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A MOTION requesting the King County Prosecuting Attorney to initiate legal action to enjoin the Department of Social and Health Services from commencing the Firlands Correctional Center in violation of County zoning and other applicable laws.

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social and Health Services proposes to commence operation of the Firlands Correctional Center on Monday, April 19, 1976 at the Firlands/Fircrest Complex at 15th Avenue N.E. and N.E. 150th Street, in an unincorporated area of King County;

WHEREAS, the site of the proposed correctional center is zoned RS-7200 (single-family residential), which does not allow correctional institutions as an outright permitted use;

WHEREAS, the Department of Social and Health Services is subject to the zoning, building and other applicable ordinances and regulations of the County;

WHEREAS, King County informed the Department of Social and Health Services of the zoning and building requirements for the correction facility in King County's December 16, 1975 comments on the Draft Impact Statement for the proposed facility and again in a letter dated March 30, 1976 from Edward B. Sand, Manager of the Building and Land Development Division, to William N. Leonard, Jr., Capital Programs & Facilities Management Section, State Department of Social and Health Services;

WHEREAS, the Department of Social and Health Services has neither initiated steps to seek proper zoning for the facility or demonstrated that the facility is a continuation of a legal non-conforming use which can be maintained under existing zoning;

WHEREAS, the insistence of the Department of Social and Health Services in commencing the proposed correctional program without resolution of the zoning conflict poses a threat of serious harm, including disruption of the community within which

the facility is located;

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

The Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney is hereby requested, in cooperation with the Division of Building and Land Development, to promptly initiate legal action to restrain and enjoin the Department of Social and Health Services from commencing the Firlands Correctional Center Program until the Department complies with all zoning, building and other applicable County ordinances and regulations and all applicable state laws and regulations.

PASSED this 1976 day of April, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council

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