ORDINANCE NO. 3965

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING EDMONDS CITY CODE, CHAPTER 3.75 RELATING TO THE EDMONDS DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, ADDING SECTION 3.75.075, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the Edmonds Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) was established by Ordinance No. 3909 resulting in the establishment of Edmonds City Code Section 3.75; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington Section 35.87A.170, Exemption Period for New Businesses and Projects, states "Businesses or multifamily residential or mixed-use projects established after the creation of an area within the area may be exempted from the special assessments imposed pursuant to this chapter for a period not exceeding one year from the date they commenced business in the area"; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2014, the EDBID Interim Members Advisory Board expressed a desire to help new businesses succeed by creating a more welcoming environment for new businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2014, the EDBID Interim Members Advisory Board unanimously expressed support for granting an exemption of required assessments for a period of one year for all new businesses starting from the date a business license is approved by the City of Edmonds and requested that their recommendation be forwarded to the Edmonds City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2014 the City Council considered this matter and directed that an ordinance be prepared to make further revisions to chapter 3.75.070 ECC; and

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 3.75.075, entitled "Exemption for new businesses," is hereby added to the Edmonds City Code to read as follows:

Businesses established after the effective date of April 22, 2014 and located within the Edmonds Downtown Business Improvement District shall be exempt from special assessments imposed pursuant to this chapter for a period of one year from the date a business license is issued by the City of Edmonds.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

Approved:

MAYOR DAVID O. EARLING

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SCOTT PASSEY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY: _____
Jeffrey B. Taraday, City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	April 11, 2014
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	April 15, 2014
PUBLISHED:	April 20, 2014
EFFECTIVE DATE:	April 25, 2014
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3965

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

On the 15th day of April, 2014, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3965. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2014.

CITY CLERK: SCOTT PASSEY