ORDINANCE NO. 4056

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending Chapter 3.40 of the Kent City Code entitled, “Part 12 Human Services Fund,” to alter the manner in which funds are dedicated to the human services account.

RECITALS

A. On March 15, 1988, the city of Kent established the Human Services Fund through ordinance No. 2773.

B. On May 16, 1989, Resolution No. 1205 established a predictable funding base for human services of 1% of the city of Kent’s General Fund.

C. The fund is supported by the general fund as well as gifts, donations and grants.

D. Expenditures from the fund have been used to support human service needs within the city.

E. Over the years, the City has determined that human services needs tend to increase when the economy trends downward. However, when the economy trends downward, the City’s general fund tends to
decrease. Therefore, human services funding tends to be lower in Kent when there is a greater need for human services funding.

F. Tying human services funding to the general population will result in a more predictable and stable stream of funding that is not diminished when the economy trends downward and human services needs increase.

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

**ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 1.** - *Amendments.* Sections 3.40.1200 and 3.40.1210 of the Kent City Code are amended as follows:

**Sec. 3.40.1200.** Human services account created. There is hereby established a city human services fund account. Monies for the fund shall be received from as follows:

1. Annual budget. General fund dollars allocated annually by the city council for funding of human service agencies. *Dedicated amount based upon city population.* The city shall dedicate to the human services account the funds set forth below, which shall be based upon the number of city residents per capita and which shall be allocated from the general fund or any other available accounts or resources. The number of city residents shall be based upon population data certified by the State Office of Financial Management.

   a. For 2013, six and 96/100 dollars ($6.96) for each city resident shall be dedicated to the human services account.
b. The per capita rate will be increased over the 2013 rate by the applicable consumer price index for the greater Seattle metropolitan region. Provided, each annual increase shall not exceed 3% or fall below 0%. Budgeted but unspent funds shall be maintained in the human services account and carried forward to the next budget year.

2. Gifts, donations, and grants. Private or public gifts, endowments, donations, bequests, or other grants dedicated to the human services account shall be deposited in the human services account.

3. Other. Such other sources as may be available. Additional Funding. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the city from dedicating additional amounts to the human services account, if the council determines to apply additional funds from any other source.

4. Nothing in this section shall limit the amount of money the City may expend for human services.

Sec. 3.40.1210. Expenditures. Expenditures from the human services fund only shall be for support of human service needs within the city. None of the per capita allocation shall be applied to staffing the city’s human services division. Recommendations for expenditures shall be made by the human services commission for approval by the city council. The designation of human services funding to non-profit agencies shall be recommended by the human services commission and staff for final allocation and approval by the city council as part of the biennial budget process in accordance with the City of Kent Human Services Master Plan.

SECTION 2. - Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are

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authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

**SECTION 3.** – **Severability.** If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and that remaining portion shall maintain its full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** – **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force January 1, 2013, which is more than five (5) days after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

**SUZETTE COOKE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY**
PASSED: 11 day of December, 2012.
APPROVED: 11 day of December, 2012.
PUBLISHED: 11 day of December, 2012.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 4056 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]

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