

**RESOLUTION NO. 617**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF PIERCE COUNTY, THEREBY AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES TO UPDATE THE CENTERS DESIGNATIONS OF THE URBAN GROWTH AREA SECTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.**

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WHEREAS, On January 31, 1995, the Pierce County Council passed Resolution R95-17 affirming the commitment of the County to continue discussions with other local jurisdictions to resolve implementation of the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Regional Council was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County, and charged with responsibilities, including: serving as a local link to the Puget Sound Regional Council, promoting intergovernmental cooperation, facilitating compliance with the coordination and consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW) and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Chapter 47.80 RCW), and developing a consensus among jurisdictions regarding the development and modification of the Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Regional Council conducted negotiations in open public meetings during the months of July and August of 2003 to address the Centers Designations; and

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Regional Council subsequently recommended adoption of the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies on August 21, 2003, which address the Centers Designations; and

WHEREAS, Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies must be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement or by a new interlocal agreement ratified by sixty percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing seventy-five percent of the total population on June 28, 1991; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies are not subject to SEPA review in accordance with WAC 197-11-800(20), procedural actions; and

WHEREAS, An Interlocal Agreement entitled Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies, was developed for this purpose, and included the

recommended amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as an attachment; and

WHEREAS, These additional countywide planning policies should be incorporated into the next amendment of the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies by ordinance of the County Council; and

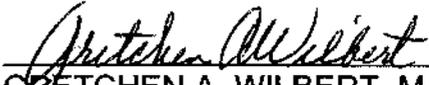
WHEREAS, The Gig Harbor City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Pierce County Executive to execute the interlocal agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor;

Section 1. The Pierce County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

APPROVED:

  
GRETCHEN A. WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 11/5/03  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 11/10/03  
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**EXHIBIT "A" TO RESOLUTION NO.**

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY  
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES**

**This agreement is entered into by and among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County. This agreement is made pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1967, Chapter 39.34 RCW. This agreement has been authorized by the legislative body of each jurisdiction pursuant to formal action and evidenced by execution of the signature page of this agreement.**

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County. The organization is charged with responsibilities, including: serving as a local link to the Puget Sound Regional Council, promoting intergovernmental cooperation, facilitating compliance with the coordination and consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW) and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Chapter 47.80 RCW), and developing a consensus among jurisdictions regarding the development and modification of the Countywide Planning Policies.**
- B. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies provide for amendments to be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement or by a new interlocal agreement. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies may be amended upon the adoption of amendments by the Pierce County Council and ratification by 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County (13 of 20) representing 75 percent of the total population on June 28, 1991;**
- C. Technical amendments are necessary to keep the document current. Substantive policy changes are not being recommended in this area.**
- D. The Pierce County Regional Council conducted discussions in open public meetings in July and August of 2003 to address the amendments. The Pierce County Regional Council subsequently recommended adoption of the proposed amendments related to Centers Designation update of the Countywide Planning Policies on August 21, 2003.**

**PURPOSE:**

**This agreement is entered into by the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County for the purpose of ratifying and approving the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (Attachment).**

**DURATION:**

This agreement shall become effective upon execution by 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County, representing 75 percent of the total population on June 28, 1991. This agreement will remain in effect until subsequently amended or repealed as provided by the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

**SEVERABILITY:**

If any of the provisions of this agreement are held illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**FILING:**

A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Secretary of State, Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, the Pierce County Auditor and each city and town clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement has been executed by each member jurisdiction as evidenced by the signature page affixed to this agreement.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY**  
**COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES**

Signature Page

The legislative body of the undersigned jurisdiction has authorized execution of the Interlocal Agreement, Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

This agreement has been executed in the City of Gig Harbor  
(Name of City/Town/County)

BY: *Gretchen A. Wilbert*  
(Mayor/Executive)

DATE: 11/10/03

Approved:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director/Manager/Chair of the Council)

Approved as to Form:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City Attorney/Prosecutor)

Approved:

By: *[Signature]*  
(Pierce County Executive)  
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**COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING POLICY ON URBAN GROWTH AREAS,  
PROMOTION OF CONTIGUOUS AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT  
AND PROVISION OF URBAN SERVICES TO SUCH DEVELOPMENT**

• **Background - Requirements of Growth Management Act**

The Washington Growth Management Act identifies the encouragement of development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner [RCW 36.70A.020(1)], the reduction of sprawl (*i.e.*, the inappropriate or premature conversion of undeveloped land into low-density development) [RCW 36.70A.020(2)], and the provision of adequate public facilities and services necessary to support urban development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use (without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards) [RCW 36.70A.020(12)] as planning goals to guide the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations.

The Growth Management Act further requires (1) that the County designate an "urban growth area" or areas within which urban growth shall be encouraged and outside of which growth shall occur only if it is not "urban" in character; (2) that each municipality in the County be included within an urban growth area; (3) that an urban growth area include territory outside of existing municipal boundaries only if such territory is characterized by urban growth or is adjacent to territory that is already characterized by urban growth. [RCW 36.70A.110(1); for definition of "urban growth" see RCW 36.70A.030(14).]

