

1 AN ORDINANCE renaming Lakewood Park in honor of  
2 Dick Thurnau, to recognize his service, dedication and  
3 profound influence in the White Center community.  
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5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. Dick Thurnau was born on February 17, 1925 in Pingree Grove, Illinois; and
- 7 2. Dick graduated from Seattle’s Edison Technical Institute and served in the U.S.  
8 Army in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946; and
- 9 3. Dick married Helen Grisham on April 25, 1946, and the two traveled by train  
10 from Illinois to Seattle on their honeymoon to start a new life together; and
- 11 4. Dick lived in the Lakewood Park neighborhood for more than four decades and  
12 raised four children there – Cheri, Kathleen, Marvin, and Terry – who, in their  
13 youth, leafleted the neighborhood for park-based events organized by their Dad;  
14 the family now includes eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and one great  
15 great grandchild; and
- 16 5. Dick was employed by Mack Trucks for 30 years, working his way up to  
17 Manager of Service Engineering for the Mack Western Division in Hayward,  
18 California before retiring in 1980 and returning to his home near Lakewood Park;  
19 and
- 20 6. Dick was an expert woodworker and master mechanic and generously used both  
21 talents to benefit family and friends; Dick has been a friend, mentor and “car go to  
22 guy” in the White Center community for many; and
- 23 7. Dick formed Friends of Hicklin Lake with the help of his partner, Marcia  
24 Wollam, advocating to clean up the lake water and petitioning successfully to  
25 rename the lake to properly honor original settler Leonard Hicklin; and
- 26 8. The Friends also welcomed the Technology Access Foundation as a creative  
27 addition to the park and a great way for future generations to prepare themselves  
28 for successful careers; and

29 9. Our community owes Dick a debt of gratitude for his local volunteer work and  
30 his service to our country in World War II; and

31 10. Dick established a lasting legacy of support and advocacy for Hicklin Lake,  
32 Lakewood Park, and the White Center community he loves; and the

33 11. Renaming of Lakewood Park in honor of Dick Thurnau is supported by  
34 multiple community organizations; Friends of Hicklin Lake, Friends of North  
35 Shorewood Park, North Highline UAC, Puget Soundkeeper, Technology Access  
36 Foundation, White Center CDA, White Center Chamber of Commerce, White  
37 Center Jubilee Days, White Center Kiwanis, YES Foundation of White Center.

38 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

39 SECTION 1. We do hereby honor and memorialize Dick Thurnau by renaming  
40 Lakewood Park as Dick Thurnau Memorial Park.

Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ was introduced on \_\_\_\_\_ and passed by the Metropolitan  
King County Council \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Yes:

No:

Excused: