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ORDINANCE NO. 12628

AN ORDINANCE establishing the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) Operations and Financial Advisory Task Force, and adding a new section to K.C.C. 2.36.

PREAMBLE:

- 1. A 1995 Budget proviso, Ordinance 11578, called for the creation of a Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) Restructure Task Force. The purpose of the task force was twofold: 1) to look into ways of restructuring DDES' finances and operations in preparation of the Department's downsizing, and 2) to report its findings and recommendations to the Council by May 15, 1995.
- 2. Membership of the task force included representatives from the council, the executive, the development community, and the environmental community.
- 3. The Executive additionally appointed two representatives from the labor unions that represent DDES employees.
- 4. The DDES Restructure Task Force produced its final report on January 16, 1996.
- 5. A 1996 Budget proviso, Ordinance 12029, called for an expansion of the DDES Restructure Task Force to include representatives from: a private lending institution involved with the financing of development and construction, the residential construction industry, the commercial development industry, the remodeling/tenant improvement industry, a law firm practicing in land use development and construction law and a residential civil engineering firm. These members were added to the task force to ensure balance and to provide private sector business expertise to the budget deliberation.

6. The 1996 Budget proviso called for the executive appointment of the new members of the task force, subject to the review and approval of the Metropolitan King County Council committee responsible for DDES.

- 7. The 1996 Budget proviso also called for the Metropolitan King County Council committee responsible for DDES to appoint two members from the Council to serve on the task force.
- 8. With the final report and recommendations completed, for purposes of continuity and continued stakeholder involvement, the Council believes it is in the best interest of the County to provide for implementation of the policies set forth in the 1995 and 1996 budget provisos by establishing the DDES Financial Advisory Task Force.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. 2.36 a new section to read as follows:

Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) Financial Advisory Task Force. A. There is hereby created a department of development and environmental services (DDES) operations and financial advisory task force. The purpose of the task force shall be to advise the department on long-term finances, operations and on-going sound business practices. The task force shall report annually to both the Executive and the Council of its activities during the previous year and if it considered appropriate, shall set forth any operational or financial recommendations for the department.

B. The task force shall include representation from at least the following groups: the environmental community, neighborhood interest groups, labor, a private lending institution involved with the financing of development and construction, residential construction, commercial development, the remodeling/tenant improvement industry, a law firm practicing in land use development and construction law and a residential civil engineering firm. The task force shall be chaired by the county director of the department.

1	C. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the county director of the department
2	within 60 days of the effective date of this ordinance, and shall serve terms of three years.
3	The task force shall remain in effect through the year 1999, at which time its effectiveness
4	shall be reviewed.
5	INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 25 day of
6	Morember, 1996.
7	PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 27 day of January,
8	19 <u>97</u> .
9 10	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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14 15	Clerk of the Council
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17 18	King County Executive
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