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AN ORDINANCE approving the Highline Water District 2008 Comprehensive  
Water System Plan.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that distribute or obtain water in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals, being granted right-of-way franchises and being given approval for right-of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state and local planning requirements.
2. RCW 57.16.010 requires that general comprehensive plans for water districts must be submitted to and approved by the legislative authority within whose boundaries all or a portion of the district lies.
3. King County last approved the Highline Water District Comprehensive Water System Plan ("the plan") in 2002. Both Washington state Department of Health ("the DOH") and King County regulations require water system plans to be updated every six years.
4. The Highline water district ("the district") is wholly within King County and has adopted a 2008 comprehensive water system plan.
5. King County has adopted a comprehensive plan that includes water supply policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-213 through F-245) that call for consistency

with other adopted plans, support for regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water, water conservation and protection of water resources.

6. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of water system plans by the utilities technical review committee, and that a recommendation be made to the King County executive and council on the plan and the requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan. The utilities technical review committee has reviewed the planning data and district operations and hereby finds:

- a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council for the district's service area, with a customized forecast appropriately used;
- b. The plan appropriately uses King County land use classifications;
- c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and service needs;
- d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality laws, including the evaluation of reclaimed water use; and
- e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and policies.

7. The DOH has yet to approve the district's water plan, pending approval by King County. Approval from the DOH is expected after the King County council acts.

8. The district completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist for the plan and, as lead agency, issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on December 17, 2008.

9. The district's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory, administrative and planning standards. As the district's operations, facilities and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code and are consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the utilities technical review committee recommends approval of the plan.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The Highline Water District 2008 Comprehensive Water System

Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system plan.