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ORDINANCE NO. **12544**

AN ORDINANCE conditionally approving the Covington Water District Comprehensive Plan, February 1994 (Revised November 1994).

PREAMBLE:

K.C.C. 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for water purveyors as a prerequisite to the granting of right-of-way franchises and approval of right-of-way construction permits.

The Covington Water District issued a Determination of Significance and a Notice of Adoption of Existing Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Issuance of Addendum for the plan in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act on February 23, 1995.

The Covington Water District Plan, February 1994 (Revised November 1994) was approved by the Covington Water District on March 2, 1994.

In April 1994 the Covington Water District imposed a moratorium on issuance of water availability letters for new subdivisions.

On February 15, 1995, the Covington Water District declared a moratorium on new water connections and certificates of water availability.

Approximately 20% of the Covington Water District service area is designated for urban uses in the King County Comprehensive Plan.

The urban portion of the Covington Water District service area has been targeted for growth in the King County Comprehensive Plan. This area has been identified as necessary to support the population and employment growth expected through the year 2012.

Imposition of a water moratorium inhibits the ability of this area to accommodate the growth projected for it and impedes realization of the King County Comprehensive Plan.

On May 22, 1996 the King County Utilities and Technical Review Committee met to consider the plan and finding it consistent with K.C.C. 13.24 recommended approval.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

1            SECTION 1. The Covington Water District Comprehensive Water System Plan,  
2 February 1994 (Revised November 1994), as presented in Attachment A, is hereby  
3 conditionally approved, subject to the following conditions:

4            (1) That the Covington Water District participate in a joint planning process  
5 pursuant to King County Comprehensive Plan Policy I-213. The joint planning process  
6 shall be administered by the King County Department of Natural Resources and shall  
7 include participation by the State Departments of Ecology and Health, a representation  
8 from the Governor's office, a representative from the State Legislature, the Muckleshoot  
9 Indian Tribe, representative(s) of the South King County Regional Water Association  
10 (SKCRWA), including representatives from the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District and  
11 the City of Auburn Water District, representative(s) of the development community  
12 affected by the moratorium, representative(s) of area residents, and the cities of Tacoma  
13 and Seattle.

14            The result of this joint planning effort shall be a report on the existing and projected  
15 deficiencies and a schedule (or timeline) for resolving them.

16            (2) That by January 31, 1997, a list of participants and schedule of meetings be  
17 provided to the Metropolitan King County Council by the Department of Natural  
18 Resources.

19            (3) That by June 30, 1997, the final report be transmitted to the Metropolitan  
20 County Council by the Department of Natural Resources.

