ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE relating to municipal watersheds and reservoirs establishing County Open Space Policies; amending Chapter E, Open Space Development Policies of the Comprehensive Plan for King County under the provisions of Ordinance 263, Article 2, Section 3 and K.C.C. 20.12.030.

PREAMBLE:

The Council of King County declares it to be in the public interest to protect their heritage of municipal watersheds and reservoirs within a system of open space. The inclusion of these areas within the open space system is recognized as providing quality elements that are essential to the welfare of King County residents. They provide clean, clear, healthful water for domestic and industrial uses at rates that are significantly lower than most urban areas; they function as de facto wildlife refuges and provide the local economy with a substantial source of raw materials for timber and wood products. In addition, they encompass nearly 240,000 acres within King County where use is restricted and complementary to open space values.

The policies in the accompanying report will serve as one basis for evaluating changes in land use proposed for areas that are recognized as municipal watersheds and reservoirs. This evaluation shall be made in conjunction with other adopted and appropriate Comprehensive Plan Policies.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. "Municipal Watersheds and Reservoirs As Open Space", with attached amendments, is hereby adopted as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan for King County under the provisions of Ordinance 263, Article 2, Section 3 and

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K.C.C. 20.12.030. As an amplification and augmentation of the Comprehensive Plan, the Municipal Watersheds and Reservoirs As Open Space, as amended, shall supplement Chapter E, Open Space Development Policies. INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 15th day of PASSED this 14th day of July KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ATTEST: APPROVED this 2414 day of \_\_\_ 

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1. On page 14, WS-1 is amended as follows:

The present policy of restricting recreational use of watersheds should be continued. However, certain ((P)) public recreational use of municipally owned watersheds ((is-not-presently-essential:)) may be desirable in the future; and utilities should take this into account now to provide for it without detriment to water quality.

2. On page 14, WS-4 is amended as follows:

Where justified, <u>certain</u> areas <u>of watersheds</u> shall be preserved for their scientific, biotic and limnological values.

3. On page 14, WS-5 is amended as follows:

At such time as watersheds are no longer needed for watershed purposes, other governmental agencies should be offered the right of first refusal to retain them for public ((epen-space)) use when such use is appropriate.

4. On page 15, WS-6 is amended as follows:

Forest Service land within municipal watersheds should either be purchased or exchanged for other lands by the water purveyor if recreational use of such lands is to be ((prohibited.)) controlled.

5. On page 15, WS-7 is deleted and a new WS-7 is added as follows:

Municipal watersheds are resources which should be managed, whenever possible, for multiple uses, such as power generation, flood control, recreation, and low flow augmentation for downstream fishery resources and water quality.