

ORDINANCE NO. 7080

AN ORDINANCE relating to fire hydrants and water mains, permitting deviations from adopted standards and providing for appeals; amending Ordinance 5828, Section 10, and K.C.C. 17.08.090; and adding new sections to K.C.C. 17.04 and 17.08.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 5828, Section 10, and K.C.C.

17.08.090 are amended as follows:

Variances. A. The fire marshal shall have the authority to approve (~~(mines)~~) deviations from the standards established pursuant to this chapter when it is shown that

1. Strict compliance would require unreasonable fire hydrant locations, fire flow requirements or water main sizes, and

2. The variance would not unreasonably affect adequate fire protection to the area or structures served.

B. The fire marshal shall approve variances, except as provided in subsection C. for connections to single family residences served by existing water system which have fire hydrants and fire flow of at least 500 gallons per minute if the variance would not unreasonably affect fire protection and provided that the purveyor's approved comprehensive plan includes a method for increasing fire flow to current standards.

C. The fire marshal shall not approve any variance which would result in a violation of WAC Chapters 248-54 and 248-57 without prior approval of the Department of Social and Health Services.

1 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. A new section is added to K.C.C.
2 17.08, to read as follows:

3 Appeals. The King County Fire Prevention Advisory and
4 Appeals Board shall have the authority to hear appeals and make
5 recommendations to the Fire Marshal from the requirements of
6 this chapter. The criteria for board recommendations shall be
7 the same as set forth in K.C.C. 17.08.090.

8 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. A new section is added to K.C.C.
9 17.04 to read as follows:

10 Fire Prevention Advisory and Appeal Board. In order to
11 determine the suitability of alternate materials or methods of
12 construction, and to provide for reasonable interpretation of
13 the provisions of this code, there shall be and is hereby
14 created a Fire Prevention Advisory and Appeals Board,
15 consisting of seven members who are qualified by experience and
16 training in fire protection to pass upon pertinent matters.
17 The Fire Marshal shall be an ex officio member and shall act as
18 Secretary of the Board. The Fire Prevention Advisory and
19 Appeals Board shall be appointed by the County Executive,
20 confirmed by the Council, and shall serve for a two-year term
21 or until their successor is appointed and qualified. Initially
22 four members shall be appointed to a two-year term and three
23 members to a one-year term.
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The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render decisions and findings which shall be advisory unless otherwise specified in this code. The Board may also recommend to the County Council new legislation regarding the subject matter of this code.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 5th day of October, 1984.

PASSED this 7th day of January, 1985.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Quinn
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18th day of January, 1984.

Randy Robell
King County Executive

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