



Legislation Text

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A MOTION approving the Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures Program Framework.

WHEREAS, the Washington state Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, was adopted in 1990 and 1991 and establishes a requirement for jurisdictions to adopt comprehensive plans and requires updates once every eight years, and

WHEREAS, in 2012, King County adopted a comprehensive plan update via Ordinance 17485 that meets Growth Management Act requirements to update the plan once every eight years, and

WHEREAS, as allowed by K.C.C. chapter 20.18, the Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2016 and adopted via Ordinance 18427, which is considered an annual update under the Growth Management Act, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, in Chapter 12: Implementation, Amendments and Evaluation, contains a set of workplan actions items that, working in conjunction with other King County tools and programs, implement the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, 2016 Comprehensive Plan Workplan Action 2 directs the development of long-term indicators to monitor performance that provide insight into whether the goals of the Comprehensive Plan are being achieved or if revisions are needed, and

WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 20.18 establishes the procedures for four-year cycle amendments of the Comprehensive Plan and specifies that a motion be transmitted specifying a scope of work for proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The scope of work must be transmitted to the council the year before the four-year update transmittal. At such a time as the scope of work is established, a report monitoring

performance has use and function in guiding what is included in the scope of work, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan contains a set of overarching Guiding Principle policies that frame the Comprehensive Plan, and such Guiding Principle policies are an appropriate framework for establishing long-term indicators, and

WHEREAS, given that land use is the core function of the Comprehensive Plan, long-term indicators should be established that focus on core land use planning functions that are affected by the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, land use planning affects other important topics such as affordable housing, public health, and mobility, and it is appropriate to include these in comprehensive plan monitoring and discuss them through a lens of how they relate to and impact land use, and

WHEREAS, given the long-term nature of the Comprehensive Plan, long-term indicators should be established that track change over time, and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act establishes broad geographies, including incorporated areas, unincorporated urban areas, rural areas, and natural resource lands, and long-term indicators should analyze data consistent with these geographies, as datasets allow, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan includes a strong focus on equity and social justice issues, and long-term indicators should assess equity and social justice effects, as datasets allow, and

WHEREAS, King County has other monitoring programs that provide a greater level of specificity on issues related to those topics directly affected by the Comprehensive Plan, and reports on comprehensive plan indicators should incorporate information from these other programs to provide greater detail and context. Linking to other programs will allow the comprehensive plan monitoring to be efficiently implemented, to use existing data to supplement measures, and to have a sustainable scale that allows for better communication with the multiple audiences for the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, the framework in Attachment A to this motion establishes a new performance measures

program and reporting schedule designed to support the Comprehensive Plan update process, and

WHEREAS, the performance measures program shall be first implemented and reported on in 2018, so as to inform the 2019 scope of work for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update, and

WHEREAS, the framework may be reviewed for potential refinements before the establishment of future scopes of work required under K.C.C. 20.18.060, but only if any refinements are approved via motion by the King County council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures Framework in Attachment A to this motion is approved. The performance measures report shall be completed as directed in Attachment A and shall inform the scope of work for four-year Comprehensive Plan updates. The report shall be released by December 1 of the year before the establishment of a scope of work required by K.C.C. 20.18.060. Any changes to the framework in Attachment A or the performance measures reporting schedule, or both, shall not be implemented unless approved via a motion that is passed by the council.