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AN ORDINANCE relating to the regional policy committee; establishing the subject matters for the 2007 work program for the regional policy committee, and approving a list of topics identified for 2007 by the regional policy committee.

PREAMBLE:

1. The King County Charter establishes the powers and duties of three regional committees, requiring that "each regional committee shall develop, review and recommend ordinances and motions adopting, repealing, or amending county-wide policies and plans . . . ." Section 270.30 of the King County Charter requires the metropolitan county council to assign each such ordinance and motion adopting, repealing or amending countywide policies and plans relating to the subject matter area for which a regional committee has been established, to the regional committee for review.

2. Assignment of legislation for review by a regional committee is required when an ordinance or motion is considered a countywide policy and plan, and when it also falls within subject matter area for the regional committee. Countywide policies and plans related to transit and wastewater must be reviewed by the regional transit and regional water quality committees, respectively. Other countywide plans or policies are within the subject matter of the regional policy committee when they are so identified by the ordinance adopting the committee's annual work program. Other legislation may be an operational, organizational or implementation measure rather than a policy or plan.

3. The regional policy committee has, by majority vote, identified a list of topics encompassing a variety of potential issues for 2007. Some topics include ordinances or motions enacting countywide plans and policies, subject matters which the regional policy committee shall review in accordance with Section 270.30 of the King County Charter. In addition, solid waste plans and policies, although not countywide in effect, are required to be reviewed by the regional policy committee under the terms of the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum agreement, as amended. Other topics listed include a number of countywide measures and areas of interest where the region would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion, analysis and comment from the regional policy committee in accordance with K.C.C. 1.24.065.I.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A. Ordinances and motions enacting countywide plans and policies for review by the regional policy committee in 2007 shall include the following subject matter areas:

1. The Transfer Station and Waste Export System Plan and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan update in the subject matter area of solid waste management;

2. The Medic One/Emergency Medical Services 2008-2013 Strategic Plan in the subject matter area of emergency medical services; and

3. Plans and policies relating to the veterans and human services levy, implementation of the Mental Health Recovery Model plan and amendments to the Human Service Framework Policies, in the subject matter area of human services.

B. Anticipated legislation in the subject matters listed in subsection A. of this section will enact countywide plans and policies and is expected to be available for legislative review in 2007. The subject matters are also included as topics of interest by the regional policy committee in Attachment A to this ordinance. All ordinances or motions related to the subject matters in subsection A.1., 2., and 3. of this section must be referred to the regional policy committee by the council and shall be subject to the mandatory

procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County Charter.

SECTION 2. In addition, the metropolitan county council must facilitate interjurisdictional discussion of the 2007 topics for the committee listed in Attachment A to this ordinance, and provide timely opportunities for the regional policy committee to be provided analysis and the opportunity to examine and comment on the topics, in accordance with K.C.C. 1.24.065.I. The topics reflect the interests of a majority of the regional policy committee and should guide preparation of meeting agendas and calendars, and work assignments for the regional committee staff.

SECTION 3. In addition to the subject matters listed in section 1 of this ordinance, the committee may, if approved by majority vote of the committee, request that the council assign to the committee other regional issues that the committee believes would benefit from interjurisdictional review and recommendations.