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**Amendments to King County Countywide
Planning Policies, as adopted by Ordinance
19660**



King County

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In the Vision and Framework chapter, beginning on page 9, amend as follows:

FW-1 Maintain the currency of the Countywide Planning Policies through periodic review and amendment. Initiate and review all amendments at the Growth Management Planning Council through the process described below:

- a) Only the Growth Management Planning Council may propose amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies except for amendments to the Urban Growth Area that may also be proposed by King County in accordance with policies DP-16 through DP-18B;
- b) Growth Management Planning Council recommends amendments to the King County Council for consideration, possible revision, and approval; proposed revisions by the King County Council that are of a substantive nature may be sent to the Growth Management Planning Council for their consideration and revised recommendation based on the proposed revision;
- c) A majority vote of the King County Council both constitutes approval of the amendments and ratification on behalf of the residents of Unincorporated King County;
- d) After approval and ratification by the King County Council, amendments are forwarded to each city and town for ratification. Amendments cannot be modified during the city ratification process; and
- e) Amendments must be ratified within 90 days of King County approval and require affirmation by the county and cities and towns representing at least 70 percent of the county population and 30 percent of those jurisdictions. Ratification is either by an affirmative vote of the city's or town's council or by no action being taken within the ratification period.

~~Attachment A to GMPC Motion 23-4: GMPC Recommended Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies related to Urban Growth Area Amendments through the Four-to-One Program~~

King County Countywide Planning Policies, as adopted (Ordinance 19553) on 12/6/2022, and ratified by 03/31/2023

In the Development Patterns chapter, beginning on page 25, amend as follows:

53 **DP-17** Allow expansion of the Urban Growth Area ~~((only if at least one of the following criteria is~~
54 ~~met)) as follows:~~

55 a) A countywide analysis determines that the current Urban Growth Area is insufficient in
56 size and additional land is needed to accommodate the housing and employment
57 growth targets, including institutional and other non-residential uses, and there are
58 no other reasonable measures, such as increasing density or rezoning existing urban
59 land, that would avoid the need to expand the Urban Growth Area. Expansions under
60 this subsection shall also be consistent with the criteria in DP-18A; ~~((or))~~

61 b) ~~((A))~~ Through the Four-to-One Program, where a proposed expansion of the Urban
62 Growth Area is accompanied by dedication of permanent ~~((open space))~~ natural area
63 that is at least four times the size of the proposed expansion to the King County
64 Open Space System. ~~((where the acreage of the proposed open space:~~

65 1) Is at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth Area;

66 2) Is ~~((contiguous with))~~ adjacent to the original Urban Growth Area boundary
67 adopted in the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan;

68 with at least ~~((a portion))~~ half of the site to be placed in dedicated open space
69 ~~((surrounding))~~ and shall fully buffer the proposed Urban Growth Area
70 expansion from surrounding Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands; and

71 3) Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute
72 to the band of permanent open space along the edge of the Urban Growth
73 Area) Expansions under the Four-to-One Program shall also be consistent
74 with the criteria in DP-18B; or

75 c) The area is currently a King County park being transferred to a city to be maintained
76 as a park in perpetuity ~~((or is park land that has been owned by a city since 1994 and~~
77 ~~is less than thirty acres in size)).~~

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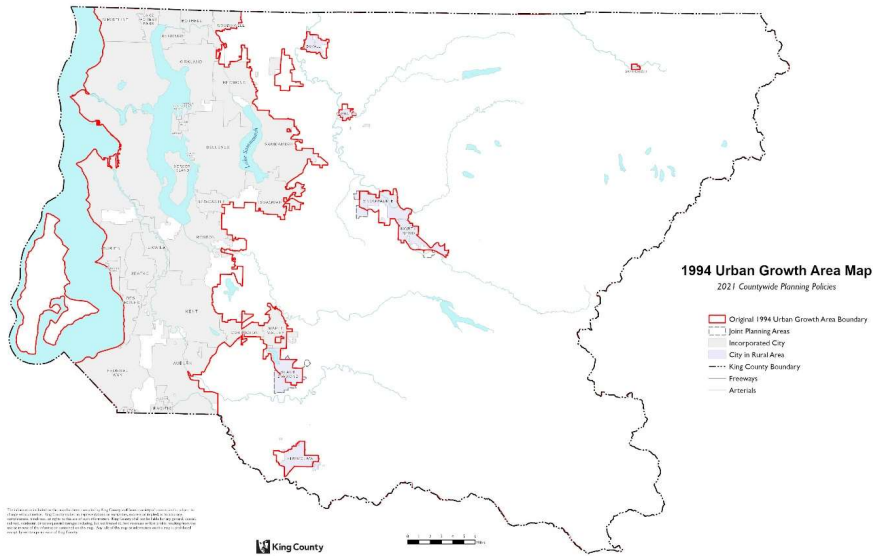
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80 Notes: This map is for reference only. The information on this map has been compiled by King County staff from a
81 variety of sources and is subject to change without notice. A detailed map of the 1994 Urban Growth Area boundary
82 can be found at <http://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/iMap>. The Joint Planning Areas (JPA) represents information from the
83 following ordinances: 10450, 11446, 11575, 11593, 12065, 12081, 12302, 12421, 12533, 12534, 12535, 13690,
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90 ~~DP-18A ((Add land to the Urban Growth Area only if expansion of the Urban Growth Area is~~
91 ~~warranted based on the criteria in DP-17(a) or DP-17(b), and it)) An expansion of the Urban~~
92 ~~Growth Area under Policy DP-17(a) shall meet((s all of)) the following criteria:~~

