ORDINANCE NO. 480

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON MODIFYING THE PENALTY FOR OPEN CONTAINERS OF LIQUOR IN A PUBLIC PLACE AND AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.10.160

WHEREAS SMC 9.10.160, adopted in 1996, provides that possession of an open container of liquor in a public place is punishable by a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS RCW 66.44.100 was amended in 1999 to change the penalty for possession of open containers of liquor in a public place from a misdemeanor to a class 3 civil infraction;

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

Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code Section 9.10.160, Alcoholic beverage control – Opening or consuming liquor or possessing open container of liquor in a public place, is amended to read as follows:

9.10.160 Alcoholic beverage control – Opening or consuming liquor or possessing open container of liquor in public place.

Except as provided by RCW Title 66 or SMC 8.12.500, relating to park rules, any person who possesses an open container of liquor in a public place shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed $50.00 if guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than $100.00; provided, that this provision shall not apply to containers kept in the trunk of a vehicle or in an area of the vehicle not normally occupied by the driver or passengers. A utility compartment or glove compartment is deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers

Section 2. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and the ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2007.

[Signature]
Mayor Robert L. Ransom
ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

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