

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

June 14, 2000

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Motion 10960

Proposed No. 2000-0363.2

Sponsors Irons

1	A MOTION directing the executive to convene a stakeholder
2	group to research and recommend solutions to the existing
3	wastewater treatment problem in the Fall City business
4	district.
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6	WHEREAS, adequate wastewater treatment in Fall City has been an issue of
7	concern for residents, business owners and for King County for over ten years, and
8	WHEREAS, in 1990 King County participated in the development of a
9	wastewater facilities plan (WFP) for the Fall City area, and
10	WHEREAS, the WFP concluded that most businesses in Fall City were built prior
11	to the adoption of the health department's minimum lot size requirements, and that few
12	septic tanks in the business district meet current health department design criteria; and
13	WHEREAS, the WFP further concluded that the Fall City business district should
14	be sewered as soon as affected property owners deemed it financially feasible; and

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15	WHEREAS, the Fall City community did not support the recommendations of the
16	WFP due to concerns about future growth and, as a result, the plan was not implemented,
17	and
18	WHEREAS, the Fall City community remains in need of long-term solutions to
19	existing sewage disposal problems in order to protect public health and the environmental
20 ·	integrity of the Snoqualmie River, and
21	WHEREAS, King County comprehensive plan policy F-316 states that King
22	County should monitor on-site systems that have shown evidence of failure or potential
23	for failure, using the data to correct existing problems and prevent future problems, and
24	that King County should analyze all funding options to correct on-site wastewater system
25	failures which may include, where feasible and otherwise consistent with the plan,
26	conversion to community sewage systems or installation of public sewers,
27	NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
28	The county executive is hereby requested to convene a stakeholder group to
29	research and recommend solutions to the existing wastewater treatment problem in the
30	Fall City business district.
31	The stakeholder group shall use the 1990 Fall City Wastewater Facilities Plan as a
32	baseline from which to approach their work, and shall consider a range of solutions,
33	including but not limited to: 1) a septic tank management program, 2) a community
34	drainfield, 3) alternative wastewater treatment technologies and 4) public sewers. Public
35	sewers should only be considered if solutions #1-3 are proven to be technologically
36	and/or financially infeasible.

37	The stakeholder group shall consist of three Fall City business owners, one
38	citizen's advisory committee member, appointed by the executive and confirmed by the
39	council, and one representative each from the following: the Seattle/King County
40	department of public health, the King County department of development and
41	environmental services, Fall City water district #127, and an expert in alternative
42	wastewater treatment technology.
43	The executive shall transmit a report including the stakeholder group's
44	recommendations to the King County council by September 1, 2001.
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Motion 10960 was introduced on 6/12/00 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/12/00, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons No: 0 Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL INGTON

Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None