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AN ORDINANCE relating to economic development; adopting the King County Economic Development Plan as the countywide economic development functional plan for King County.

PREAMBLE:

On April 8, 1985 the King County council unanimously adopted Ordinance 7178 thereby adopting the King County Comprehensive Plan which was subsequently signed into law by the King County executive on April 15, 1985.

The King County Comprehensive Plan contains Goal 6 which states: Encourage economic development that provides diverse and continuing employment opportunities for King County residents.

The King County Comprehensive Plan contains economic development policy CI-106 which states: Economic development plans should regularly assess the needs of the local economy and emphasize the expansion and increased productivity of existing industries as a means to strengthen the regional economy.

In May 1984, the King County council passed Motion 6012 stating that economic development is a priority of the King County council, and the King County council approved budget allocations for 1985, 1986 and 1987 to support development of background studies and preparation of an economic development plan.

In December 1985, the Background Analysis for the King County Economic Development Plan was published and circulated to interested groups. The Background Analysis was developed by a counsultant team, CCA, inc. and Stalzer and Associates, with assistance from a county Economic Development Steering Committee.

In July 1986, the Seattle/King County Economic Development Council, with assistance from King County staff and elected officials, completed work on a five-year economic development action plan for education, business, labor and government institutions in King County, including several specific actions to be carried out by local governments such as King County.

In August 1986, the King County executive asked the Economic Development Council to provide a resource group of technical experts knowledgeable about business, government, labor and educational issues related to economic development to help analyze issues and alternatives for an action plan for King County government.

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In January 1987, a draft King County Economic Development Plan, prepared by the consultant team, CCA, inc. and Stalzer and Associates, was published and circulated for public review and review by King County departments.

Based on additional data, public department and resource group comments, and executive direction on major issues, the draft Economic Development Plan was revised. The revised draft Economic Development Plan was reviewed by King County departments and the resource group in September and October 1987.

The Executive Proposed Economic Development Plan recommends goals, policies, and a five-year action plan for King County government, to promote economic growth and vitality in King County and the cities, based on data, adopted policies, and public and department comments on appropriate and effective economic development actions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The goals, policies and action program contained in the Economic Development Plan are adopted as a functional plan of the King County Comprehensive Plan. As an amplification and augmentation of the King County Comprehensive Plan they constitute official county policy which affect economic and business development programs, land use and capital improvement plans and actions, human resources programs and other county activities related to economic development.

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