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AN ORDINANCE relating to reorganization of the department of development and environmental services and amending Ordinance No. 11955, Section 5 and K.C.C. 2.16.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 11955, Section 5, and K.C.C.

2.16 are hereby amended as follows:

**Department of development and environmental services - duties - divisions.** A. The department is responsible to manage and be fiscally accountable for the building services division, land use services division, (~~urban and rural planning division,~~) and administrative services division, provided that January 1, 1997 the building services division will be separated into a large projects building services division and a small projects building services division, and provided further that the executive shall submit a report to the council by June 30, 1996 describing how the separation will be accomplished. Small projects shall include and be limited to building permits for new single family dwelling units, remodels and additions to single family dwelling units, and building permits for townhouse, apartment, commercial and industrial new construction, remodels or additions of 10,000 square feet of building space or less. The director of the department shall be the county planning director, building official, fire marshal, zoning adjuster, and the responsible official for purposes of administering

1 the state environmental policy act, and may delegate those  
2 functions to qualified subordinates.

3 B. BUILDING SERVICES DIVISION. The division shall be  
4 responsible for ensuring consistent and efficient  
5 administration of environmental, building and land use codes  
6 and regulations for commercial and residential projects by  
7 means of permit review and approval, construction inspections  
8 and public information. The duties of the division shall  
9 include the following:

- 10 1. Permit center and public information;
- 11 2. Building plan and application review, including  
12 fire, fire-flow, building, mechanical, barrier-free, energy,  
13 security and other uniform code reviews;
- 14 3. Site review, including engineering and sensitive  
15 areas review of permit applications; ((and))
- 16 4. Inspections, including new-construction  
17 inspections for compliance with site, fire and building code  
18 requirements; and
- 19 5. Pursue and resolve code violations, including  
20 preparing for administrative or legal actions, evaluating the  
21 division's success in obtaining compliance with King County  
22 rules and regulations and designing measures to improve  
23 compliance.

24 C. LAND USE SERVICES DIVISION. The division shall be  
25 responsible for the effective processing and timely review of  
26 land development proposals, including zoning variance and  
27 reclassification, master drainage plans, variances from the  
28 surface water design manual and the King County road  
29 standards, sensitive area, subdivision, right-of-way use,  
30 urban planned development, clearing and grading, shoreline,

1 special use and conditional use applications. The duties of  
2 the division shall include the following:

3 1. Permit center and public information;

4 2. Plan review, including the review of applications  
5 for compliance with shorelines, sensitive areas, subdivision  
6 and other zoning regulations, road standards and variances  
7 from the surface water design manual, as well as community  
8 plans and utility comprehensive plans;

9 3. Engineering review and inspection, including the  
10 review of clearing and grading applications and review of  
11 engineering plans for compliance with adopted road and  
12 drainage standards and specifications; ((and))

13 4. Development inspection, including inspection of  
14 construction activity to ensure compliance with approved  
15 plans and codes;

16 5. Develop and assist in implementing local and  
17 subarea specific plans for urban and rural areas, consistent  
18 with the comprehensive plan;

19 6. Develop proposed policies to address long-range  
20 comprehensive land use planning and analyze and provide  
21 proposed updates to the comprehensive plan on an annual  
22 basis;

23 7. Review local utility district plans for  
24 conformance with King County plans and policies, and  
25 participate in the process of preparing coordinated water  
26 system plans to insure conformance with King County plans and  
27 policies;

28 8. Develop proposed county plans, programs and  
29 policies and implementing regulations on environmental  
30 issues, including environmentally sensitive areas and mineral

1 resources; and serve as the contact for cities and agencies,  
 2 providing appropriate research in support of county  
 3 initiatives on these issues;

4 9. Administer the State Environmental Policy Act and  
 5 act as lead agency, including making the threshold  
 6 determinations, determining the amount of environmental  
 7 impact and reasonable mitigation measures, and coordinating  
 8 with other departments and divisions in the preparation of  
 9 county environmental documents or in response to  
 10 environmental documents from other agencies; and

11 10. Monitor the cumulative effects of the county's  
 12 comprehensive plan and other plans, policies and laws  
 13 intended to protect natural and community resources while  
 14 permitting development and growth, and providing periodic  
 15 status reports to the executive and council.

16 D. (~~URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING DIVISION.~~ The duties of  
 17 the division shall include the following:

18 ~~1. Develop and assist in implementing local and~~  
 19 ~~subarea specific plans for urban and rural areas, consistent~~  
 20 ~~with the comprehensive plan;~~

21 ~~2. Develop proposed policies to address long range~~  
 22 ~~comprehensive land use planning and analyze and provide~~  
 23 ~~proposed updates to the comprehensive plan on an annual~~  
 24 ~~basis;~~

25 ~~3. Review local utility district plans for~~  
 26 ~~conformance with King County plans and policies, and~~  
 27 ~~participate in the process of preparing coordinated water~~  
 28 ~~system plans to insure conformance with King County plans and~~  
 29 ~~policies;~~

1 ~~4. Develop proposed county plans, programs and~~  
2 ~~policies and implementing regulations on environmental~~  
3 ~~issues, including environmentally sensitive areas and mineral~~  
4 ~~resources, and serve as the contact for cities and agencies,~~  
5 ~~providing appropriate research in support of county~~  
6 ~~initiatives on these issues;~~

7 ~~5. Administer the State Environmental Policy Act and~~  
8 ~~act as lead agency, including making the threshold~~  
9 ~~determinations, determining the amount of environmental~~  
10 ~~impact and reasonable mitigation measures, and coordinating~~  
11 ~~with other departments and divisions in the preparation of~~  
12 ~~county environmental documents or in response to~~  
13 ~~environmental documents from other agencies;~~

14 ~~6. Pursue and resolve code violations, including~~  
15 ~~preparing for administrative or legal actions, evaluating the~~  
16 ~~division's success in obtaining compliance with King County~~  
17 ~~rules and regulations and designing measures to improve~~  
18 ~~compliance; and~~

19 ~~7. Monitor the cumulative effects of the county's~~  
20 ~~comprehensive plan and other plans, policies and laws~~  
21 ~~intended to protect natural and community resources while~~  
22 ~~permitting development and growth, and providing periodic~~  
23 ~~status reports to the executive and council.~~

24 E-)) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION. The division  
25 shall provide support services throughout the department,  
26 including personnel and payroll support, budget support,  
27 financial services, information services, facilities

1 management and support, records management and program  
2 analysis services.

3 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27<sup>th</sup>  
4 day of November, 1995.

5 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
6 December, 1995.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Kent Pullen  
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:

12 Gerald A. Peterson  
13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995.

15 Doug Lockman  
16 King County Executive

17 Attachments: None