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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to the parks, planning and
3 resources department clarifying the department and
4 division mission, creating an Environmental
5 Division and amending Ordinance 1438, Section 3(b)
6 and K.C.C. 2.16.050.

7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Ordinance 1438, Section 3(b), as amended and
9 K.C.C. 2.16.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 Department of parks, planning and resources duties -
11 divisions. The department shall develop and manage programs to
12 protect and enhance the county's natural resources; develop,
13 implement and manage the King County comprehensive ((and)) plan,
14 develop and implement community plan((ning))s which are
15 consistent with the King County comprehensive plan, manage
16 parks((r)) and recreation ((and-natural-resources)) programs,
17 which are available to all citizens of King County; administer
18 building and land development consistent with adopted policies
19 and regulations; administer economic development, and housing and
20 community development programs including block grants, which
21 serve low and moderate income citizens of King County; oversee
22 programs which support cultural resources including the arts and
23 historic preservation, and which encourage an understanding and
24 appreciation of cultural resources((programs)); develop,
25 implement and manage programs which protect natural resources and
26 the environment; and monitor the effects of the county's
27 comprehensive plan, and land use and natural resource policies
28 and regulations. It is the mission of this department to help
29 maintain the quality of life in King County by balancing the
30 impact of growth and change with the need for environmental
31 protection, the need for jobs and housing, and the need for
32 adequate parks, recreation opportunities and access to cultural
33 resources. In carrying out these objectives, the department is
responsible to manage and be fiscally accountable for the

1 functions assigned to and performed by the following divisions:

2 A. ((NATURAL-RESOURCES-AND)) PARKS DIVISION. The division
3 shall develop((7)) policies and manage and be responsible for
4 ((policies-and)) programs which promote the protection and
5 enjoyment of the county's ((natural-resources7-especially-its))
6 park lands, ((natural-areas7-sensitive-areas7-ground-and-surface
7 waters7)) agricultural and other open space lands, and which
8 implement authorized capital projects identified in community
9 plans.

10 The functions of the division include:

11 1. Planning, administration and development functions:

12 a. Plan and prepare park and open space programs as
13 well as corresponding capital improvement programs (CIP) and
14 budgets at the community plan level and/or on a countywide basis.

15 b. Develop specific park, recreation and open space CIP
16 master plans and projects which implement the parks and open
17 space programs, with clearly defined scope, cost and schedule
18 information pursuant to M.C.C. 4.04.

19 c. Implement specific CIP projects on schedule and
20 within scope and budget.

21 d. Perform project management for all approved parks,
22 recreation and open space CIP projects, which shall include
23 responsibility for:

24 (1) contract administration,

25 (2) acting as county's representative during design
26 and construction,

27 (3) project budget management, and

28 (4) necessary coordination with involved agencies to
29 facilitate project completion.

30 e. ((Prepare-pertinent-natural-resources-functional
31 plans-as-may-be-required7-coordinating-with-the-planning-and
32 community-development-division-to-assure-consistency-with-other
33 development-and-land-use-plans-and-policies7

1 f---Provide-research-and-support-functions-to-the-other
2 divisions-with-regard-to-natural-features-and-environmental
3 matters-including-but-not-limited-to-sensitive-areas,-water
4 resources,-and-mineral-and-forestry-resources-

5 g---))Coordinate with other divisions as appropriate in
6 the preparation of county environmental documents or response to
7 environmental documents from other governmental agencies.

8 2. Parks and recreation operational functions:

9 a. Operate and maintain the county park system
10 including the management of park facility use and recreational
11 services for county residents utilizing such facilities.

12 b. Develop, improve and expand existing and new park
13 facilities as appropriate.

14 c. Plan, organize, schedule and administer the annual
15 King County Fair, off-season programs, and use of the county
16 fairgrounds in cooperation with the King County Fair Board.

