



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19880

Proposed No. 2023-0438.3

Sponsors Perry

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to
2 the Urban Growth Area policies and Four-to-One program
3 in the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5 SECTION 1. Findings:

6 A. The 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies ("CPPs") were adopted
7 and ratified by King County on December 14, 2021, by Ordinance 19384. The CPPs
8 were ratified by the cities and towns in King County on April 6, 2022.

9 B. Ordinance 19384 established a workplan for the King County Growth
10 Management Planning Council ("GMPC") to review the Four-to-One program in the
11 CPPs, King County Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"), and King County Code ("K.C.C.").

12 C. On September 25, 2023, the GMPC approved Motion 23-4, which
13 recommended amendments to the CPPs, Plan, and K.C.C., consistent with the
14 requirements in Ordinance 19384.

15 SECTION 2. The amendments to the CPPs, as shown in Attachment A to this
16 ordinance, are hereby adopted by King County and ratified on behalf of the population of
17 unincorporated King County.

18 SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to


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- 19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
- 20 application of the provision to persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 19880 was introduced on 12/12/2023 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/10/2024, by the following vote:

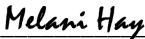
Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
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 Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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 Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of 12/23/2024, _____.

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 Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Amendments to King County Countywide Planning Policies as adopted by Ordinance 19660, dated December 2024

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**Amendments to King County Countywide
Planning Policies, as adopted by Ordinance
19660**



King County

December 2024

24 ***In the Vision and Framework chapter, beginning on page 9, amend as follows:***
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26 **FW-1** Maintain the currency of the Countywide Planning Policies through periodic review and
 27 amendment. Initiate and review all amendments at the Growth Management Planning Council
 28 through the process described below:

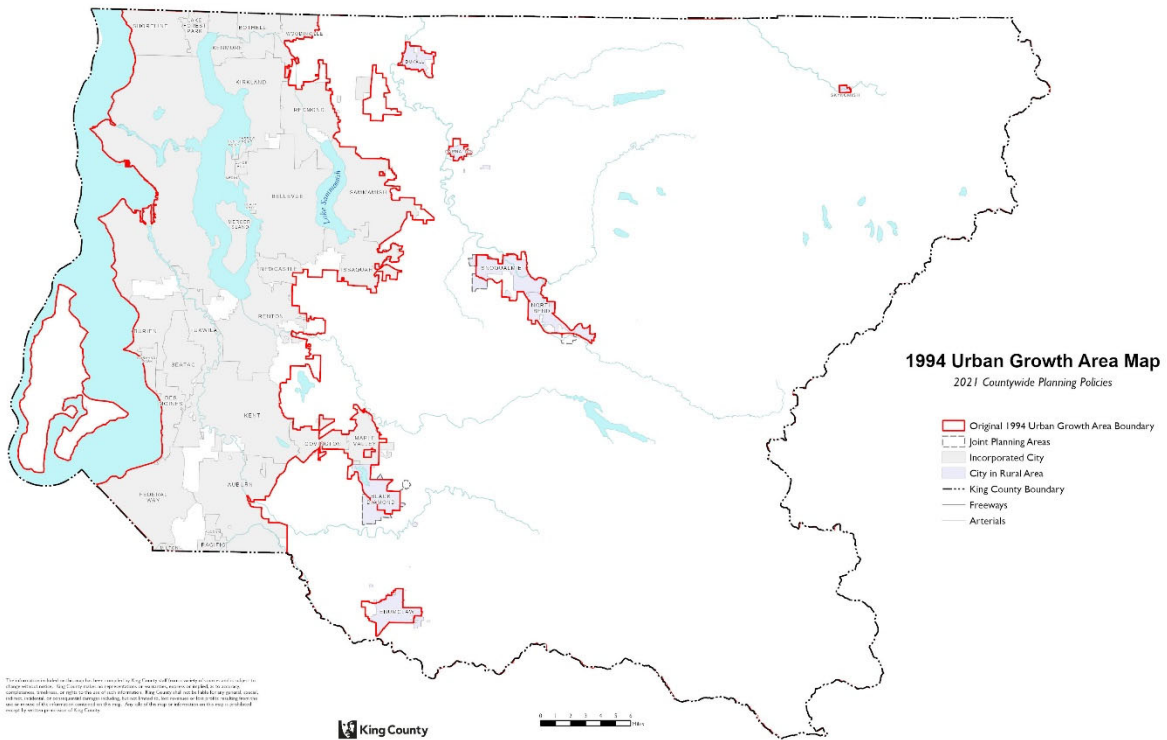
- 29 a) Only the Growth Management Planning Council may propose amendments to the
 30 Countywide Planning Policies except for amendments to the Urban Growth Area that
 31 may also be proposed by King County in accordance with policies DP-16 through
 32 DP-18B;
- 33 b) Growth Management Planning Council recommends amendments to the King County
 34 Council for consideration, possible revision, and approval; proposed revisions by the
 35 King County Council that are of a substantive nature may be sent to the Growth
 36 Management Planning Council for their consideration and revised recommendation
 37 based on the proposed revision;
- 38 c) A majority vote of the King County Council both constitutes approval of the
 39 amendments and ratification on behalf of the residents of Unincorporated King
 40 County;
- 41 d) After approval and ratification by the King County Council, amendments are
 42 forwarded to each city and town for ratification. Amendments cannot be modified
 43 during the city ratification process; and
- 44 e) Amendments must be ratified within 90 days of King County approval and require
 45 affirmation by the county and cities and towns representing at least 70 percent of the
 46 county population and 30 percent of those jurisdictions. Ratification is either by an
 47 affirmative vote of the city’s or town’s council or by no action being taken within the
 48 ratification period.

