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Introduced by: ROBERT B. DUNN

Proposed No. 79-716

MOTION NO. 4245

A MOTION relating to economic development policy guidelines; establishing guidelines to be used in the development of land use policies for the General Development Guide and for King County budgetary decisions.

PREAMBLE:

- King County's population is expected to increase by between 200,000 and 270,000 people and over 100,000-120,000 new jobs are expected to be created by 1990.
- King County recognizes the employment needs of all its citizens, and particularly the needs of new labor market entrants, the structurally unemployed, and the economically disadvantaged.
- King County adopted its Comprehensive Plan in 1964, and since then has not re-examined the issues pertaining to the location of total communities and their employment activities.
- King County is currently revising its Comprehensive Plan into a General Development Guide in order to accommodate population growth and the expansion of the local economy in a manner which is consistent with the urban centers development concept and emerging employment centers policies.

The purpose of this motion is (a) to establish guidelines for the development of land use policies and regulations relating to economic development as part of the King County Growth Management Program, and (b) to establish guidelines for programmatic and budgetary decisions relating to the economic development activities of King County. The attached discussion (Attachment A) paper provides more detailed information regarding economic development programs and land use policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. LAND USE POLICY GUIDELINES FOR KING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The following policy guidelines and Attachment A shall be used by King County in its decisions affecting the location of future employment opportunities and shall provide guidance for preparation of the General Development Guide. These guidelines shall be recognized as land use policies relating to economic development.

POLICY GUIDELINE #1:

King County land use policies and regulations should be designed to accommodate projected population and employment growth, not to limit growth.

1 Potential growth in population and employment should be
2 considered and incorporated into the County's land use planning
3 activities.

4 POLICY GUIDELINES #2:

5 County land use policies should ensure an adequate land base
6 for employment activity.

7 The County should seek to ensure sufficient land for manu-
8 facturing, warehousing, and other industrial uses. Sufficient
9 land for retail and service uses should be made available. The
10 County should examine policies to set aside reserves of land for
11 future commercial and industrial purposes.

12 POLICY GUIDELINE #3:

13 King County land use policies should encourage commercial,
14 industrial, and service activities around established or new
15 employment and activity centers.

16 The County should encourage the concentration of economic
17 activities around existing centers or identify new employment
18 and activity centers for which adequate public services and
19 facilities are available and which can accommodate new growth.
20 An improved transportation network and facilities to serve these
21 centers in a way that conserves energy should also be encouraged.

22 POLICY GUIDELINE #4:

23 King County land use policies should encourage and protect
24 investment in employment and activity centers, and include
25 guidelines for public capital improvement programs to support
26 potential growth.

27 County land use policies should clearly indicate where pri-
28 vate investment would be most consistent with the General Develop-
29 ment Guide. King County should also direct its own capital
30 improvement budget toward adequate services for employment and
31 activity centers to support private investment consistent with the
32 General Development Guide.

POLICY GUIDELINE #5:

Conserve the land and water resource base for those King County industries which utilize natural resources.

The County's land use policies should recognize the employment opportunities in such resource-based industries as forestry, agriculture, fisheries and seafood processing, and mineral extraction and recreation. The County should retain and encourage efficient use and enlightened management of its land resources including timberland and agricultural land.

POLICY GUIDELINE #6:

County land use policies should protect the natural resource base from competing urban pressures or encroachment by non-compatible uses.

The County should discourage competing development on resource lands such as those known to contain deposits of sand, gravel, coal, or other minerals. County policies should encourage the natural functions of spawning streams, lakes and Puget Sound. Similarly, utilities and public facilities may be restricted in agricultural areas.

POLICY GUIDELINE #7:

The County should encourage business and industry to develop in a manner that recognizes the needs of adjacent residential and environmentally sensitive areas.

Economic development activities should not be incompatible with adjacent uses, and should maximize opportunities for the development of total local communities. Employment and activity centers should be of a scale and type which is compatible with their surroundings.

B. PROGRAM POLICY GUIDELINES FOR KING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

These policy guidelines and Attachment A shall provide direction for County economic development activity. Such activities are defined during the annual budgeting process by the Executive and Council. The guidelines shall also relate to

programs which provide economic development services to the public as well as to County participation in local and regional development agencies.

POLICY GUIDELINE #1:

Encourage adequate road, transit, and arterial service to meet the transportation needs of designated employment centers.

King County should assure adequate road construction and expansion to accommodate transportation needs for commercial, industrial and service firms. Employment and activity centers with an appropriate transportation network would encourage energy conservation.

POLICY GUIDELINE #2:

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PASSED this 21st day of July, 1979.

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