

MOTION NO. 5365

A MOTION setting forth the need for County Policies relating to County operated sewer service areas, requesting the Department of Public Works to prepare proposed policies to address that need, and adopting guidelines for the preparation of such policies.

WHEREAS, King County has established, operates and maintains sewerage systems under RCW 36.94, and

WHEREAS, King County has also assumed responsibilities for sewerage systems established under the Diking and Drainage statutes, and

WHEREAS, the sewerage systems operated by King County are located in different areas of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County has no formal policy on operating, maintaining and planning for new and existing sewerage systems, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to establish policies on the role of King County in future expansion or operation of existing sewerage systems, and

WHEREAS, the County can expect to receive requests for sewerage service to address health hazards caused by septic tank failures in areas which cannot be readily served by sewer districts or cities, or to assume responsibility for marginally operable sewerage systems, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has established a Sewer Utility Administration Section responsible for sewerage services provided by King County.

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

A. The County Executive is hereby requested to prepare proposed policies addressing the following:

1. The relationship and responsibility of the County to other agencies providing sewerage service, including special

1 districts, cities and towns, and Municipality of Metropolitan  
2 Seattle.

3 2. Criteria to be used when the County considers accepting,  
4 establishing, or otherwise acquiring, owning, or operating  
5 sewerage facilities. The preparation of these criteria should  
6 include, but not necessarily be limited to, appropriate areas and  
7 circumstances for the County to assume a sewerage service respon-  
8 sibility, economies of scale, cost effectiveness, and policies  
9 relating to the transfer or takeover of facilities to or from  
10 other sewerage service agencies.

11 3. Consistency with and the support and enhancement of,  
12 County land use plans and policies.

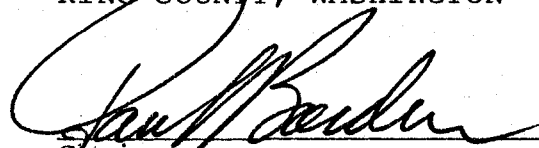
13 4. Relationship to the land use plans and policies of  
14 neighboring cities.

15 5. The feasibility of providing assistance to low and  
16 moderate income and elderly property owners, as defined by  
17 Community Block Grant policy, in bearing the cost of sewer  
18 improvements.

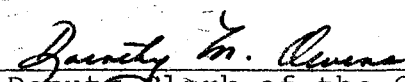
19 B. The report submitting proposed policies for Council con-  
20 sideration should be prepared by the Department of Public Works,  
21 with the full participation of the Department of Planning and  
22 Community Development, Department of Budget and Program Development,  
23 the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Council staff, and should be  
24 completed and transmitted to the Council by June 30, 1982.

25 PASSED this 7th day of December, 1981.

26 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
27 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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29 Chairman

30 ATTEST:

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33 Deputy Clerk of the Council