The designated county and municipal urban growth areas shall be of adequate size and appropriate permissible densities so as to accommodate the urban growth that is projected by the State Office of Financial Management to occur in the County for the succeeding 20-year period. While each urban growth area shall permit urban densities, they shall also include greenbelt and open space areas [RCW 36.70A.110(2)].

As to the timing and sequencing of urban growth and development over the 20-year planning period, urban growth shall occur *first* in areas already characterized by urban growth that have existing public facility and service capacities to service such development, *second* in areas already characterized by urban growth that will be served by a combination of both existing public facilities and services and any additional needed public facilities and services that are provided by either public or private sources [RCW 36.70A.110(3)]. Urban government services shall be provided primarily by cities, and should not be provided in rural areas.

The Growth Management Act Amendments expressly require that county-wide planning policies address the implementation of urban growth area designations [RCW 36.70A.210(3)(a)], the promotion of contiguous and orderly development, the provision of urban services to such development [RCW 36.70A.210(3)(b)], and the coordination of joint county and municipal planning within urban growth areas [RCW 36.70A.210(3)(f)].

- **Principles of Understanding Between Pierce County and the Municipalities in Pierce County**

While following the goals and regulations of the Growth Management Act, Pierce County and the municipalities in Pierce County will strive to protect the individual identities and spirit of each of our cities and of the rural areas and unincorporated communities.

Further agreements will be necessary to carry out the framework of joint planning adopted herein. These agreements will be between the County and each city and between the various cities.

The services provided within our communities by special purpose districts are of vital importance to our citizens. Consistent with the adopted regional strategy, these districts will be part of future individual and group negotiations under the framework adopted by the County and municipal governments.

While the Growth Management Act defines sewer service as an urban service, Pierce County currently is a major provider of both sewer transmission and treatment services. The County and municipalities recognize that it is appropriate for the County and municipalities to continue to provide sewer transmission and treatment services.

The County recognizes that urban growth areas are often potential annexation areas for cities. These are also areas where incorporation of new cities can occur. The County will work with existing municipalities and emerging communities to make such transitions efficiently.

At the same time, annexations and incorporations have direct and significant impacts on the revenue of county government, and therefore, may affect the ability of the County to fulfill its role as a provider of certain regional services. The municipalities will work closely with the County to develop appropriate revenue sharing and contractual services arrangements that facilitate the goals of GMA.

The County-Wide Planning Policies are intended to be the consistent "theme" of growth management planning among the County and municipalities. The policies also spell out processes and mechanisms designed to foster open communication and feedback among the jurisdictions. The County and the cities and towns will adhere to the processes and mechanisms provided in the policies.

- **Centers**

Centers are intended to be areas of concentrated employment and/or housing within urban growth areas which serve as the hubs of transit and transportation systems. They are

integral to creating compact urban development that conserves resources and creates additional transportation, housing, and shopping choices. Centers are an important part of the regional strategy (VISION 2020) for urban growth and are required to be addressed in the County-Wide Planning Policies. Centers will become focal points for growth within the county and will be areas where public investment is directed.

Centers are intended to:

- be priority locations for accommodating growth;
- strengthen existing development patterns;
- promote housing opportunities close to employment;
- support development of an extensive transportation system which reduces dependency on automobiles; and
- maximize the benefit of public investment in infrastructure and services.

Vision ~~VISION~~ 2020, the adopted regional growth strategy, identifies numerous different types of Centers as an integral feature, including Urban Centers and Town Centers, which feature a mix of land uses, and Manufacturing/~~Indust~~ Centers, which consist primarily of manufacturing and industrial uses. Pierce County has identified ~~three types of~~ Urban Centers and ~~one~~ Manufacturing/Industrial Centers that are applicable and consistent with the adopted regional vision. These ~~the designated~~ centers, as well as possible examples of them, are ~~within Pierce County areas follows:~~

Urban Centers

Metropolitan Center

~~Tacoma Mall~~

Urban Center

Town Center

~~Physician~~

~~South Hill~~

Example

~~Lacinda OLB~~

~~Lakewood Mall~~

Sumner

Manufacturing/Industrial Centers

Manufacturing Center

~~Port of Tacoma~~

~~Fredrickson~~

Manufacturing Centers are areas where employee- or land-intensive uses will be located. These centers differ from Urban Centers in that they consist of an extensive land base and the exclusion of non-manufacturing uses are essential features of their character. These areas are characterized by a significant amount of manufacturing, industrial and advanced technology employment uses. Large retail and non-related office uses are discouraged. Other than caretakers' residences, housing is prohibited within Manufacturing Centers. However, these centers should be linked to high density housing areas by an efficient transportation system.

Within Pierce County, a limited number of centers, both urban and manufacturing, will be

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