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**RESOLUTION NO. 1179**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR USE OF THE "COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT" PORTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

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WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest to provide an opportunity at City Council meetings for community organizations to make public service announcements, and,

WHEREAS, City Council meetings are a limited public forum in which an opportunity for general public comment is provided later in the agenda, and

WHEREAS, the City currently permits use of government channel 21 and the City's web site through links for certain limited community organizations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make those same policies applicable to its public comment period, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A fifteen-minute opportunity for public service announcements is hereby established at a time to be designated by the Council President on the Council's regular meeting dates. City Council meetings are a limited public forum and their primary purpose is to conduct public business as set forth in the City Council's agenda. An opportunity for public comment is provided at a later time in the agenda. The Community Service Announcement period shall be administered under the same rules as have been established for access to the

City's web site and the establishment of links thereon. A copy of that policy is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as fully as if herein set forth.

Section 2. Community organizations, as defined in the attached Exhibit A, may request an opportunity to make a public service announcement by contacting the City Council President or Senior Executive Assistant to the City Council. Application to make a public service announcement should be made by noon on Thursday of the week preceding the agenda on which the announcement is sought to be made. The Senior Executive Assistant to the City Council or Council President shall be provided with a brief written description of the announcement to be made. The Council President or Senior Executive Assistant to the City Council may request the information set forth on the attached regarding the organization's mission or purpose, including an explanation of its relevance to the Edmonds community, a contact person and the name, business address and telephone number of the organization. This information need not be provided each time a community organization makes a request, but may be required for first-time requesters. Information regarding qualifying community organizations may be maintained on file by the Senior Executive Assistant to the City Council.

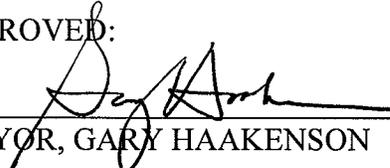
Section 3. In the event that more than one organization makes application, the Council President may divide the fifteen-minute time between them, establish other time limits or request additional time from the Council. In the event of conflict between two requests, the Council President may assign time on a first-come/first-served basis.

Section 4. Nothing herein should be interpreted as expanding the limited public forum or limiting the right of the City Council as necessary to cancel the public comment period for any given meeting. The City Council's agenda time is limited and other City Council

business may take priority. The time at which the public announcements are made may vary from meeting to meeting depending on the urgency of other public business.

RESOLVED this 5th day of August, 2008.

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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## **CITY of EDMONDS**

### **WEB SITE ACCESS AND LINKAGE POLICY**

The City of Edmonds web site was developed for the limited purpose of providing information regarding the Edmonds community, local government services, local civic events, local news events, local regulations, and other designated materials directly and uniquely relevant to the City of Edmonds and its residents. Nothing in this policy or in the City's web site itself shall be deemed to create or constitute a public forum.

The City of Edmonds does not provide web site hosting for the general public, but does provide Internet links to the web sites of designated government, non-profit, civic and local organizations that have a recognized relationship with the City of Edmonds. Any organization or group hosting a web site to which the City of Edmonds web page provides a link shall be solely and exclusively responsible for the content thereof. [Please see the City of Edmonds Web Page Disclaimer [LINK](#)]

Organizations or groups desiring to place a link on the City of Edmonds web site must apply in writing to the City of Edmonds Community Services Department. The application must contain the following information:

- The name, business address, and telephone number of the organization
- The URL or Internet address of the organization's web site
- The content of the organization's web site
- The organization's mission or purpose
- An explanation of the organization's specific relevance to the Edmonds community
- The organization's designated contact person for purposes of communicating with the City of Edmonds
- The organization's registered agent for purposes of receiving legal service of process
- The identity of other web sites that provide an Internet link to the organization's web site

The City of Edmonds Community Services Department will determine whether or not to approve each organization's application and will notify the applicant of the decision within ten days of receiving an application. In rendering its decision, the Community Services Department shall consider the guidelines enumerated below in light of the stated purpose of the City of Edmonds web site.

Generally, Internet links to the following types of web sites may be permissible:

- Governmental and public educational institutions located within the State of Washington
- Local organizations having a recognized relationship with the City of Edmonds or with which the City of Edmonds partners in order to provide services, including but not limited to the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Port of Edmonds, and Stevens Hospital
- Local cultural, artistic, civic or non-profit recreational organizations having either a recognized relationship with the City of Edmonds or specific and direct relevance to City residents
- Tourist information

- Information regarding Edmonds community events, such as festivals, art displays and neighborhood fairs

Generally, Internet links to the following types of web sites are not permitted:

- Political candidate sites or sites advocating a position on political issues, including but not limited to ballot propositions
- For-profit business or commercial sites
- Individual personal home pages
- Sites containing religious proselytizing or spiritual instruction to the extent consistent with *Good News Club v. Milford Cent. Sch.*, 533 U.S. 98 (2001) or other controlling case or statute
- Sites containing illegal, obscene or pornographic content

Nothing herein shall be deemed to abridge or otherwise limit the City's unrestricted and sole discretion to restrict, limit, alter or remove any material or link posted on the City's official web site at any time and without notice for any reason, including but not limited to administrative convenience, space availability or appearance of impropriety. The fact that the City has previously authorized the posting of material on its official web site by any organization or group shall in no way be construed to establish any future right by such organization or group to post additional materials or links, or to limit the City's ability to restrict, limit, alter or remove any such material or link once posted.

Any organization whose application for web site linkage has been denied by the City may file a letter of appeal with the Mayor within 30 days of receiving a written denial from the Community Services Department.