17 3. Agriculture and open space land acquisition function:

18 a. Implement the county agriculture and open space
19 lands acquisition program which includes, but is not limited to,
20 the planning, financing, and purchase of fee and less than fee
21 interest in agricultural and open space areas and facilities; and
22 the preparation of policies and records management practices to
23 protect the county's rights to such acquired interests ensuring
24 to the greatest extent practicable that subsequent county land
25 use policies remain compatible with the acquired interests.

26 b. Review and comment on all public and private
27 projects and programs that affect agricultural areas and
28 facilities.

29 c. Develop and update regulations to protect
30 agricultural areas.

31 d. Coordinate county agricultural support activities
32 with local, state, and federal government agencies, and initiate
33 agricultural enhancements by contract or through joint

1 cooperation with one or more of said agencies.

2 e. Implement those policies of the county's
3 comprehensive plan pertaining to agriculture.

4 f. Develop and implement agriculture support activities
5 and economic development programs to enhance the continued
6 economic viability of agriculture in the county.

7 B. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. The
8 division shall develop policies and~~((7))~~ manage and be
9 responsible for programs which address: ongoing, long-range
10 comprehensive land use planning and ~~((the))~~ implementation of the
11 county's comprehensive plan; ~~((for-the))~~ preparation of community
12 plans, a housing plan, an economic development plan, and such
13 other plans related to community development and land use as may
14 be directed. The Division shall administer the county's housing
15 and community development block grant program and economic
16 development program; shall assist communities in coping with the
17 effects of growth and development~~((↑-and-shall-implement-adopted~~
18 ~~county-plans))~~. The functions of the division include:

19 1. Comprehensive planning and implementation functions:

20 a. Oversee the implementation program for the county's
21 comprehensive plan including but not limited to the development
22 of community plans, functional plans, and regulatory and zoning
23 proposals.

24 b. Develop and update land use plans, community plans,
25 and area zoning which implement the county's comprehensive plan
26 for the designated planning areas of the unincorporated parts of
27 the county.

28 c. Collect and analyze land development, population and
29 natural and resource enhancement information to aid decision
30 making and to support implementation of county plans and
31 programs; and provided map and graphic services to the
32 department.

33 d. Monitor the cumulative effects of the county's

1 comprehensive plan and other plans, policies and laws intended to
2 protect natural, cultural and community resources while
3 permitting development and growth, providing periodic status
4 reports to the county executive and council.

5 e. Prepare a report every five years to coincide with
6 the prescribed county's comprehensive plan review evaluating the
7 plan to determine whether key concepts are being effectively
8 achieved, reflecting new community goals and in response to
9 changing conditions, submitting the report to the executive and
10 county council.

11 f. ~~((Review-utility-plans-for-consistency-with-area-wide
12 and-community-plans*))~~ Prepare county-wide general utility plans
13 and guidelines such as the sewerage general plan and coordinated
14 water supply plans, and manage the process of reviewing local
15 utility district plans for conformance with King County plans and
16 policies.

17 2. Community planning functions:

18 a. Prepare and periodically update community plans and
19 area zoning which implement the comprehensive plan.

20 b. Coordinate county land use planning with other
21 public and private agencies as appropriate.

22 c. Assist communities to implement adopted community
23 plans.

24 d. Prepare interlocal agreements between the county and
25 suburban cities as needed to address common planning issues.

26 3. Community development functions:

27 a. Develop applications for the housing and community
28 development block grant program, including the housing assistance
29 plan.

30 b. Develop and monitor contracts with agencies
31 subcontracting with the county for block grant funds.

32 c. Provide technical assistance to potential recipients
33 of block grant funds.

1 d. Provide staff assistance to the joint policy
2 committee authorized by the interlocal cooperation agreement
3 between the county and the city members of the housing and
4 community development consortium.

5 4. Housing and economic development functions:

6 a. Develop and implement new initiatives for the
7 provision of additional housing units.

8 b. Provide housing-related services to county residents
9 when an appropriate contracting agency is not available.

10 c. Implement and regularly update the county's
11 affordable housing policy plan to ensure provision of moderate
12 and low cost housing. Provide housing services to low income
13 county residents to promote access to affordable housing units
14 and to support maintenance of existing housing stock through
15 rehabilitation and repair programs.

