



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 30, 2002**

**Ordinance 14441**

**Proposed No. 2002-0307.2**

**Sponsors Lambert**

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the city of North Bend Water  
2 Comprehensive Plan.

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5 **PREAMBLE:**

6 K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for water  
7 utilities as a prerequisite for granting right-of-way franchises and approval  
8 of right-of-way construction permits.

9 The city of North Bend has been in a building moratorium since April  
10 1999 because it is exceeding its certificated annual water rights for its  
11 spring source. The water comprehensive plan ("plan") discusses possible  
12 sources of additional water, including more water rights and purchases  
13 from Seattle, and commits the city to a conservation program.

14 The city currently provides water service to approximately three thousand  
15 eight hundred people; about six thousand eight hundred people are  
16 projected to reside in the retail service area by 2020.

17 The plan contains a six-year capital improvement program valued at  
18 approximately two million dollars and includes improvements to  
19 conservation, water treatment, and distribution.

20 The city has already taken steps to upgrade both source and customer water  
21 meters to more accurately account for water use by customer class. In addition,  
22 the city has expanded its public education efforts related to water conservation.

23 According to the plan, the city will conduct a new rate study in 2003 that  
24 emphasizes incentives for water conservation savings, including possible  
25 implementation of seasonal block rate or inclined block rate structures.

26 King County strongly supports conservation pricing and encourages the city to  
27 move forward with conducting the rate study and implementing rate restructuring  
28 found to be most effective given patterns of water use in the city of North Bend.  
29 King County requests that the city provide the results of the rate study and any  
30 rate adjustments to the utilities technical review committee.

31 The King County utilities technical review committee reviewed and  
32 conditionally approved the plan on January 9, 2002. The conditions of the  
33 approval, technical changes to the plan, are reflected in the plan attached  
34 to this ordinance. The utilities technical review committee recommends  
35 that the council approve the plan.

36 The city prepared a determination of nonsignificance for the plan on December  
37 28, 2000, in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The city intends  
38 to adopt the plan after county approval.

39           The city of North Bend provides water service to portions of unincorporated King  
40           County. Under K.C.C. chapter 13.24, the county may require an updated plan or  
41           documentation whenever conditions for water availability have changed  
42           significantly within a water utility service area. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 further  
43           requires that water utilities promptly notify King County of any significant  
44           changes affecting service provision.

45           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

46           SECTION 1. The city of North Bend Water Comprehensive Plan, Attachment A  
47           to this ordinance, is hereby approved, so long as the city updates the utilities technical  
48           review committee by the end of July 2003 on the status of efforts to secure new water

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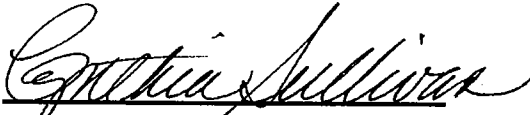
49 rights and supplies to meet growth projected in the adopted King County Comprehensive  
50 Plan.

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Ordinance 14441 was introduced on 7/8/2002 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/29/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. McKenna and Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 9 day of August, 2002.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments      A. City of North Bend Water Comprehensive Plan

ATTACHMENT A

**CITY OF NORTH BEND**

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**14441**

**WATER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**G & O 98636**

**JUNE 2001**



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