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A MOTION requiring a review of the utility and functioning of cordless compaction waste receptacle systems in the maintenance of parks facilities.

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks manages over one hundred eighty parks and trails within the King County system of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, these parks resources include over twenty-five thousand acres of land which require management by the division, and

WHEREAS, among the routine maintenance tasks that responsible parks management demands is the regular collection and disposal of garbage from garbage receptacles placed for the convenience of the visiting public, and

WHEREAS, the voters of King County have recently approved a parks levy ballot measure, with the expectation that maintenance standards at county parks facilities would be increased, and

WHEREAS, innovative devices and techniques for receiving and managing this waste stream, utilizing solar-powered self-compacting receptacles placed to receive garbage generated in the parks from the visiting public, have been developed in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these devices are being considered by public entities elsewhere in the nation to evaluate the extent to which they can reduce the frequency with which waste receptacles need to be attended for disposal, and

WHEREAS, these devices may hold promise for reducing the demand on parks staff for routine waste-collection related maintenance duties, freeing staff for other parks needs, and

WHEREAS, costs for purchasing and operating these devices, and maintenance and management requirements, would need to be more clearly understood and evaluated in any consideration of incorporating such devices into parks maintenance strategies,

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

That the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks undertake a review of the potential for the use of the solar-powered "cordless compaction system" waste receptacle devices in its maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, and that the review include consideration of any savings in maintenance costs associated with reduced staff waste collection demands, as well as consideration of costs for purchase, maintenance and operation, and for ease of use and integration into current parks maintenance practices, and

That the division submit a report to the council by February, 29, 2008, on the results of its review, in the form of nine copies filed with the clerk of the council, who

shall retain an original and forward copies to each member and the lead staff of the growth management and natural resources committee, or its successor.