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 50 ***In the Development Patterns chapter, beginning on page 25, amend as follows:***

51 **DP-17** Allow expansion of the Urban Growth Area (~~only if at least one of the following criteria is~~
 52 ~~met~~) as follows:

- 53 a) A countywide analysis determines that the current Urban Growth Area is insufficient in
 54 size and additional land is needed to accommodate the housing and employment
 55 growth targets, including institutional and other non-residential uses, and there are
 56 no other reasonable measures, such as increasing density or rezoning existing urban
 57 land, that would avoid the need to expand the Urban Growth Area. Expansions under
 58 this subsection shall also be consistent with the criteria in DP-18A; (~~or~~)
- 59 b) ~~((A))~~ Through the Four-to-One Program, where a proposed expansion of the Urban
 60 Growth Area is accompanied by dedication of permanent ~~((open space))~~ natural area

- 61 that is at least four times the size of the proposed expansion to the King County
 62 Open Space System,((, where the acreage of the proposed open space:
 63 1) Is at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth Area;
 64 2) Is contiguous with the Urban Growth Area
 65 with at least a portion of the dedicated open space surrounding the proposed
 66 Urban Growth Area expansion; and
 67 3) Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute
 68 to the band of permanent open space along the edge of the Urban Growth
 69 Area)) Expansions under the Four-to-One Program shall also be consistent
 70 with the criteria in DP-18B; or
 71 c) The area is currently a King County park being transferred to a city to be maintained
 72 as a park in perpetuity((or is park land that has been owned by a city since 1994 and
 73 is less than thirty acres in size)).
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 76 Notes: This map is for reference only. The information on this map has been compiled by King County staff from a
 77 variety of sources and is subject to change without notice. A detailed map of the 1994 Urban Growth Area
 78 boundary can be found at <http://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/iMap>. The Joint Planning Areas (JPA) represents information from the
 79 following ordinances: 10450, 11446, 11575, 11593, 12065, 12081, 12302, 12421, 12533, 12534, 12535, 13690,
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 84 the use or misuse of the information contained on this map.

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 86 **DP-18A** ~~((Add land to the Urban Growth Area only if expansion of the Urban Growth Area is~~
 87 ~~warranted based on the criteria in DP 17(a) or DP 17(b), and it)) An expansion of the Urban
 88 Growth Area under Policy DP-17(a) shall meet((s all of)) the following criteria:~~

- 89 a) ~~((Is))~~ Be adjacent to the existing Urban Growth Area;
- 90 b) ~~((For expansions based on DP 17(a) only, is))~~ Be no larger than necessary to
 91 promote compact development that accommodates anticipated growth needs;
- 92 c) Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require supportive
 93 facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or Natural Resource
 94 Lands;
- 95 d) Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers and ridge
 96 lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as watersheds, that
 97 impede the provision of urban services;
- 98 e) Is not currently designated as Natural Resource Land;
- 99 f) Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban
 100 development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the area is
 101 designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between King County
 102 and the annexing city; and
- 103 g) Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent to the
 104 area that the area will be added to the city’s Potential Annexation Area. Upon
 105 ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will reflect both the
 106 Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area change.

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 108 **DP-18B** Expansions of the Urban Growth Area under the Four-to-One Program in Policy DP-
 109 17(b) shall meet the following criteria:

- 110 a) The proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area:
 - 111 1. Shall only allow for residential development;
 - 112 2. Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require
 113 supportive facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or
 114 Natural Resource Lands;

- 115 3. Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers
- 116 and ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as
- 117 watersheds, that impede the provision of urban services;
- 118 4. Is not currently be designated as Natural Resource Land;
- 119 5. Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban
- 120 development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the
- 121 area is designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between
- 122 King County and the annexing city;
- 123 6. Is adjacent to the original Urban Growth Area boundary which was adopted in
- 124 the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, unless there are limitations due to
- 125 the presence of critical areas, and does not expand the Urban Growth Area
- 126 from a location that was previously expanded through the Four-to-One
- 127 program;
- 128 7. Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent
- 129 to the area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area.
- 130 Upon ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will
- 131 reflect both the Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area
- 132 change; and
- 133 8. Where the area is adjacent to an incorporated area, no development proposal
- 134 or activity shall be allowed until the land added to the Urban Growth Area is
- 135 annexed into a city or town; and

b) The proposed natural area shall:

- 137 1. Be at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth
- 138 Area;
- 139 2. Provide at least three-quarters of the area required to be dedicated natural
- 140 area is on-site.
- 141 3. Fully surround the portion of the proposed Urban Growth Area expansion that
- 142 is adjacent Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands; and
- 143 4. Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute
- 144 to the band of permanent natural area along the edge of the Urban Growth
- 145 Area.

DP-19 Allow redesignation of Urban land currently within the Urban Growth Area to Rural land outside of the Urban Growth Area if the land is not needed to accommodate projected urban growth, is not served by public sewers, is (~~contiguous with~~) adjacent to the Rural Area, and:

- a) Is not characterized by urban development;

- 150 b) Is currently developed with a low-density lot pattern that cannot be realistically
151 redeveloped at an urban density; or
- 152 c) Is characterized by ((~~environmentally sensitive~~)) critical areas making it inappropriate
153 for higher density development.

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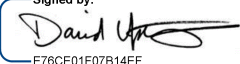
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