



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

February 26, 2008

Motion 12709

Proposed No. 2008-0081.2

Sponsors Gossett

1 A MOTION relating to the review process for the 2008
2 King County Comprehensive Plan update.

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4 WHEREAS, historically, the approach taken for the review of major updates to
5 the King County Comprehensive Plan has been to utilize other standing committees to
6 perform panel reviews of specific chapters and issues and to make recommendations to
7 the growth management and natural resources committee ("the committee"), and

8 WHEREAS, that practice ensured that those committees with the staff expertise in
9 specific subject areas were utilized in the review of the update and report staff findings to
10 those other standing committees, and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of this approach, the ability of the committee to
12 coordinate changes to often interrelated policies across the various chapters was
13 impaired, and

14 WHEREAS, because review of the draft proposed Comprehensive Plan update
15 indicates much more interconnectedness of policies than in the past Comprehensive
16 Plans, the ability to follow the linkages and ensure internal consistency will be
17 increasingly important, and

18 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan update manager is a newly created position
19 and provides a unique opportunity to utilize a more effective and unified approach to the
20 review of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan update, and

21 WHEREAS, all council members, for the purposes of reviewing the
22 Comprehensive Plan are voting members of the committee, and

23 WHEREAS, to underscore the broad policy impacts that the Comprehensive Plan
24 has on all facets of county business and to centralize all aspects of the Comprehensive
25 Plan review in the committee to ensure a complete and coordinated review of the
26 interrelated policies the committee should manage all aspects of the review (e.g.
27 coordinating the reviews, managing the schedule and applicable policy staff, handling the
28 day-to-day issues, and presentation of staff reports) of the Comprehensive Plan, and

29 WHEREAS, this would require central staff with the historical knowledge and
30 specific expertise in the various areas covered by the Comprehensive Plan to perform
31 reviews and report such findings directly to the committee, rather than the standing
32 committee to which they are assigned, and

33 WHEREAS, to foster an efficient review of the Comprehensive Plan, committee
34 leadership should seek to identify consensus issues, thereby allowing the committee to
35 focus on matters that need further discussion;

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

37 A. The growth management and natural resources committee shall perform all
38 council committee review of the 2008 update of the King County Comprehensive Plan;
39 and

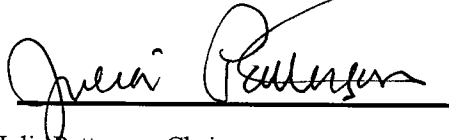
40 B. The growth management and natural resources committee shall utilize policy
41 staff from other standing committees based on their specific areas of expertise to perform
42 the review of the 2008 revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. The chair of the growth
43 management and natural resources committee shall consult with the applicable standing
44 committee chair and policy staff director, and assign policy staff from standing
45 committees for Comprehensive Plan review.

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Motion 12709 was introduced on 2/11/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/25/2008, by the following vote:

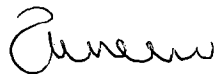
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None