

RESOLUTION NO. 640

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE COUNTY AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF PIERCE COUNTY, THEREBY AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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 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 2003 and 2004 to address substantive policy changes necessary to respond to current issues related to the coordination and consistency with the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Regional Council subsequently recommended adoption of the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies on November 18, 2004, which address policy updates; 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 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing 75 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 revised and 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 City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Mayor to execute the interlocal agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;
Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor 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.

EXHIBIT "A"

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. Substantive policy amendments are based on a comprehensive review and update to the Countywide Planning Policies by the Pierce County Regional Council.
- D. The Pierce County Regional Council conducted discussions in open public meetings in 2003 and 2004 to address the amendments. The Pierce County Regional Council subsequently recommended adoption of the proposed amendments on November 18, 2004, related to buildable lands, joint planning, Endangered Species Act, sewer provisions, centers, and phasing of growth.

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.

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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

The City of Gig Harbor, Washington

BY: _____
GRETCHEN A. WILBERT, MAYOR

DATE: _____

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

BY: _____
MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM;
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____
CAROL A. MORRIS