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AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Renton Long-Range Wastewater  
Management Plan, Final 2010.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for sewer utilities as a prerequisite to granting right-of-way franchises and approval for right-of-way construction permits. Such plans or their updates must be submitted to the county at least once every six years, and more frequently if circumstances call for an earlier submittal.
2. K.C.C. 13.24.060 requires that such plans be consistent with the requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable comprehensive plan, land use plan or development regulation adopted by a city, town, or county for the service area. The King County Comprehensive Plan, which includes wastewater policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-245 through F-254), also calls for consistency with other adopted plans, support for regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water conservation and protection of water resources.
3. Both Washington state Department of Ecology ("DOE") and King County regulations require sewer plan approval prior to construction of new facilities.
4. The city of Renton ("the city") provides sewer service to a population of over forty-four thousand and an employment base of forty-nine thousand. Its service area includes the entire city and a small part of unincorporated King County. The service area is a mixture of

residential, commercial, and light industrial, and includes portions of park and open spaces. The city's facilities discharge to the regional wastewater system operated by King County.

5. The city's service area has recently expanded with annexations and includes areas without sewer service. Its anticipated growth through 2030 will be largely mixed-use development and redevelopment construction. In addition, the city expects to accommodate additional flows as a result of providing sewers to a portion of its service area that does not currently have service.

By 2030, it expects to be serving a residential population of approximately one hundred two thousand nine hundred one people as a result of both growth and annexations.

6. The principal operational issues in the plan are the need for and timing of the replacement of older, deteriorating sanitary facilities in the city and extending service to areas without sewer service. The city is cooperating with the county to investigate the origins and magnitude of excessive infiltration and inflow into the sewer system from different portions of its service area. The city anticipates working with the county to develop a strategy for reducing those flows as part of the regional infiltration and inflow program.

7. The county's most recent approval of the city's sewer plan occurred in January 2000.

8. The King County utilities technical review committee ("UTRC") reviewed the city's plan ("the plan") in December 2009. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of wastewater plans by the UTRC, and a recommendation to the King County executive and council on the plan and its consistency with the King County Code and Comprehensive Plan. The planning data and proposed operations were reviewed by the UTRC, and the plan was found to be consistent with:

- a. the population and employment forecasts and growth targets developed for the service area;
- b. King County land use classifications; and
- c. pertinent county adopted plans and policies.

9. The UTRC also found that, with revisions and additional information supplied by the city, the

plan sufficiently addresses the specific issues required to be addressed under K.C.C.

13.24.010.H., including opportunities for the use of reclaimed water. The UTRC recommends that the King County council approve the plan.

10. The DOE has not yet reviewed and/or approved the plan as consistent with RCW 90.48.110 and chapter 173-240 WAC.

11. The city completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on April 24, 2009. There was no appeal of the determination.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The City of Renton Long-Range Wastewater Management Plan,

Final 2010, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a general sewer and facilities plan.