



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the Highline Water District Water System Plan,  
Final August 2016.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that provide service 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. chapter 13.24 prescribes the requirements for approval of those plans, including consistency with state and local planning requirements.
2. RCW 57.16.010 requires that general comprehensive plans by special purpose districts be submitted to, and approved by, the legislative authority within whose boundaries all or a portion of a utility lies.
3. Highline Water District's last general water facility plan was approved in 2009. Washington state Department of Health and King County regulations require water system plans to be updated every six years.
4. The district has a service area within King County and has adopted a water system plan update ("the plan").
5. King County has adopted a Comprehensive Plan that includes policies F-101 through F-254, the applicable portions of which address water policies for facilities and services; these water

policies call for consistency with other adopted plans, pursuit of reclaimed water, water conservation and protection of water resources.

6. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires the utilities technical review committee to review and make a recommendation to the King County executive and council on the plan, 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 system operations and has found:

- a. The plan uses population and employment forecasts developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council;
- b. The district's service area is within King County;
- c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and service needs;
- d. The plan is consistent with applicable Washington state water quality laws; and
- e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and policies.

7. Washington state Department of Health approval is pending upon King County's approval of the plan.

8. Under the state Environmental Policy Act the district completed an environmental check list and the district issued a determination of nonsignificance for the plan approval on March 9, 2016. There were no appeals.

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 has recommended approval of the plan.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The Highline Water District Water System Plan, Final August 2016, Attachment A to this

ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system plan.