

## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the Heights Water Association 2005 Water System Plan.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires approval of comprehensive plans for water 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. The Heights Water Association ("the association") water system plan was last approved in 1999. Both Washington state Department of Health and King County regulations require water system plans to be updated every six years.
3. The association is in King County and has adopted a 2005 water system plan ("the plan").
4. 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 and water conservation, and protection of water resources.
5. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires the utilities technical review committee ("UTRC") to review plans and make a recommendation 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 UTRC has reviewed the planning data and association operations and hereby finds:

- a. The plan uses population and employment forecasts developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council for the association's service area, which are consistent with population targets under the growth management act, with a customized forecast appropriately used;
  - b. The plan uses King County land use classifications, as the service area is located wholly within rural King County;
  - 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.
6. The Washington state Department of Health approved the association's plan in November 2005.
7. The association completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist. The approval of the plan by King County is categorically exempt from a determination of significance, or not, for plan adoption under chapter 43.21C RCW.
8. The association's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory, administrative and planning standards. As the association's operations, facilities and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code, and are consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the UTRC recommends approval of the plan.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Heights Water Association 2005 Water System Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system plan.