ORDINANCE NO. 3097

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, initiating the process which will result in a special election to determine whether the City of Kent shall be annexed to the King County Rural Library District; declaring the required intent to join the library district; and finding that such annexation is in the public interest.

WHEREAS, public library service is an important and essential service to the people of the City of Kent to assist them in meeting their needs for information, recreation, and self education; and

WHEREAS, a public library service has been provided by the City through a contract with the King County Rural Library District; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 27.12 of the Revised Code of Washington provides a process for the annexation of the City into the Rural Library District; and

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Trustees reaffirmed at their meeting of January 28, 1993 that the Library System would maintain the 1994 contract cost for library services to Kent at the 1993 amount if annexation is passed any time during 1993; and

WHEREAS, if annexation into the King County Rural Library District is approved, it is the intent of the City of Kent to reduce its property tax levy beginning in 1995 by the amount of the
1994 Library Services Contract fee, as a means to best establish a tax neutral impact to the taxpayers of Kent as a result of such annexation; and

WHEREAS, annexation will not change or have any effect on the ownership interests of the City and Library District in the building and real property where the library is situated, which interests are set forth in existing agreements between the City and the Library District; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been submitted to the Library Board of the City of Kent for its review and recommendation, and the Board has recommended to the City Council that such ordinance be adopted; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby initiates the process of potential annexation of the City to the King County Rural Library District by stating its intent to join the Library District and by finding the public interest served by so doing.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit this ordinance to the King County Rural Library District Board of Trustees and, if the Board of Trustees concurs in the annexation, to take the further steps outlined in Chapter 27.12 RCW to place this question before the voters at an election to be held in the City on September 14, 1993, the date of the primary election, or as soon thereafter as practicable pursuant to RCW 27.12.370 and RCW 29.13.010.
Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after its passage, approval and publication.

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK
DONNA SWALL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 16th day of March, 1993.
APPROVED the 17th day of March, 1993.
PUBLISHED the 19th day of March, 1993.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 3097, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK
DONNA SWALL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK