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Introduced by: Gary Grant

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MOTION NO. 3921

A MOTION approving the system description and approving expenditure of funds for the Planning & Community Development Department Land Development Information System.

WHEREAS, the adopted 1979 Budgets for the Planning Division and the Building and Land Development Division include provision for a Land Development Information System; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 1979 Budget includes a proviso which states that no funds for the Land Development Information System shall be expended until a detailed system description has been reviewed and approved by the County Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL:

The attached description of the Land Development Information System is approved by the County Council; and

Funds for the Land Development Information System may be expended by the Planning and Building and Land Development Divisions.

PASSED this 2nd day of January, 1978.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bernard Stern
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Quinn DEPUTY
Clerk of the Council

LAND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

HISTORY

Until 1975, King County had a semi-automated building permit system that provided building permit data for all of King County. Municipalities submitted copies of their building permits to King County, and together with County building permit records, this information was compiled and sorted by census tract, school district, incorporated and unincorporated areas. In addition, the different types of residential structures in each area were categorized by type. Current land use maps were also kept up-to-date throughout King County by using this building permit information.

Annually, until 1975, King County provided this information to the Puget Sound Council of Governments and the COG used this building permit data for modeling purposes. For example, one of the primary uses of this information by the COG was in developing population projections (uses for these projections included determining federal funding formulas for King County).

Since 1975, this information has not been available on a regular basis. Some of the information has been brought up-to-date for specific projects such as the Vacant Lands Study. However, special projects such as the Vacant Lands Study become very costly when the data has to be compiled manually for each update. In addition, updating studies requires new manual counts of building permit data.

LAND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM - 1979

The 1979 Land Development Information System will re-establish a system whereby King County would again have available accurate building permit and land development information for unincorporated King County on a quarterly basis. This proposal will also provide current land use maps. At a minimum, this system will provide a quarterly summary of data showing building permit activities by sub-area of the County. It is also anticipated that the system will eventually enable the County to maintain current information on land development activity of platting, short-platting and rezones. The system will include an edit and error correction component built into the permit file and will provide a means to measure and tabulate the acreage consumed for residential, commercial and industrial permits.

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The Planner II position in the Planning Division will be responsible for the gathering and coordination of the County development and population information. The responsibilities of this person will include:

- o work with Systems Services to develop computerized system for keeping updated information on building permit activity and vacant land availability (5 months)
- o work with PSCOG regarding population and employment forecasts (1 month)
- o provide requested information to County elected officials and agencies on development activity and population forecasts (1.5 months)
- o gather and maintain information on platting and short platting activities in King County - from 1974 to present (2 months).
- o coordinating the data gathering efforts of the three technical staff positions in the Building and Land Development Division (1 month)
- o work with the Division of Budget and Program Development on follow-up to the Building and Land Development Permit Processing System Report (1.5 months)

The 3 staff support positions (planning assistants, engineering technician) included in the budget for the Building and Land Development Division will be responsible for the following:

- o collect data on building permits, subdivisions, and short subdivisions at the time of permit-issuing.
- o work on keeping updated maps of platting activity in King County.