

ORDINANCE NO. 0004486

AN ORDINANCE relating to the issuance of building and other development permits in the Mt. Si Conservation Area.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings. For the purpose of effective areawide planning and regulation, the King County Council makes the following legislative findings:

(1) The King County Council by Motion 2356, February, 1976, agreed to study and evaluate the Snohomish Basin Mediated agreement.

(2) The King County Council by Motion 3586, June, 1978, authorized the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the state, Snohomish County, thirteen cities and towns, and the Tulalip Tribes to support the "Mediated Agreement" (Recommendations for Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Flood Control for the Snohomish River Basin). The Interlocal Agreement established that all parties agree to the "plan of action set forth in the Mediated Agreement" and "wish to join together to pursue its implementation".

(3) The Mediated Agreement recognized the importance of the Mt. Si area and the effect quarrying and development could have upon its unique qualities.

(4) The State Legislature in Laws of Washington 1975 - 76, 2nd Extraordinary Session, Chapter 88, Section 1, and as amended by Laws of Washington 1977, 1st Extraordinary Session, Chapter 306, Section 1, declared the Mt. Si - Little Si area to be of statewide significance for its unique scenic, natural, and geologic features, and outstanding recreational opportunities.

(5) The Legislature recognized the importance of guarding portions of the area from those types of development which would alter its natural form and beauty and set forth procedures to enhance and safeguard this area.

(6) The State Parks and Recreation Commission and the State

1 Department of Natural Resources, with the assistance of a
2 Citizens Advisory Committee, completed the Mt. Si Preservation
3 Area Report, December, 1976, as directed by Laws of Washington,
4 1975 - 76, 2nd Extraordinary Session, Chapter 88, Section 2, and
5 as amended by Laws of Washington 1977, 1st Extraordinary
6 Session, Chapter 306.

7 (7) A principal recommendation of the Mt. Si Preservation
8 Area Report, endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the
9 Washington State Parks and Recreation Committee, and the
10 Department of Natural Resources, was the preservation and
11 purchase of 2,361 acres for the Mt. Si Recreation Area.

12 (8) The 1979 Washington State Budget allocated
13 approximately \$1.8 million for the acquisition of lands within
14 the Mt. Si Preservation Area.

15 (9) The Department of Natural Resources has initiated the
16 program for the acquisition process, assigned this project a high
17 priority, reconvened the Citizens Advisory Committee, and has
18 held the first of a number of public meetings in the Mt. Si area.

19 (10) In recent months, authorized and unauthorized
20 development activity has occurred on lands proposed for
21 preservation and acquisition within the preservation area.

22 (11) Interim development pursuant to building permits,
23 grading permits, trail permits, on-site mobile home permits,
24 hydraulic permits, plat approvals, and other development
25 proposals would change the character of the land and area, would
26 undermine the purpose and ability to preserve the Mt. Si and
27 Little Si as a valuable recreational resource as directed by the
28 State Legislature and Governor, and would be an unproductive use
29 of private investment.

30 SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to:

31 (1) Allow King County sufficient time:

32 (a) to review the recommendations of the Mt. Si
33 Preservation Report to assure effective County-State

1 coordination, and

2 (b) to review adopted zoning and land use policies to
3 assure compatibility with the Mt. Si Preservation Area;

4 (2) Allow the responsible state agencies sufficient time to
5 proceed with a detailed plan of acquisition and development.

6 SECTION 3. Building and Other Permits To Be Held In
7 Abeyance. The issuance of building permits, grading permits,
8 trail permits, on-site mobile home permits, hydraulic permits,
9 plat approvals, and other developmental proposals shall be held
10 in abeyance for properties within the Mt. Si Preservation Area as
11 defined in Laws of Washington 1977, 1st Extraordinary Session,
12 Chapter 306, Section 2, for a six month period following the
13 effective date of this ordinance. Said area is generally
14 identified on the Kroll maps located in the Building and Land
15 Development Division and on the map attached hereto as Appendix
16 A.

17 SECTION 4. Five Month Review and Report. Five months after
18 the effective date of this ordinance, the Department of Planning
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1 and Community Development shall report to the Council and
 2 recommend any appropriate action regarding the program for
 3 preservation of the Mt. Si - Little Si area. The Department of
 4 Planning and Community Development shall also request responsible
 5 state agencies to report on the status of property acquisition
 6 and plan development for the area.

