Ordinance No. 3587

["Beginning July 1, 1998"]

(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

Amends Sec. 4.01.170 & Repeals Sec. 4.01.180 of Ords. 2567 & 2794 (old Secs. 2.30 & 2.30.209 & 2.30.213)
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AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, repealing Section 4 01 180 of the Kent City Code relating to meetings or the distribution of literature on park properties and amending Section 4 01 170 of the Kent City Code relating to permitted and scheduled activities

WHEREAS, City of Kent park properties have historically been considered a public forum, and

WHEREAS, governmental regulation of speech occurring in City parks must be content-neutral, serve a compelling governmental interest, and leave open alternative channels of communication, and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of Section 4 01 180 of the Kent City Code may result in an unreasonable restriction on free speech, and

WHEREAS, amendment of Section 4 01 170 of the Kent City Code will assist in clarifying that users of City parks shall not unreasonably interfere with others use of the park facilities, NOW THEREFORE,
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON,
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1. Section 4.01.170 of the Kent City Code, entitled
"Permitted and scheduled activities – Rules," is hereby amended to read as follows

Sec. 4.01.170. Permitted and scheduled activities – Rules. Permits and
schedules, officially issued or distributed by the director of the parks and recreation
department, shall have priority over other activities Participants shall yield to the
holder of such permit or schedule Participants with or without a permit or schedule
shall abide by all rules and regulations, and shall not unreasonably interfere with other
persons' use of or the City's maintenance or operation of City park facilities A copy
of all rules and regulations are filed with the city clerk

SECTION 2. Section 4.01.180 of the Kent City Code, entitled
"Meetings," is hereby repealed in its entirety

Sec. 4.01.180. Meetings. No person shall hold any religious or political
meeting or other assembly, or distribute literature on any park properties without first
obtaining a written permit from the director of the parks and recreation department

SECTION 3 – Severability. If any one or more section, subsections, or
sentences of this Ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision
shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same
shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 4 – Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be
in force thirty (30) days from and after passage, as provided by law.

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

Meetings
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3587 passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.