

ORDINANCE 5060

AN ORDINANCE declaring support for the Mount Si Conservation Area program and establishing County administrative procedures for the review of development permits in the Mount Si Conservation Area.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings. For the purpose of effective area-wide planning and regulation, the King County Council makes the following legislative findings:

(1) The King County Council by Motion 2356, February, 1976, agreed to study and evaluate the Snohomish Basin Mediated Agreement.

(2) The King County Council by Motion 3586, June, 1978, authorized the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the state, Snohomish County, thirteen cities and towns, and the Tulalip Tribes to support the "Mediated Agreement" (Recommendations for Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Flood Control for the Snohomish River Basin). The Interlocal Agreement established that all parties agree to the "plan of action set forth in the Mediated Agreement" and "wish to join together to pursue its implementation".

(3) The Mediated Agreement recognized the importance of the Mount Si area and the effect quarrying and development could have upon its unique qualities.

(4) The State Legislature, in Laws of Washington 1975 - 76, 2nd Extraordinary Session, Chapter 88, Section 1, and as amended by Laws of Washington 1977, 1st Extraordinary Session, Chapter 306, Section 1, declared the Mount Si - Little Si area to be of statewide significance for its unique scenic, natural, and geologic features, and outstanding recreation opportunities.

(5) The Legislature recognized the importance of guarding portions of the area from those types of development which would alter its natural form and beauty and set forth procedures to enhance and safeguard this area.

(6) The State Parks and Recreation Commission and the State Department of Natural Resources, with the assistance of a Citizens Advisory Committee, completed the Mount Si Preservation Area Report, December, 1976, as directed by Laws of Washington 1975-76, 2nd Extraordinary Session, Chapter

1 88, Section 2, and as amended by Laws of Washington 1977, 1st Extraordinary
2 Session, Chapter 306.

3 (7) A principal recommendation of the Mount Si Preservation Area Re-
4 port, endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Washington State
5 Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Department of Natural Resources,
6 was the preservation and purchase of 2,361 acres for the Mount Si Recrea-
7 tion Area.

8 (8) For the purposes of acquiring lands within the Mount Si Conser-
9 vation Area, \$1.4 million from state and federal sources has been obtained.

10 (9) The King County Council by Ordinance 4486, September, 1979,
11 held in abeyance permits for building and other permits for development
12 within the Mount Si Conservation Area to allow the Department of Planning
13 and Community Development:

14 (a) to review the recommendations of the Mount Si Preservation
15 Report to assure effective County-State coordination, and

16 (b) to review adopted zoning and land use policies to assure
17 compatibility with the Mount Si Conservation Area.

18 (10) The King County Council has reviewed "Mount Si Conservation
19 Area: Report to the King County Council," prepared by the Department of
20 Planning and Community Development, and agrees with the recommended
21 actions found in that report.

22 (11) Site alteration and land development proposals would change the
23 character of the land and area and could threaten to undermine the purpose
24 and ability to preserve the Mount Si and Little Si area as a valuable recrea-
25 tional resource as directed by the State Legislature and Governor.

26 (12) The Mount Si Conservation Area is a unique natural feature of
27 King County which provides the County's citizens rewarding scenic and
28 recreational opportunities thereby requiring that King County take reason-
29 able prudent action to assist the State of Washington in fulfilling the objec-
30 tives of the conservation program.

31 SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for
32 adequate and thorough review of all aspects of site alteration and land
33 development within the Mount Si Conservation Area in order to insure that

1 these aspects are, to the extent possible, consistent with the Conservation
2 Area and the state's program to preserve the area.

3 SECTION 3. The King County Division of Building and Land Develop-
4 ment shall transmit requests for all site alterations and land development
5 within the Mount Si Conservation Area to the State Department of Natural
6 Resources and the Snohomish River Basin Coordinating Council (BCC) for
7 review and comment. These comments shall constitute a significant con-
8 sideration in action taken on the authorization, including the requirement of
9 conditions, of such requests. Said area is generally identified on maps
10 found in "Mount Si Conservation Area: Report to the King County Council,"
11 March, 1980, and on the map attached hereto as Appendix A.

12 SECTION 4. Six months after the effective date of this ordinance the
13 Department of Planning and Community Development, in consultation with the
14 State Department of Natural Resources and the Snohomish Basin Coordinating
15 Council, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the administrative procedures set
16 forth in Section 3 of this ordinance.

17 SECTION 5. Severability: Should any section, subsection, paragraph,
18 sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declined unconstitutional or
19 invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the
20 remaining portions of this ordinance.

21 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 19th day of
22 May, 1980.

23 PASSED this 18th day of August, 1980.

25 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
26 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

27 Bill Beams
28 Chairman

29 ATTEST:

30 Dorothy M. Owens
31 Deputy Clerk of the Council

32 APPROVED this 25th day of August, 1980

33 [Signature]
King County Executive

