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MOTION NO. 07-3

A MOTION by the Growth Management Planning Council of King County recognizing the 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report and its findings

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.215, King County and its cities are required to implement a review and evaluation program, commonly referred to as the Buildable Lands program, and

WHEREAS FW-1 Step 5(b) of the Countywide Planning Policies requires a review and evaluation program consistent with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.215, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.215, the review and evaluation program shall encompass annual collection of data on urban and rural land use and development, critical areas, and capital facilities to the extent necessary to determine the quantity and type of land suitable for development, both for residential and employment-based activities, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.215, the review and evaluation must 1) determine whether there is sufficient land suitable for development to accommodate population projections for the county by the state Office of Financial Management and subsequent allocations to cities pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110, 2) determine the actual density of housing and the actual density of land consumed for commercial and industrial uses, 3) based on the actual density of development, determine the amount of land needed for residential, commercial, and industrial uses for the remainder of the 20-year planning period, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.215, King County and its cities are required to complete an updated evaluation report every five years with the next report due by September 2007, and

WHEREAS, King County and its cities have completed this review and evaluation and have published its findings in the 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report,

WHEREAS, the findings of the review and evaluation include the following:

- Housing growth has been on track with 22-year household growth targets;
- Densities achieved in new housing have increased, compared to the previous five years;
- Commercial and industrial construction has continued, despite the recession of 2001 - 2004;

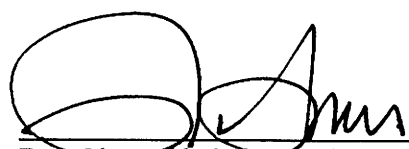
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- King County's Urban Growth Area, and each of its four urban subareas, has sufficient capacity to accommodate the residential and employment growth forecasted by 2022,

THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY
HEREBY MOVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The attached 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report is recognized as final and complete in responding to the evaluation requirements of RCW 36.70A.215, and its findings are recognized as the basis for any future measures that the county or cities may need to adopt in order to comply with this section.
2. This motion shall be attached to the Countywide Planning Policies as an appendix for future reference.
3. The attached 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report is recommended to the Metropolitan King County Council and the Cities of King County for adoption of a motion recognizing the completion of the Report and noting its major conclusions.

ADOPTED by the Growth Management Planning Council of King County on October 3, 2007 in open session and signed by the chair of the GMPC.



Ron Sims, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

Attachment:

1. 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report