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ORDINANCE NO. **12940**

AN ORDINANCE relating to duties of the department of development and environmental services, amending ordinance 11955 section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055 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, and administrative services division.

~~((provided that January 1, 1997 the building services division will be separated into 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 adjustor, and the responsible official for purposes of administering the state environmental policy act, and may delegate those functions to qualified subordinates.

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

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

15 C. LAND USE SERVICES DIVISION. The division shall be responsible for the
16 effective processing and timely review of land development proposals, including zoning
17 variance and reclassification, master drainage plans, variances from the surface water design
18 manual and the King County road standards, sensitive area, subdivision, right-of-way use, urban
19 planned development, clearing and grading, shoreline, special use and conditional use
20 applications. The duties of the division shall include the following:

- 21 1. Permit center and public information;

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

4 3. Engineering review and inspection, including the review of clearing and grading
5 applications and review of engineering plans for compliance with adopted road and drainage
6 standards and specifications;

7 4. Development inspection, including inspection of construction activity to ensure
8 compliance with approved plans and codes;

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

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

13 7. Develop proposed county plans, programs and policies and implementing
14 regulations on environmental issues, including environmentally sensitive areas and mineral
15 resources; and serve as the contact for cities and agencies, providing appropriate research in
16 support of county initiatives on these issues;

17 8. Administer the State Environmental Policy Act and act as lead agency, including
18 making threshold determinations, determining the amount of environmental impact and
19 reasonable mitigation measures, and coordinating with other departments and divisions in the
20 preparation of county environmental documents or in response to environmental documents
21 from other agencies; and

1 9. Monitor the cumulative effects of the county's comprehensive plan and other plans,
2 policies ad laws intended to protect natural and community resources while permitting
3 development and growth, providing periodic status reports to the executive and council.

4 D. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION. The division shall provide support
5 services throughout the department, including personnel and payroll support, budget support,
6 financial services, information services, facilities management and support, and records.

7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 21st day of

8 January, 1997.

9 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 8th day of December, 1997.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Gene Hoyer
13 Chair

14 ATTEST:

15 June W
16 Clerk of the Council

17 APPROVED this 18 day of December, 1997

18 Donald Am
19 King County Executive

20 Attachments:
21 None