



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the city of Auburn 2001 Comprehensive Water Plan.

PREAMBLE:

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

The city of Auburn 2001 comprehensive water plan (plan) discusses water service to existing and future retail and wholesale customers. The retail service area includes the city, parts of the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, urban and rural unincorporated King County, and unincorporated Pierce County. Wholesale customers are the city of Algona, Covington water district and King County water district 111.

The city currently provides retail water service to approximately forty-six thousand people; about sixty-four thousand people will reside in the retail service area by 2020.

Two springs and nine wells currently supply water for the city. Existing water rights are sufficient to support average day retail and wholesale demand through 2020. Maximum day demand, however, can be met with existing water rights only through 2005.

King County supports the use of increasing-block rate structures to promote water conservation.

The city adopted a new water rate structure on May 20, 2002, that includes an increasing-block rate for single family residential customers.

The plan includes a recommendation for annual assessment of overall water reductions by

customer class resulting from conservation pricing. King County strongly supports this evaluation recommendation, and encourages the city to use the results of the evaluation to inform future decisions about water conservation strategies.

The plan contains a six-year capital improvement program valued at over thirty million dollars and includes improvements to water supplies, water treatment, storage, and distribution.

The King County utilities technical review committee (UTRC) reviewed and conditionally approved the plan on June 13, 2001. The conditions of approval, technical changes to the plan, are reflected in the 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 October 31, 2000, in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The city adopted the plan on December 3, 2001.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The city of Auburn 2001 Comprehensive Water Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved.