

CITY OF KIRKLAND

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PRE-APPROVED PLANS POLICY

Policy R-22: PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM

- **Purpose of the Program:** Pedestrian flags are intended to assist pedestrians in gaining the attention of motorists approaching certain marked crosswalks. The pedestrian flags are not intended as a substitute for the vigilance and safe crossing techniques that pedestrians must use for crossing any street, whether or not it has enhanced crossing treatments.
- **Installation and Maintenance:** Public Works staff installs the equipment that holds the flags and provides the flags that volunteers use to replace missing and damaged flags. Public Works staff and/or volunteers monitor, replace, and redistribute flags in the Central Business District (CBD), volunteers provide the same services at locations remote from the CBD.
- **New Installations:** Typically, new flag installations are initiated by a request from a citizen who is willing to volunteer to maintain the flags at a particular location. Public Works staff checks the location to ensure that flag installation criteria are met and that flags would be a good application.
- **Flag installation Criteria:**
 1. Flags are only installed at existing marked crosswalks on city-maintained streets in the City of Kirkland.
 2. The crosswalk is not controlled by any traffic control devices, i.e. traffic signal, regulatory signs (Stop/Yield), or pedestrian activated crossing light systems, i.e. RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons).
 3. A volunteer is required for each location outside the Central Business District (CBD) to monitor, replace missing flags, and redistribute flags as necessary.
 4. Flags can also be installed temporarily at non-operating crossing light systems until repairs have been made or at other locations on a temporary basis.
- **Flag equipment Removal:** Flag equipment can be removed if it's determined by Public Works staff that the flags are no longer necessary for the crossing, i.e., addition of traffic control devices, a crossing light system; vandalism, or misuse of equipment; or if no volunteer available to maintain the flags (applies to crossings remote from the CBD).