



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 15, 2016**

**Ordinance 18256**

**Proposed No. 2016-0101.1**

**Sponsors Dembowski**

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying Growth  
2 Management Planning Council Motion 15-2.

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

4 SECTION 1. Findings:

5 A. Growth Management Planning Council Motion 15-2 recommends that policy  
6 H-8 in the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies be amended to address  
7 strategies for affordable housing.

8 B. On November 6, 2015, the Growth Management Planning Council  
9 overwhelmingly adopted Motion 15-2, which recommends the 2012 King County  
10 Countywide Planning Policies be amended to add new language to policy H-8 to reflect  
11 the full range of programs, from optional to mandatory, that could assist a jurisdiction in  
12 meeting their share of the countywide need for affordable housing.

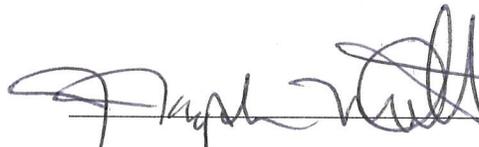
13 SECTION 2. The amendment to the 2012 King County Countywide Planning

14 Policies, as shown in Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted by King County  
15 and ratified on behalf of the population of unincorporated King County.  
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Ordinance 18256 was introduced on 2/8/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/14/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

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ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016



← Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. GMPC Motion 15-2

11/6/15

ATTACHMENT A

Sponsored By: Executive Committee

GMPC MOTION NO. 15-2

A MOTION amending the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies; addressing strategies for providing affordable housing.

WHEREAS, The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) developed policies for the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) that revised the method for defining housing need in the county and for allocating responsibility among jurisdictions to identify and address local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, recent, rapid growth in the county has exacerbated the shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the GMPC at its September 24, 2014 meeting heard presentations about the complex mixes of funding sources required to support each rent-restricted housing project; and

WHEREAS, during discussion of climate change at the GMPC's July 22, 2015 meeting, it was noted that providing affordable housing near employment centers or near high-capacity transit can make it easier for workers in low-income households to commute to work without driving a car and without adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, a presentation to GMPC at its November 6, 2015 meeting highlighted various tools and programs local governments can use to increase the supply of housing affordable to very low, low and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, currently the CPPs do not expressly encourage jurisdictions to consider the full range of tools available for producing affordable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King County hereby recommends that the 2012 King County Countywide Planning Policies be amended as follows:

H-8 Tailor housing policies and strategies to local needs, conditions and opportunities, recognizing the unique strengths and challenges of different cities and sub-regions. Jurisdictions may consider a full range of programs, from optional to mandatory, that will assist in meeting the jurisdiction's share of the countywide need for affordable housing.

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Dow Constantine, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

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