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A MOTION notifying the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission of King County's intent to direct the collection of source separated recyclables from urban areas of unincorporated King County and to exercise its authority to contract for the collection of source separated recyclables from residents of urban unincorporated areas of the County if franchised solid waste haulers are unwilling or unable to provide those services.

WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (the Plan), prepared in accordance with Chapter 70.95 RCW, requires the county to ensure that household recyclable collection service are offered to residents of unincorporated urban areas, and

WHEREAS, state law (RCW 70.95.090) and the Plan require collection programs to begin implementation within one year following the adoption of the Plan, and to be fully implemented within two years of plan adoption, and

WHEREAS, the county has the authority to award contracts to collect source separated recyclable materials from residences within unincorporated areas (RCW 36.58.040), and

WHEREAS, the county must notify the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, in writing, of the county's decision to exercise its authority to contract for the collection of source separated recyclable from residences within ninety (90) days of Plan adoption, and

WHEREAS, recyclable collection programs are educational programs responsible for changing people's waste habits, and King County's collection programs should provide a direct avenue to educate residents of unincorporated King County about waste reduction and recycling, and

WHEREAS, the King County council recognizes that certain franchised solid waste haulers have implemented programs for the household collection of source separated recyclable

1 materials in the urban areas of unincorporated King County and
2 believes that King County's proposed unincorporated urban area
3 household recycling program should also recognize those
4 efforts, and

5 WHEREAS, the King County council believes that the county's
6 unincorporated urban area household recycling program shall be
7 implemented by a process that allows direct contracting with
8 recycling contractors for only those geographic service areas
9 where franchised haulers are not willing or able to implement
10 household collection programs.

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

12 A. The solid waste division is requested to implement a
13 Household Recycling Program in the urban areas of
14 unincorporated King County, as defined by the King County Solid
15 Waste Comprehensive Plan, that includes the following:

16 1. Newspaper, glass containers, tin (steel cans),
17 aluminum, mixed paper, cardboard and appropriate plastics,
18 including but not limited to PET and HDPE, shall be collected
19 from single family homes at least twice a month and from multi-
20 family structures on a regular schedule.

21 2. Yard waste shall be collected from single family
22 homes at least once a month.

23 3. Collection services shall be available to all
24 residents of unincorporated urban areas of the county, but
25 participation shall be voluntary.

26 4. Program participants shall pay for the cost of
27 recycling programs through a bill that includes the cost of
28 both garbage and recycling collection services and King County
29 solid waste division household recycling program administrative
30 costs as provided by Chapter 81.77.030 RCW.

31 5. Geographic collection service areas shall be created
32 by ordinance and shall conform as much as possible to existing
33 solid waste hauler franchise areas.

34 6. The county shall be responsible for program
35 promotion and education. Recycling program service providers

1 shall be responsible for distribution of promotional and
2 educational materials. The cost of these programs shall be
3 included in the cost of recycling.

4 7. Recycling program service providers shall be
5 responsible for handling customer service questions and
6 complaints.

7 8. Recycling program service providers shall, on a
8 monthly basis, provide the county with information to evaluate
9 program effectiveness, such as participation rates, amount of
10 materials collected and set-out rates.

11 B. The Solid Waste Division is requested to notify the
12 franchised haulers operating in urban King County of the
13 county's intent to contract with recycling contractors to
14 provide household collection services in the event that the
15 franchised haulers are not willing or are not able to provide
16 by July 31, 1991 the collection services defined by Section A
17 of this motion to the entire urban service area for which they
18 are franchised.

19 C. Recycling contractors for those urban franchise areas
20 not fully served by franchised haulers by July 31, 1991, shall
21 be selected on the basis of proposals submitted in response to
22 a request for proposal considering, among other factors,
23 experience, qualifications and costs. The prevailing rate of
24 wage to be paid to all laborers under these contracts shall be
25 in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the
26 Department of Labor and Industries.

27 D. After July 31, 1991, King County shall notify the
28 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission that the
29 county will exercise its authority to contract for the

1 collection of source separated recyclables from residences of
2 unincorporated urban areas of the county which are not fully
3 served pursuant to the provisions of sections A, B, and C
4 above.

5 PASSED this 11th day of March, 1991

6 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
7 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

8 Lois North
9 Chair

10 ATTEST:

11 Gerald A. Peterson
12 Clerk of the Council
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