

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Snoqualmie Water System 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 Snoqualmie currently provides water service to over five thousand three hundred residents and one thousand two hundred employees in the city and in urban and rural unincorporated areas.

The city obtains its water from a spring and three wells. The water from the wells is chlorinated prior to use; the spring supply is currently being evaluated for chlorination. The average annual water demand is currently five hundred sixty thousand gallons per day. The demand is projected to increase to almost two million gallons per day by 2020 when the Snoqualmie Ridge development is completed.

The city's current water rate structure does not appear to support conservation as it is a flat rate structure. The utilities technical review committee ("UTRC") recommends that additional information concerning the city's water rate be obtained after approval of this plan and prior to the city's next scheduled water system plan.

The UTRC reviewed and conditionally approved the plan on December 10, 2003. The conditions of approval have been met in the plan copies attached to this ordinance. The UTRC

recommends that the council approve the plan.

A determination of nonsignificance for the plan was issued by the city in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The Washington state Department of Health has approved the plan.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The City of Snoqualmie Water System Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The city of Snoqualmie shall conduct a water conservation rate study to evaluate whether its existing water rate structure could be modified to provide economic incentives to conserve water while preserving the ability of the city to generate revenues needed to meet its projected expenditures. The study shall be completed by December 31, 2006, and provided to the King County utilities technical review committee for evaluation. The utilities technical review committee shall notify the executive and council of its findings regarding the city's rate study.