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

PREAMBLE:

K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for water utilities as a

prerequisite for granting right-of-way franchises and approval of right-of-way construction

permits.

The city of North Bend has been in a building moratorium since April 1999 because it is

exceeding its certificated annual water rights for its spring source. The water comprehensive

plan ("plan") discusses possible sources of additional water, including more water rights and

purchases from Seattle, and commits the city to a conservation program.

The city currently provides water service to approximately three thousand eight hundred people;

about six thousand eight hundred people are projected to reside in the retail service area by

2020.

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

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

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

King County strongly supports conservation pricing and encourages the city to move forward with conducting the rate study and implementing rate restructuring found to be most effective given patterns of water use in the city of North Bend.

King County requests that the city provide the results of the rate study and any rate adjustments to the utilities technical review committee.

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

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

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

affecting service provision.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

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