



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Bellevue 2002 Comprehensive
Wastewater Plan.

PREAMBLE:

K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for sewer utilities as a prerequisite for granting right-of-way franchises and approval of right-of-way construction permits.

The City of Bellevue 2002 Comprehensive Wastewater Plan (plan) discusses sewer service to existing and future populations within the city's thirty-five-square-mile service area. The service area includes the cities of Bellevue, Medina, Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunt's Point and Beaux Arts, and parts of urban unincorporated King County. Small portions of Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah are also served by interlocal agreement. Approximately one hundred twenty-two thousand residents are currently served by the city. At buildout, the population projected to be served by the city could be nearly one hundred fifty-four thousand.

In August 2001 the city and the Coal Creek utility district entered into a settlement agreement regarding the city's assumption of parts of the district lying within the city's corporate boundary. Effective December 31, 2003, the city will assume ownership of the district's facilities located within city boundaries. This plan discusses the future assumption and its impacts on the city based on information currently available.

All of the city's wastewater flows are treated by King County. The average daily sanitary flow

currently treated by the county is approximately twenty-two million gallons per day. At buildout, that amount is expected to increase to about twenty-eight million gallons per day, although reductions in base water use and infiltration and inflow will likely decrease the ultimate flow significantly. Recent monitoring shows that the city currently has rates of infiltration and inflow in excess of those allowed by the county. The city is working with the county to reduce infiltration and inflow into its sewer system.

A six-year capital improvement program was identified at a cost of approximately ten million five hundred thousand dollars. The planned improvements include pump station upgrades, replacement of old sewer mains, and extension of sewers to unsewered areas. Funding for the capital improvements will come primarily from sewer rates and developer funding for currently unsewered areas. Funding strategies and proposed improvements to reduce infiltration and inflow in the region are currently being developed by the county and sewer utilities.

The King County utilities technical review committee (UTRC) reviewed the plan on May 8, 2002 and recommended several technical changes that have been incorporated into the final plan version attached to this ordinance. The UTRC recommends that the council approve the plan. The city prepared a determination of non-significance for the plan on April 4, 2002, in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The city intends to adopt the plan after receiving state and county approval.

K.C.C. 13.24.010 states that King county may require an updated plan, plan amendment or other documentation whenever conditions for water or sewer availability have changed significantly within a water or sewer utility service area.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The City of Bellevue 2002 Comprehensive Wastewater Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, shall be revised to insert the City of Bellevue 2002 Comprehensive Wastewater Plan Addendum #1

in Attachment B to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The City of Bellevue 2002 Comprehensive Wastewater Plan as amended, Attachments A and B to this ordinance, is hereby approved. The city of Bellevue is required to prepare a new sewer comprehensive plan for approval by King County within six years.