7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day of

8 August, 1979.

9 PASSED this 17th day of September, 1979.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

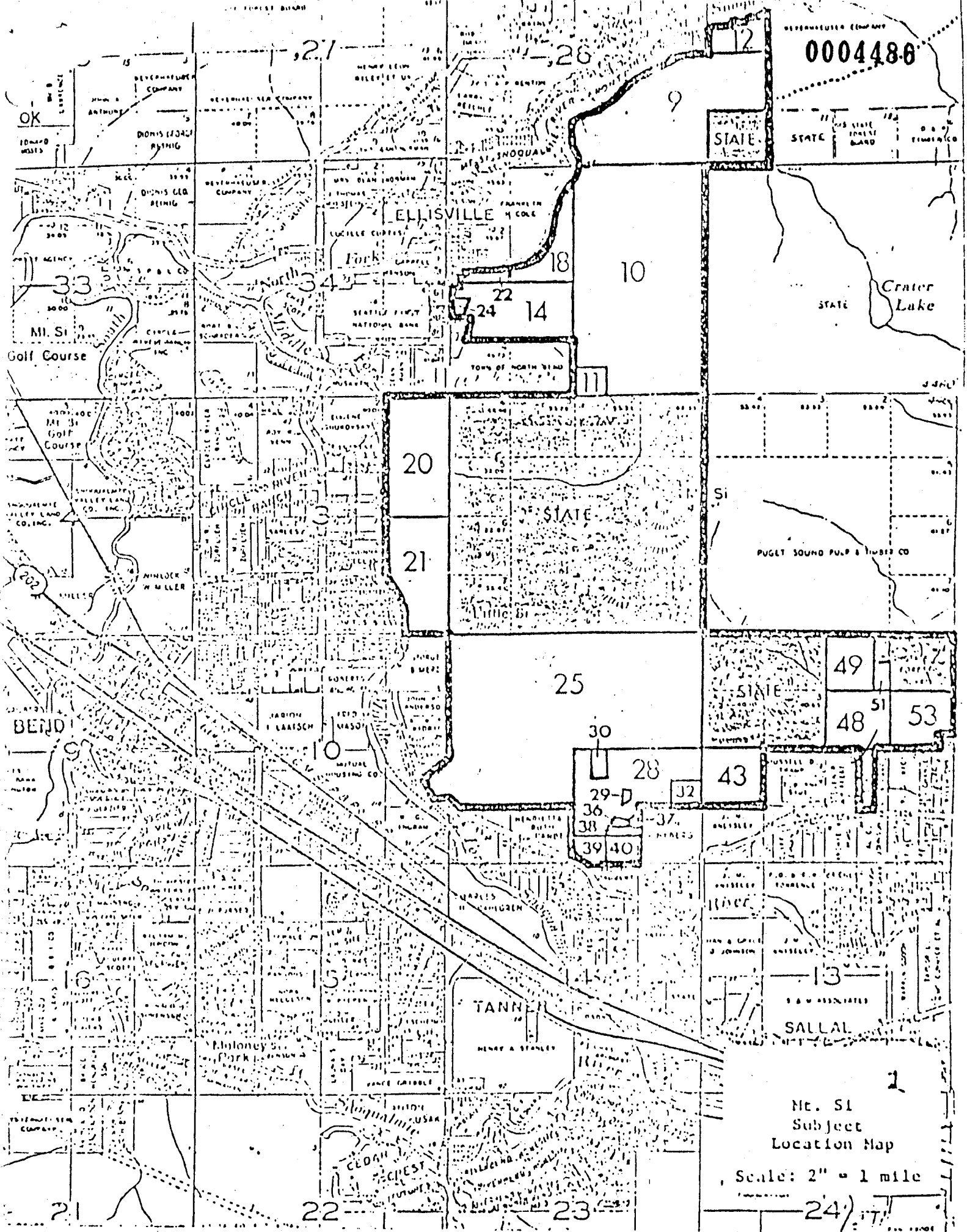
12 Ruby Chow
 13 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

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 16 Bonnie W. Owens
 17 Deputy Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 20th day of September, 1979.

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 20 [Signature]
 21 King County Executive



APPENDIX "A"