

1 August 8, 1980

Introduced by: GARY GRANT

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3 Proposed No 80-933

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5 ORDINANCE NO. 5194

6 AN ORDINANCE relating to grading; extending  
7 the maximum approval period for a grading  
8 permit; amending Ordinance 3108, Section 5,  
9 Ordinance 1488, Section 7 and KCC 16.82.060.

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. Ordinance 3108, Section 5, Ordinance 1488,  
12 Section 7 and KCC 16.82.060 are each hereby amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 Permit requirements. Except as exempted in Section 16.82.050,  
15 no person shall do any grading without first obtaining a grading  
16 permit from the director. A separate permit shall be required  
17 for each site and may cover both excavations and fills.

18 (1) APPLICATION. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall  
19 first file an application (~~(therefore)~~) in writing on a form fur-  
20 nished for that purpose. The director shall prescribe the  
21 form by which application is made. No application shall be  
22 accepted unless it is completed consistent with the require-  
23 ments of this chapter. Every application shall:

24 (a) Identify and describe the work to be covered by the  
25 permit for which application is made;

26 (b) Describe the land on which the proposed work is to be  
27 done, by lot, block, tract and house and street address, or  
28 similar description that will readily identify and definitely  
29 locate the proposed site;

30 (c) Indicate the estimated quantities of work involved;

31 (d) Be accompanied by plans and specifications as required  
32 in subsections (2) and (3);

33 (e) Be signed by the property owner or his authorized

1 agent who may be required to submit evidence to indicate such  
2 authority;

3 (f) Give such other information as may be required by  
4 the director.

5 (2) PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. When required by the di-  
6 rector, each application for a grading permit shall be accompanied  
7 by five sets of plans and specifications and other supporting  
8 data as may be required. The plans and specifications shall  
9 be prepared and signed by a registered civil engineer licensed  
10 to practice in the state of Washington when required by the  
11 director.

12 (3) INFORMATION ON PLANS AND IN SPECIFICATIONS. Plans  
13 shall be drawn to an engineer's scale upon substantial paper or  
14 cloth and shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the nature  
15 and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that they will  
16 conform to the provisions of this chapter and all other relevant  
17 laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. The first sheet of  
18 each set of plans shall give the location of the work and the  
19 name and address of the owner and the person by whom they were  
20 prepared. The plans shall include the following minimum infor-  
21 mation:

22 (a) General vicinity of the proposed site;

23 (b) Property limits and accurate contours of existing  
24 ground and details of terrain and area drainage;

25 (c) Limiting dimensions, elevations or finished contours  
26 to be achieved by the grading, and proposed drainage channels and  
27 related construction;

28 (d) Detailed plans of all surface and subsurface drainage  
29 devices, walls, cribbing, dams, berms, settling ponds and other  
30 protective devices to be constructed with or as a part of the  
31 proposed work, together with the maps showing the drainage area  
32 and the estimated runoff of the area served by any drains;  
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1 (e) Location of any buildings or structures on the property  
2 where the work is to be performed and the location of any build-  
3 ings or structures on land of adjacent owners which are within  
4 fifty feet of the property or which may be affected by the pro-  
5 posed grading operations;

6 (f) Landscape and rehabilitation plan as required by  
7 Section 16.82.110;

8 (g) Other information as may be required by the director.

9 (4) REFERRAL OF APPLICATIONS. Applications for grading  
10 permits shall be referred to the Department of Public Works.  
11 The director shall determine if the proposed grading will ad-  
12 versely affect the character of the site for present lawful  
13 uses or with the future development of the site and adjacent  
14 properties for building or other purposes as indicated by the  
15 comprehensive plan, the shoreline master program, and the zoning  
16 code. The Department of Public Works shall determine the effect  
17 of the intended grading upon public and private property as it  
18 pertains to drainage, traffic, and public roads. The Department  
19 of Public Works shall report its findings to the director.

20 (5) GRANTING OF PERMITS. After an application has been  
21 filed and reviewed, the director shall ascertain whether such  
22 grading work complies with the other provisions of this chapter.  
23 If the application and plans so comply, or if they are corrected  
24 or amended so as to comply, the director may issue to the appli-  
25 cant a grading permit. A grading permit shall be valid for the  
26 number of days stated in the permit but in no case shall the  
27 period be more than (~~one-year~~) two years; provided, that  
28 when operating conditions have been met, the permit (~~shall-be~~  
29 ~~renewable-on-a-yearly-basis~~) may be renewed every two years,  
30 or less if a shorter approval and/or renewal period is speci-  
31 fied by the director.

32 No grading permit shall be issued until approved by federal,  
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1 state and local agencies having jurisdiction by laws or regula-  
2 tions.

3 Upon approval of the application and issuance of the grad-  
4 ing permit, no work shall be done that is not provided for in  
5 the permit. The director is authorized to inspect the premises  
6 at any reasonable time to determine if the work is in accordance  
7 with the permit application and plans.

8 The permits from the director shall be required regardless  
9 of any permits issued by any other department of county govern-  
10 ment or any other governmental agency who may be interested in  
11 certain aspects of the proposed work. Where work for which a  
12 permit is required by this chapter is stated or proceeded with  
13 prior to obtaining the permit, the violator shall be subject  
14 to such civil penalties as provided in Chapter 23.04. However,  
15 the payment of such civil penalties shall not relieve any per-  
16 sons from fully complying with the requirements of this chapter  
17 in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties pre-  
18 scribed thereon.

19 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 29th day  
20 of September 1980.

21 PASSED this 3rd day of November 19 .

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25 Bill Reams  
Chairman

26 ATTEST:

27 Dorothy M. Owens DEPUTY  
28 Clerk of the Council

29 APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .

30 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE

31 DATED: 11/14/80  
32 King County Executive