Ordinance No. 3747
(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

CFN=122 – Police/Fire Departments
Passed – 5/3/2005
Emergency Management – Amend KCC 9.01.010

Amends Ord. 2622
ORDINANCE NO. 3747

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending section 9.01.010 of the Kent City Code entitled “Emergency management organization - Established,” in order to remove the limitation that the City’s emergency management organization perform duties only within the City of Kent.

RECITALS

A. RCW 38.52.070 provides that political subdivisions of the state may create organizations to perform emergency management functions. In response to that statute, the City adopted existing Kent City Code sections 9.01.010 through 9.01.030 on April 7, 1986. At the time those code provisions were adopted, the City opted to perform emergency management functions only within the jurisdictional limits of the City.

B. However, since 1986, the state legislature has amended RCW 38.52.070 clarifying that cities and other Washington political subdivisions may join forces to undertake joint emergency management efforts. In addition, the City has also taken a regional role with respect emergency management and, therefore, it is appropriate to amend KCC 9.01.010 to remove the jurisdictional limit with respect to its duties.

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

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ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. – Amendment  Section 9.01.010 of the Kent City Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 9.01.010. Emergency management organization – Established. Pursuant to RCW 38.52.005 et seq., there is hereby established in the City an emergency management organization for the purpose of performing local emergency services functions in support of city operations. The emergency management organization shall represent only the city and shall perform its functions only within the city.

SECTION 2. – 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 3. – Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

JIM WHITE, MAYOR  Pro Tempore

TIM CLARK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: ___ day of May, 2005.
APPROVED: ___ day of May, 2005.
PUBLISHED: ___ day of May, 2005.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 347 passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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