

## RESOLUTION NO. 335

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WOODINVILLE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING OPERATION OF THE SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON DINNER TRAIN BETWEEN WOODINVILLE AND SNOHOMISH AND ENCOURAGING BNSF RAILWAY AND/OR KING COUNTY TO GRANT A LEASE TO THE DINNER TRAIN SO THAT IT CAN BEGIN OPERATION IN SUMMER 2007, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train (Dinner Train) is a national tourist attraction that annually brings 80,000–100,000 passengers to Woodinville through its current operations between Renton and Woodinville; and

**WHEREAS**, the rail line between Renton and Woodinville will be severed in July 2007 and the Dinner Train will discontinue operations between these two cities upon that event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dinner Train has expressed interest in continuing its operations between Woodinville and Snohomish once the rail line to Renton is severed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Woodinville and Snohomish; as well as their respective Chambers of Commerce are supportive of efforts to establish Dinner Train service between Woodinville and Snohomish this summer; and

**WHEREAS**, the rail line between Woodinville and Snohomish is currently a subject of negotiation for sale, purchase, or transfer between King County, Port of Seattle, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway; and

**WHEREAS**, these negotiations have complicated the matter of granting a lease to the Dinner Train so it can provide service between Woodinville and Snohomish; and

**WHEREAS**, continued operation of the Dinner Train benefits the Woodinville community and is consistent with the City's overall goals and objectives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

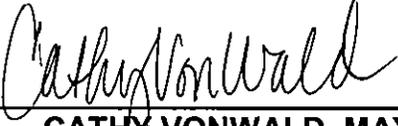
**Section 1.** The Woodinville City Council supports establishment of Spirit of Washington Dinner Train service between Woodinville and Snohomish, beginning in 2007.

**Section 2.** The Woodinville City Council recommends and requests that the King County Executive and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway use all available influence to ensure continued operation of the Dinner Train during 2007 by granting an

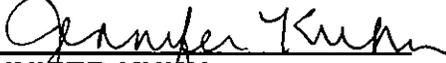
operating lease for Dinner Train service on the tracks between Woodinville and Snohomish; and that they continue to cooperate with the affected parties.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution or any resolution adopted or amended hereby, should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

**RESOLVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2007.**

  
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**CATHY VONWALD, MAYOR**

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

  
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**JENNIFER KUHN  
CITY CLERK/CMC**