from almost every City of Kirkland department. This is an opportunity to highlight the important function of Code Enforcement in the City and the contributions that Code Enforcement staff members have made to improve the quality of our community. The purpose of the proclamation is to advance public and professional interest in Code Enforcement. Code Compliance Officers primarily resolve code violations through a variety of means, including education, negotiation, voluntary correction, and mediation. Their case work includes the investigation and processing of various complaint topics including sources of water pollution, property maintenance and cleanup, building code violations, tree removal, and noise from general sources as well as development activity.

Within the Planning and Building Department, Cindy Kersey and Shannon Sedlacek fill the two Code Compliance Officer positions and manage the investigation and processing of hundreds of cases each year, working with property owners and the community to seek compliance through respectful engagement and application of City codes. Their diligent work, along with the support of members of the Code Enforcement Planning and Building Team, along with several other representatives on the Citywide Taskforce allow them to manage and close out over 6,000 cases in the last 10 years.

Shannon Sedlacek and Cindy Keirseay will represent the City of Kirkland Code Enforcement Team at the October 20 Council meeting to receive the proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating October 2020 as "National Code Compliance Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Code Compliance Officers provide for the safety, health and welfare of residents within the City of Kirkland through the enforcement of building, zoning, housing, animal control, fire safety, environmental, and other codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Code Compliance Officers are dedicated, well-trained and highly responsible individuals who share the goals of preventing neighborhood deterioration, enhancing communities, ensuring safety, and preserving property values through knowledge, training, and application of City Codes; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Program works closely with all City Departments to protect the health, safety, environment, and infrastructure of the City and its residents and visitors by achieving compliance with codes and policies through education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative approach across multiple City Departments has led to greater coordination and the development of reasonable, efficient, and effective solutions that help individuals and the community reach positive compliance outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Code Compliance Officers are called upon to provide quality customer service and excellence to the residents and businesses in Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Code Enforcement and Washington Association of Code Enforcement have selected October to honor and recognize our Code Compliance Officers as an opportunity to highlight the contributions these individuals have made to the quality of our communities, to celebrate accomplishments in making collective decisions concerning our City that bring quality and meaning to our lives, and to recognize the participation and dedication of code compliance officers who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of communities throughout Washington State and the United States; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions and continued commitment to public service made by the Code Compliance Officers throughout the City of Kirkland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim October as "*Code Compliance Month*".

Signed this 20th day of October, 2020

Penny Sweet, Mayor