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ORDINANCE NO. 13593

Proposed No.:

 AN ORDINANCE amending the comprehensive water pollution abatement plan, a King County functional plan.

PREAMBLE:

The metropolitan King County council makes the following legislative findings regarding the inclusion of the Vashon Sewer District in its wastewater service area:

The King County council approved the Vashon Sewer District comprehensive sewer plan under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 by Ordinance 10729 adopted February 8, 1993.

The King County council approved an amendment to said comprehensive sewer plan under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 by Ordinance 11546 adopted October 3, 1994. The amendment provides for wastewater treatment for the communities of Spring Beach, Buelah Park/Cove and Bunker Trail on Vashon Island. Inadequate wastewater treatment in these communities caused the State Department of Public Health to declare these areas public health hazards in 1990 and 1991.

The King County council, in assuming the legislative powers of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, readopted the comprehensive water pollution abatement plan by Ordinance 12074 on December 6, 1995. The King County council further amended the financial policies by Motion 9869 on May 28, 1996.

Vashon Sewer District now desires to become part of the King County wastewater treatment system to facilitate development of wastewater treatment facilities to alleviate said public health hazards in the communities of Spring Beach, Beulah Park/Cove and Bunker Trail.

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Adding the Vashon Sewer District to the King County wastewater system requires amending King County's comprehensive water pollution abatement plan. In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act, chapter 43.21C RCW and chapter 197-11 WAC, King County conducted an environmental review process on this plan amendment which concluded with a notice of adoption and determination of nonsignificance issued on February 10, 1999.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Under the King County Charter and RCW 35.58.200, the comprehensive water pollution abatement plan for King County is amended to include the sewer service area for the Vashon Sewer District and existing and planned wastewater treatment facilities as generally described in the Vashon Sewer District comprehensive sewer plan previously approved by Ordinance 10729 and 11546. The wastewater treatment facilities described in the plan include an existing wastewater treatment plant and planned conveyance and treatment facilities to alleviate public health hazards in the communities of Spring Beach, Beulah Park/Cove and Bunker Trail. This amendment is subject to completion of an interlocal agreement between the county and the district which is consistent with section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Under the King County Charter and RCW 35.58.200, the following policies are hereby adopted and added to the comprehensive water pollution abatement plan for King County. These policies shall guide King County's development and operation of community wastewater treatment systems:

Wastewater Service Policies (WWSP)

WWSP-15: King County will consider development and operation of community treatment systems under the following circumstances:

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• The systems are necessary to alleviate existing documented public health hazards or water quality impairment.

- Connections to public sewers tributary to conventional wastewater treatment facilities are not technically or economically feasible.
- Installation of on-site septic systems is not technically feasible.
- Properties to be served by said systems are within the jurisdiction and service area of a local government authorized to provide sewer service.
- The local sewer service provider agrees to own and operate the collection system tributary to the community treatment system.
- Development of the community systems and provision of sewer service are consistent with all applicable utility and land use plans.
- Public sewer extensions shall be in compliance with King County Comprehensive Plan Policy F-313 as in effect on March 11, 1999.
- Any operations under these policies shall require an operational master plan as described in King County code 4.04.200 C.1. Failure to submit such a plan shall cause the affected capital improvement project to out of compliance with these policies.
- In addition to the requirements of code section 4.04.200 C.1. an operational master plan submitted under these policies shall include:
 - Description of career retention programs which are to be structured in a manner consistent with the King County/Metro merger, labor law and King County's labor contracts.

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2. An engineering evaluation that confirms that the selected projects are the most cost effective and technically efficacious and consistent with King County's growth management policies for the surrounding area.

3. Explanation of how King County participation in community treatment systems is consistent with other water pollution abatement activities of the department of natural resources, which currently operates centralized wastewater treatment facilities as contrasted with community treatment systems.

Financial Policies (FP)

FP-15: The cost of community treatment systems developed and operated in accordance with WWSP-15 would not be subsidized by the remaining ratepayers of the county's wastewater treatment system.