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MOTION NO. 2355

A MOTION relating to the adoption of an interim policy regarding agricultural lands located in the area of unincorporated King County west of and including Range 5.

WHEREAS, King County adopted Ordinance 1096 on January 10, 1972, which established a farmlands policy for all agricultural lands in King County and which states: "Class II and III soils having agricultural potential and other classified or unclassified land presently being farmed shall be reserved for current and anticipated needs", and

WHEREAS, King County adopted Ordinance 1839 on November 3, 1973, which established policy regarding agricultural lands of unincorporated King County located only in the area East of and including Range 6 and which states: "All individual parcels of agricultural land having Class II and/or Class III soils that collectively comprise a contiguous area of 160 or more acres" shall be included in open space uses, and

WHEREAS, the County policy regarding agricultural lands located in the area of King County West of and including Range 5 is not clearly defined at the present time, and

WHEREAS, a study which will result in proposals for policies and/or programs regarding agricultural lands located West of and including Range 5 has been proposed and will be completed on or before December 31, 1976, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish an interim policy to guide zoning or other land use decisions which may come before the King County Council prior to the completion of the above cited study,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

1. Lands located in unincorporated King County West of and including Range 5 which meet each of the following criteria shall not be reclassified for more intensive use or subdivided:

a) Lands classified under the King County Code in classifications which permit agricultural uses, and

1 b) Lands containing Class II or Class III soils, and

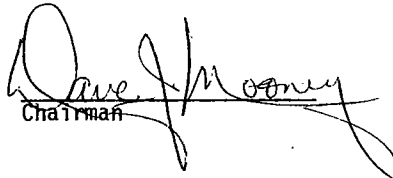
2 c) Land which has been used for agricultural production at any time  
3 since January 1970 unless the applicant demonstrates that the agricultural  
4 production was solely for the consumption of the occupants or owners of the  
5 property.

6 2. Upon enactment this Motion shall supercede Motion 2251.

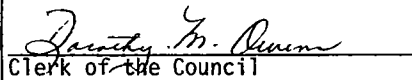
7 3. This policy shall not be effective after December 31, 1976.

8 PASSED this 8th day of March, 1976.

9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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