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MOTION NO. 03275

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2 A MOTION declaring King County's policy
3 pertaining to on-site waste water disposal
4 systems and establishing a work program to
5 implement this policy.

6 WHEREAS, many of the citizens of King County have indicated
7 their desire to maintain the rural character of portions of
8 the County; and

9 WHEREAS, the rural character of some areas of the County
10 can be destroyed through the provision of sewers which require
11 high density urban development to be financially feasible; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to maintain the rural nature of the County,
13 alternatives to sewers which can provide a long-term solution
14 to sewage disposal must be accepted and utilized in the County;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, through a series of actions, King County is
17 developing a growth management program which will coordinate the
18 extension of sewer services with land use decisions; and

19 WHEREAS, these actions are based upon a goal of avoiding
20 unnecessary public costs associated with urban development and
21 of maintaining the viability of the existing cities and towns
22 of King County; and

23 WHEREAS, a May 1977 METRO study on sewage disposal alterna-
24 tives concluded that many of the septic tank failures in King
25 County and related health problems are caused by improper
26 maintenance and installation; and

27 WHEREAS, the consideration of on-site systems as long-term
28 solutions for sewage disposal will require revisions in the
29 design standards for septic tanks and other similar systems; and

30 WHEREAS, in situations where on-site systems involve common
31 facilities shared by more than one household, the management of
32 such systems may require public agency involvement.

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

1. To the fullest extent possible, consistent with national

1 goals for water quality, the King County Council hereby declares
2 a policy that in rural areas of King County, on-site methods of
3 sewage disposal shall be the preferred method of waste water
4 disposal.

5 2. In order to implement the policy stated in #1 above,
6 the following actions are requested:

7 A. The King County Board of Health shall present to
8 the Council proposed revisions to the King County Rules & Regu-
9 lations Relating to On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems, which
10 revisions shall include but not be limited to the following:

11 (1) Modified design standards and related criteria
12 for on-site systems which shall be a long-term method of
13 sewage disposal.

14 (2) Provisions setting forth an inspection and
15 maintenance program for individual household on-site sewage
16 disposal systems.

17 B. The County Executive shall present to the Council
18 recommendations relating to County assumption of management
19 responsibilities for common sewage disposal facilities which
20 involve more than one household. These recommendations shall
21 provide the necessary draft ordinances or regulations and cost
22 estimates for the implementation of a County management program.

23 3. The actions requested in 2A and 2B above shall be
24 completed prior to June 1, 1978.

25 PASSED this 31st day of October, 1977.

26 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
27 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

28 Mike Lowry
29 Chairman

30 ATTEST:

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32 Rosemary M. Cameron DEPUTY
33 Clerk of the Council