16 d. Promote the development of a diversified economic
17 base for county residents.

18 e. Support development of an attractive business
19 climate and adequate infrastructure for private sector
20 investments.

21 f. Staff the King County Economic Enterprise
22 Corporation and provide technical assistance to projects seeking
23 industrial revenue bonds from King County.

24 g. Implement and regularly update a county economic
25 development plan as a functional plan to promote an improved
26 local economy and business environment.

27 C. BUILDING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. The division
28 shall manage and be responsible for the administration of the
29 county building, housing, fire, energy, shoreline, zoning and
30 subdivision code, as well as the development review portion of
31 surface water codes and regulations, and is responsible for the
32 issuance of land development permits and ((enforcement))
33 inspection functions. The division shall administer other codes,

1 regulations, and state statutes assigned to it. The functions of
2 the division include:

3 1. Administer the land development permitting process,
4 including the intake, review and issuance of permits, pursuant to
5 adopted laws and policies.

6 2. Inspect land development projects to promote
7 compliance with appropriate code relating to the land development
8 permitting process and surface water drainage.

9 3. Develop and revise land development codes and
10 regulations which implement county land use plans and policies.

11 ((4--Coordinate-and-review-water-and-sewer-plan-and
12 policies,-annexation-proposals-by-sewer-and/or-water-districts
13 and-municipalities-for-consistency-with-county-land-use-plans-and
14 policies-))

15 ((5))4. ((Enforce-building,-zoning-and-land-development
16 codes-and-p))Provide general inspections required for building,
17 zoning and land development code compliance((7)). ((enforcement
18 and-abatement-))

19 ((6))5. Review and approve preliminary and final plats and
20 short plats as required by RCW 58.17.

21 ((7))6. Regulate surface water runoff associated with
22 construction or land development.

23 ((8))7. Implement public information programs to clarify
24 permit requirements and processing procedures for county
25 residents.

26 ((9))8. Coordinate fire prevention and protection
27 activities throughout the county, and conduct an arson
28 investigation program.

29 D. ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION. The division shall develop
30 policies and manage and administer programs designed to ensure
31 that development complies with the requirements of the state
32 environmental policy act and King County's environmental code,
33 procedures and regulations. Through effective use of the

1 county's enforcement powers, the division shall ensure the
2 protection of the natural resources, natural areas, sensitive
3 areas and water bodies of the county as well as compliance with
4 its policies, plans and regulations. The manager of the
5 environmental division shall be the responsible official for the
6 purpose of administering the state environmental policies act.

7 The functions of the division shall include:

8 1. Developing county plans, programs, policies and
9 implementing regulations on natural resource and environmental
10 issues including environmentally sensitive areas, water
11 resources, fisheries, wildlife, mineral and forestry resources;
12 and serving as the county contact for cities and agencies,
13 providing appropriate research in support of county initiatives
14 on these issues;

15 2. For projects where the department of parks, planning and
16 resources is the lead agency, the environmental division shall
17 administer the state environmental policy act and act as lead
18 agency including making the threshold determinations, determine
19 the amount of environmental impact and reasonable mitigation
20 measures, and coordinating with other divisions in the
21 preparation of county environmental documents or in response to
22 environmental documents from other agencies; and

23 3. Pursuing and resolving code violations including
24 preparing for administrative or legal actions. Evaluating the
25 department's success in obtaining compliance with King County
26 rules and regulations and designing measures to improve
27 compliance.

1 ((B))E. CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION. The division shall
2 plan, manage and be responsible for administering the county
3 historic preservation program and county arts program.

4 INTRODUCED and READ for the first time this 25th day of

5 June, 1990.

6 PASSED this 17th day of September, 1990.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 King County, Washington

9 Lois North
Chair

10 ATTEST:

11 Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

12 APPROVED this 28th day of September, 1990

13 Quinn Hill
14 King County Executive