

ORDINANCE NO. 2991

AN ORDINANCE relating to heritage sites establishing County Open Space Policies; amending Chapter E, Open Space Development Policies of the Comprehensive Plan for King County under the provision of Ordinance 263, Article 2, Section 3 of KCC 20.12.030.

PREAMBLE:

The Council of King County declares it to be in the public interest to protect a legacy of heritage sites within a system of open space. The inclusion of heritage sites in the open space system is recognized as making a contribution to the present through the preservation of the past. The Policy Development Commission's report on "heritage sites as open space" is the basis for the goals and policies adopted by this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. "Heritage Sites as Open Space"

attached hereto is hereby adopted as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan for King County under the provision of Ordinance 263, Article 2, Section 3, KCC 20.12.030. As an amplification and augmentation of the Comprehensive Plan, the Heritage Sites as Open Space Element shall supplement Chapter E, Open Space Development Policies.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 5th day of May, 1976.

PASSED this 29th day of November, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David M. Hooley
Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 1st day of December, 1976.

John Spellman
King County Executive

HERITAGE SITES AS OPEN SPACE

GOAL: To identify, preserve and selectively encourage restoration of those buildings, sites and areas that depict the evolution of King County.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES:

The Department of Planning and Community Development, Planning Division shall:

1. Consider the ideas and recommendations of civic groups, public agencies, and citizens interested in historical preservation.
2. Inventory potential and existing heritage sites within each community planning area during the development of community plans.
3. Inspect and investigate structures, sites and areas which are recommended as being worthy of preservation using the attached selection criteria.
4. Submit to the Council for public hearing and approval those recommended heritage sites or heritage districts which meet the attached selection criteria.
5. Disseminate information to the public concerning heritage sites and heritage districts and encourage and advise property owners in the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of heritage sites or districts.
6. Advise the Council when registered heritage sites or districts are threatened by destruction in any manner.

GENERAL POLICIES:

1. Coordinate the development of parks, trails and other forms of recreational open space with the preservation, restoration, and use of heritage sites.
2. Encourage and provide incentives to private enterprise for preservation, restoration, and use of heritage sites including the possibility of commercial uses.
3. Preserve and enhance heritage sites on County properties.
4. Prevent where possible, public improvements from destroying or destructive altering any heritage site in King County.

5. Discourage private development from destroying or destructively altering any heritage sites in King County.
6. Cooperate with cities and adjacent counties in the preservation and reconstruction of heritage sites.
7. Encourage harmonious land use adjacent to heritage sites to reflect, enhance or commemorate the heritage.
8. Encourage the preservation, restoration and use of heritage sites that relate to the cultural contributions of all ethnic groups.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

A structure, group of structures, site or district may be designated as a heritage site or heritage district if it:

1. Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County, State or Nation; or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; or
2. Is the site of an historic event with a significant effect upon society; or
3. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the region; or
4. Portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or
5. Embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, or engineering specimen; or
6. Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or
7. By being part of or related to a park or other distinctive area should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif; or
8. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING POTENTIAL ENTRIES TO THE STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

The following criteria as established by the United States National Park Service shall apply to King County:

The quality of significance in American History, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- 1. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- 2. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- 3. that embody the distinctive characteristics or a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- 4. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#####

10/11/76

