AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DIRECTING THE KING COUNTY AUDITOR TO WITHDRAW FROM THE BALLOT THE PROPOSITION OF IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON SALES OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY WITH ALL PROCEEDS THEREFROM TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING OPEN SPACE, PARKS, TRAILS, AND SIDEWALKS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 099-48, WHICH CALLED FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION UPON SAID PROPOSITION

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 099-48, which called for a special election on the proposition of imposing an excise tax on sales of real property within the City with all proceeds to be used exclusively for the purposes of acquiring, developing and maintaining open space, trails, and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to withdraw said proposition from the ballot in order to study the matter further in light of the passage of Initiative 695; and

WHEREAS, at the January 12, 2000 City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to notify the King County Auditor that the ballot proposition authorized by Ordinance No. 099-48 shall be withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance is to memorialize the direction given to staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Withdraw Request for Special Election. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the King County Auditor. The Auditor is directed to withdraw from the ballot of the February 29, 2000 special election the proposition of whether the City should impose an excise tax of one-half of one percent of the selling price on each sale of real property within the corporate limits of the City, the proceeds of which shall be used exclusively for the purposes of acquiring, developing, and maintaining open space, parks, trails, and sidewalks.

Section 2. Repeal. Ordinance No. 099-48 is hereby repealed.
Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 12th DAY OF January 2000.

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

[Signature]
Mayor Phil Dyer

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

[Signature]
Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

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