

RESOLUTION R-5636

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DECLARING ITS INTENT TO CREATE AN OFFICIAL CITY FLAG AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP THE FLAG IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND CITY COUNCIL.

1 WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of
2 fostering a strong sense of identity and civic pride within the Kirkland
3 community; and

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5 WHEREAS, an official City flag can serve as a vital and visible
6 symbol to promote the City's and community's values; and

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8 WHEREAS, the City's current, de facto flag was created quickly
9 in response to a specific event in 2013, is not widely used in City
10 materials, and does not follow best practices according to flag design
11 experts; and

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13 WHEREAS, an official City flag can contribute to Kirkland's
14 identity and visibility, both regionally and nationally; and

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16 WHEREAS, an official City flag can enhance Kirkland's sense of
17 community and cohesion by serving as a unifying symbol that brings
18 together the diverse communities that make up Kirkland and fostering a
19 sense of belonging and mutual respect among all; and

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21 WHEREAS, the design and adoption of an official City flag
22 presents an opportunity to celebrate and incorporate elements of
23 Kirkland's history and natural beauty; and

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25 WHEREAS, the process of creating an official City flag should
26 be fun, inspiring, and build community while embodying the City's values
27 of being an inclusive, welcoming, and belonging community;

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

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33 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed
34 to conduct a comprehensive community engagement process in the
35 creation of an official City flag. This process must include, but not be
36 limited to, community meetings, workshops, an open design submission
37 process, and the formation of a community advisory group.

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39 Section 2. Following the community engagement process,
40 options for a proposed new City flag should be provided to the City
41 Council for consideration and potential adoption in 2025.

43 Section 3. The submission and evaluation of flag designs must
44 be guided by criteria combining the five basic principles for good flag
45 design articulated by the North American Vexillological Association and
46 two Kirkland-specific criteria, as follows:

- 47 a. Keep it simple
- 48 b. Use meaningful symbolism
- 49 c. Use two to three basic colors
- 50 d. Do not use lettering or seals
- 51 e. Be distinctive
- 52 f. Be related to Kirkland
- 53 g. Be consistent with City values

54 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
55 meeting this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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57 Signed in authentication thereof this _____ day of _____,
58 2024.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk