



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 7 - 13, 2023 as “Affordable Housing Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the need for affordable homes across King County and the number of people experiencing homelessness remain at crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee and the Washington State Legislature made historic investments in housing and homeless programs in the 2023 legislative session, and passed laws making it easier to build more affordable housing types throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside at the communities, their neighbors, schools, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has adopted an interim affordable housing target of 12,474 units by 2044 in acknowledgement that tracking progress towards an affordable housing target would assist the City in understanding the production of affordable residential units over time, and identifying policy, regulatory and resource needs to meet the target; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has actively worked to increase housing choice and affordability across the income spectrum through projects such as the NE 85th Street Station Area Plan, Health Through Housing, the ongoing 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update, and the recently-launched pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Program; and

WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community’s recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Kirkland live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Penny Sweet, on behalf of the City Council, does hereby proclaim May 7 – 13, 2023 as Affordable Housing Week in Kirkland.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2023

Penny Sweet, Mayor