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MOTION NO. 7142

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2 A MOTION initiating a Soos Creek Community Plan,  
3 describing the scope of the Community Plan and  
4 Area Zoning, establishing the responsibilities of  
5 a community plan advisory committee and the King  
6 County planning division in developing the Soos Creek  
7 Community Plan and approving the appointment of citizens  
8 to serve on the Soos Creek Community Plan Advisory  
9 Committee.

10 WHEREAS, in November 1979 the King County adopted the Soos Creek Plateau  
11 Communities Plan, and

12 WHEREAS, Soos Creek is one of the fastest growing areas in unincorporated King  
13 County, and

14 WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1985, and this rapid  
15 growth and likely inconsistencies with the King County Comprehensive Plan require an  
16 update of the community plan and area zoning, and

17 WHEREAS, the Soos Creek community plan and area zoning when adopted by the  
18 King County council will seek to: 1. implement the comprehensive plan; 2. specify official  
19 policy guiding growth and development for the Soos Creek planning area; 3. establish  
20 community project priorities; and 4. establish official zoning controls, and

21 WHEREAS, King County and the cities of Renton, Kent and Auburn will adopt a  
22 motion which encourages cooperative planning between the four jurisdictions for the Soos  
23 Creek community, and

24 WHEREAS, the King County executive and the councilpersons from Districts 6 and 9  
25 have recommended thirteen members to serve on the Soos Creek Community Plan  
26 Advisory Committee, and

27 WHEREAS, a chairperson for the Soos Creek Community Plan Advisory Committee  
28 will be appointed by the director of the parks, planning and resources department;

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

30 A. The Soos Creek community plan update shall incorporate and implement  
31 relevant policies, map designations and concepts of the 1985 King County comprehensive  
32 plan.

1 B. The department will review the appropriateness of the community planning area  
2 boundary in the Covington area. After considering comments from the advisory  
3 committee and the general public, the department will recommend to the King County  
4 council any adjustments by July 1, 1988.

5 C. The Soos Creek community plan update shall consider and address:

6 1. Opportunities for residential development to accommodate anticipated  
7 population at appropriate densities and locations considering factors such as existing  
8 subdivision patterns, environmental constraints, availability and capacity of public services  
9 and compatibility with adjacent uses;

10 2. Ways to provide a local balance of households and jobs in the subregion  
11 including the planning area, adjacent cities and urban activity centers;

12 3. Opportunities for affordable housing in quantities sufficient to address  
13 anticipated growth and consistent with the King County Affordable Housing Policy Plan;

14 4. Amount, location and character of commercial development appropriate to  
15 support existing and anticipated population;

16 5. Transportation routes, capital improvement projects, transit facilities and other  
17 facilities and services needed to support planned land uses;

18 6. Boundaries of sewer and water service areas necessary to implement plan  
19 policies and the land use plan;

20 7. Safeguarding the area's valuable water and fisheries resources, protecting  
21 environmentally sensitive areas and addressing the Soos Creek Plateau's unique surface  
22 and ground water management needs;

23 8. Priorities for acquisition of open space and park sites, and recommendation of  
24 appropriate local park and recreation development projects;

25 9. Heritage sites, including measures to retain and enhance structures or sites  
26 within the Soos Creek planning area identified by King County historic site survey and to  
27 otherwise implement the King County heritage resources protection plan;

28 10. Adopted plans of adjacent incorporated jurisdictions such as the cities of  
29 Renton, Kent and Auburn and special purpose districts;

1           11. Resources and industries including forestry, agriculture, gas, oil, gravel, rock  
2 and coal exploration, extraction and processing.

3           12. Issues of mutual interest between King County and adjacent jurisdictions such  
4 as land use, facility planning, development standards and environmental protection which  
5 may be further addressed by subsequent interlocal agreements.

6           D. The department shall propose Soos Creek area zoning. It should include:

7           1. Maps and descriptions of the zoning classifications necessary to implement the  
8 recommended land use designations;

9           2. Special development conditions necessary to protect the environment, mitigate  
10 significant adverse environmental impacts and otherwise carry out the recommended land  
11 use policies, and

12           3. Text explanations for the applied zoning classifications.

13           E. The advisory committee may make recommendations outside the scope of the  
14 community plan, and these shall be presented separately as special recommendations for  
15 executive and council consideration.

16           BE IT FURTHER MOVED by the Council of King County:

17           A. There is established a thirteen-member Soos Creek community plan advisory  
18 committee, composed of the individuals listed in attachment A.

19           B. It is expected that no new members will be added to the committee during the  
20 planning process. In the event a member is unable to complete his or her term, the  
21 department may recommend to the King County executive and councilpersons from  
22 Districts 6 and 9 a replacement only if necessary to complete the committee's work.

23           C. There shall be one member each from the cities of Renton, Kent and Auburn.  
24 The cities of Renton, Kent and Auburn shall select replacements if needed if their  
25 representatives resign.

26           D. All committee members shall be subject to the disclosure provisions of  
27 K.C.C. 3.04.050.

1 BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE Council of King County:

2 A. The King County parks, planning and resources department staff shall be  
3 responsible for preparing the initial Soos Creek community plan documents. Community  
4 planning staff will lead the community planning effort and direct the progress of the  
5 committee in their discussions and review of staff work. The department of public works  
6 will provide analysis and will initiate recommendations regarding transportation alternatives  
7 and plan concept.

8 B. Throughout the planning process, planning staff shall be responsible for  
9 coordinating and considering the views of the general public, technical experts and the  
10 advisory committee.

11 C. Throughout the Soos Creek community planning process, the advisory committee  
12 shall consider the local community's role and responsibilities within the context of the  
13 broader, countywide community. The committee's responsibilities include examining the  
14 impacts of local decisions on countywide strategies and initiatives; providing for the  
15 community's anticipated growth; and providing housing and economic opportunities for all  
16 income levels.

17 D. The committee shall review work of the planning staff, consider comments from  
18 the general community and technical experts, and assist staff in seeking to resolve issues  
19 and develop policies. Although consensus is a goal of the plan process, if committee  
20 consensus is not reached, areas of disagreement will be identified and review of the next  
21 issue in the process will begin.

22 E. Regular advisory committee meetings shall end after the committee reviews the  
23 department's proposed plan. Committee members are, however, encouraged to continue  
24 to participate in the public review process until final adoption by the King County council.

25 F. Since one of the purposes of the advisory committee is to provide a vehicle for  
26 bringing together diverse interests within the Soos Creek planning area; planning staff and  
27 the committee should seek, encourage and facilitate broad community involvement.

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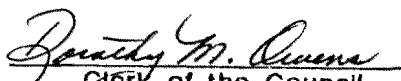
G. The chairperson will be responsible for running advisory committee meetings, keeping committee work on schedule, and making sure the various viewpoints of committee members are expressed.

PASSED this 28th day of March, 1988.

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