

City of Kenmore receives Municipal Excellence Award from Association of Washington Cities

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Kenmore, WA - Association of Washington Cities (AWC) presented the City of Kenmore with the 2015 **Award for Municipal Excellence for The Coolest City Hall** at AWC's annual conference in Wenatchee on June 26. Kenmore is the only city to receive three AWC Municipal Excellence Awards in the award's history.

AWC's Municipal Excellence Awards, now in their 25th year, recognize innovative projects that significantly improve the quality of life for citizens, establish partnerships and build community support.

"We are proud to receive the AWC's Municipal Excellence Award for The Coolest City Hall," said Kenmore Mayor David Baker. "This recognition affirms our City's commitment to creating community spaces that bring people together while being mindful of sustainability and smart growth. We are seeing significant investment and development in Kenmore. Building City Hall launched our downtown redevelopment; it is part of our identity and it serves as our City's civic home."

Kenmore City Hall, the first building constructed by the City, reflects the City's ambitions for downtown redevelopment, design excellence, public art and sustainable features. Kenmore wanted to create a space for the community to gather and take part in the civic process. City Hall, which was completed in 2010, was designed with flexibility in mind to ensure it continues meeting the needs of residents as Kenmore continues to attract new growth. The building has also been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council, who gave it a LEED Gold rating.

"The Association of Washington Cities recognizes the thoughtful, innovative and collaborate approach the City of Kenmore has taken, as demonstrated not only in this year's award, but by the fact that the City is the first city to ever receive three such awards," said Luann Hopkins, COO/Interim CEO of Association of Washington Cities. "We're excited to see what the City has in store as it continues to invest in its infrastructure, its community and its processes." Watch the AWC video to learn more about what makes Kenmore City Hall cool.

"First city to receive three honors in award's history." The City of Kenmore received the Municipal Excellence Award in 2013 for Innovative Cost Savings due to its shared police command with the City of Shoreline, and again in 2014 for Process Streamlining, a direct result of the City's proactive efforts to streamline its permitting process to expedite and simplify development. In addition to its award-winning streamlined permitting, Kenmore's Business Incubator, low local taxes and no B&O tax, exceptional location and downtown resurgence make it a great place to launch a business. Kenmore was also recently recognized with a 2015 Playful City USA designation for the

sixth year in a row, celebrating its extensive park system, bike trails and waterfront recreation.