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4 MOTION NO. **10388** ↓

5 A MOTION relating to the water quality of Lake Sammamish
6 and achieving compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge
7 Elimination System stormwater permitting requirements.

8 WHEREAS, the water quality of Lake Sammamish is threatened due to the cumulative
9 impacts of urban surface water runoff, affecting the lake's recreational and resource values, and

10 WHEREAS, King County, along with other jurisdictions sharing the Lake Sammamish
11 watershed, has devoted considerable resources to protecting the lake's water quality, including
12 developing and implementing the Issaquah Creek and East Lake Sammamish Basin Plans,
13 constructing capital improvements, and acquiring property slated for preservation, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1996 King County and the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and the
15 citizen group Partners for a Clean Lake Sammamish prepared the Lake Sammamish Water Quality
16 Management Plan (1996 Plan), which established goals and adaptive management strategies for
17 protecting lake water quality, and

18 WHEREAS, the 1996 Plan goals were adopted as part of the vision statement for the
19 Sammamish Watershed Forum, an interjurisdictional advisory body to the Regional Water Quality
20 Committee, and the Forum has listed the actions necessary to attain those goals as one of the top
21 watershed priorities, and

22 WHEREAS, Lake Sammamish protection projects were identified as high priorities for
23 regional funding by both the Sammamish Watershed Forum and the Regional Task Force, a group of
24 elected officials from cities and King County representing interests across four major watersheds in
25 King County, including the Sammamish, and

1 WHEREAS, the state Pollution Control Hearings Board could impose significant adverse
2 consequences for development in the Lake Sammamish drainage basin by ordering the Washington
3 State Department of Ecology to prohibit additional stormwater discharges in the Lake Sammamish
4 drainage basin, pending adoption of the 50-percent total phosphorus standard for new development
5 in the basin and assurance of implementation of the 1996 Plan, and

6 WHEREAS, under RCW 90.48.030, the State of Washington has jurisdiction to control and
7 prevent pollution to water bodies that are designated as waters of the state, and Lake Sammamish is
8 so designated, and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is the local authority
10 charged by the federal government to issue municipal stormwater discharge permits to local
11 governments, including King County, under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
12 (NPDES) provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, and

13 WHEREAS, King County's municipal stormwater discharge permit requires Ecology
14 approval of the County's Stormwater Management Program, including a strategy to address concerns
15 over Lake Sammamish water quality, and

16 WHEREAS, Ecology has partially approved the County's Stormwater Management Program
17 but has withheld full approval pending a demonstrated commitment from King County to the 1996
18 Lake Sammamish Water Quality Management Plan goals and to a long-term strategy for achieving
19 the goals, including adoption of 50 percent phosphorous control standards for new development on
20 sites draining to Lake Sammamish and has also withheld full approval pending the adoption of
21 stormwater management requirements equivalent to Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for
22 the Puget Sound Basin, and

23 WHEREAS, the updates to the Surface Water Design Manual currently before the Council as
24 Proposed Ordinance No. 97-542 contain Sensitive Lake Protection Standards that would impose 50

1 percent phosphorous control standards on new development on sites draining to Lake Sammamish in
2 unincorporated King County, and

3 WHEREAS, timely action is needed both to achieve full compliance with the federal Clean
4 Water Act, state law, and the county's NPDES Stormwater permits, and to protect the water quality
5 of Lake Sammamish, and

6 WHEREAS, through the Sammamish Watershed Forum and the councils of other responsible
7 jurisdictions, Ecology is seeking commitment from those jurisdictions to the Plan goals and a
8 strategy for achieving them;

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

The council directs the King County executive to begin negotiations with the other responsible jurisdictions for an interlocal agreement, to be executed by June 30, 1998, subject to the final approval of the council that implements the 1996 Lake Sammamish Management Plan and commits funding to achieve the Plans goals as implemented with the adaptive management strategy outlined in the Plan.

The council plans to adopt, not later than February 27, 1998, 50 percent total phosphorus Sensitive Lake Protection Standards for sites draining to Lake Sammamish as set out in Proposed Ordinance No. 97-727 (12992).

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 26th day of January, 1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Russ Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Council