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a) ~~For expansions based on DP-17(a) only:~~

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~~1- ((Is)) Be adjacent to the existing Urban Growth Area((~~

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~~b) ((For expansions based on DP-17(a) only, is));~~

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~~2- Be~~ no larger than necessary to promote compact development that
97 accommodates anticipated growth needs;

98 ~~((c))~~ ~~b)~~ Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require supportive
99 facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or Natural Resource
100 Lands;

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101 ~~((d))~~ ~~e)~~ Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers and
102 ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as watersheds, that
103 impede the provision of urban services;

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104 ~~((e))~~ ~~d)~~ Is not currently designated as Natural Resource Land;

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105 ~~((f))~~ ~~e)~~ Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban
106 development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the area is
107 designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between King County
108 and the annexing city: ~~((and))~~

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109 ~~f) For a Four-to-One proposal, is not expanding the Urban Growth Area from a location~~
110 ~~that was previously expanded through the Four-to-One program;~~

111 g) Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent to the
112 area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area. Upon
113 ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will reflect both the
114 Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area change ~~;~~ and

115 ~~h) For expansions of the Urban Growth Area based on the criteria in DP-17(b) where the~~
116 ~~area is adjacent to an incorporated area, no development proposal or activity shall~~
117 ~~be allowed until the land added to the Urban Growth Area is annexed into a city or~~
118 ~~town.~~

119 DP-18B Expansions of the Urban Growth Area under the Four-to-One Program in Policy DP-
120 17(b) shall meet the following criteria:

121 a) The proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area:

122 1. Shall only allow for residential development;

123 2. Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require
124 supportive facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or
125 Natural Resource Lands;

126 3. Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers
127 and ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as
128 watersheds, that impede the provision of urban services;

129 4. Is not currently be designated as Natural Resource Land;

130 5. Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban
131 development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the
132 area is designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between
133 King County and the annexing city;

134 6. Is adjacent to the original Urban Growth Area boundary which was adopted in
135 the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, unless there are limitations due to
136 the presence of critical areas, and does not expand the Urban Growth Area
137 from a location that was previously expanded through the Four-to-One
138 program;

139 7. Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent
140 to the area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area.
141 Upon ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will
142 reflect both the Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area
143 change; and

144 8. Where the area is adjacent to an incorporated area, no development proposal
145 or activity shall be allowed until the land added to the Urban Growth Area is
146 annexed into a city or town; and

147 b) The proposed natural area shall:

148 1. Be at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth
149 Area;

150 2. Provide least three-quarters of the area required to be dedicated natural area
151 is on-site,

152 3. Fully surround the portion of the proposed Urban Growth Area expansion that
153 is adjacent Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands; and

154 4. Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute
155 to the band of permanent natural area along the edge of the Urban Growth
156 Area.

157 **DP-19** Allow redesignation of Urban land currently within the Urban Growth Area to Rural land
158 outside of the Urban Growth Area if the land is not needed to accommodate projected urban
159 growth, is not served by public sewers, is ~~((contiguous with))~~ adjacent to the Rural Area, and:

160 a) Is not characterized by urban development;

161 b) Is currently developed with a low-density lot pattern that cannot be realistically
162 redeveloped at an urban density; or

163 c) Is characterized by ~~((environmentally sensitive))~~ critical areas making it inappropriate
164 for higher density development.

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