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## **RESOLUTION NO. 54**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SHORELINE

WHEREAS the City of Shoreline incorporated on August 31, 1995, in part to provide citizens improved access to government decisions affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Shoreline unanimously supports citizens' participating in developing programs and services the City provides; and

WHEREAS the City Council believes in neighbors assisting neighbors in the development of community support organizations and wishes to assist neighborhoods in that behalf; and

WHEREAS neighborhood organizations have been organized and continue to organize to assist the community in defining and developing local services from a number of public institutions; and

WHEREAS the City Council recognizes the value of citizen participation through formal neighborhood organizations as an integral part of its service to the community; and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to formalize its relationship and support of neighborhoods through the adoption of policies in their behalf;

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Neighborhood Organizations Defined. For the purposes of this resolution, neighborhood organizations shall be defined as formal groups of citizens within Shoreline which have organized themselves for the purpose of improving and/or developing services and amenities for their respective communities. In this instance, the word "formally" denotes the use of written documents, such as publicly incorporating or chartering such organizations, or establishing rules making their deliberations open and available to the community and general public.

Section 2. <u>Purpose and Function</u>. The City shall provide support for and feedback to City service delivery functions in an effort to ascertain the need, quality, and quantity of government supported, community based services relative to neighborhood organizations in the City of Shoreline. In supporting these service needs, the City shall

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not endeavor to create nor provide continuing support for neighborhood organizations which do not or would not exist absent continuing support from the City. All such support from the City shall be in conformance with existing City policies regarding services and assistance. To these ends the following goals are established:

- 1. Create a positive working relationship between the City and its neighborhoods;
- 2. Foster cooperation and consensus; and
- 3. Facilitate communication between neighborhoods concerning common concerns.

Section 3. Neighborhood Grants. There is established a Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, the process and administration of said funds to be handled by the Office of Neighborhoods. The allocation of total available funds shall be determined from year to year by appropriation of the City Council. All such grants to individual Neighborhood groups shall be governed by rules approved by the City Council. The City Council shall approve individual grants prior to their implementation by the City.

Section 4. <u>Council of Neighborhoods - Created</u>. There is hereby created the Council of Neighborhoods. The Council shall be supported by the City and recognized for the purpose of communication among the neighborhood organizations.

Section 5. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 12, 1996.

**Mayor Connie King** 

ATTEST:

Sharon Mattioli, CMC, City Clerk

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