

## RESOLUTION NO. 890

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ACKNOWLEDGING ITS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DESIGNATE THREE NEW CANDIDATE REGIONAL CENTERS IN THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE COUNTY AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF PIERCE COUNTY, RATIFYING PIERCE COUNTY'S AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 19D.240 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES."**

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WHEREAS, the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) 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 Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) are written policy statements which are to be used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which the County and municipal comprehensive plans are developed and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the framework is intended to ensure that the County and municipal comprehensive plans are consistent; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted its initial CPPs on June 30, 1992; and

WHEREAS, six Regional Growth Centers were identified in the initial Pierce County CPPs; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County CPPs were amended in 2009 to allow for a process to designate new Candidate Regional Centers; and

WHEREAS, a local jurisdiction may submit a Candidate Center, as designated in the Pierce County CPPs, to the Puget Sound Regional Council for consideration to receive designation as a Regional Center through VISION 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Sumner and Pacific submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) is a technical subcommittee to the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC), and the GMCC includes staff representatives from the County and the cities and towns within Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the GMCC reviewed the submitted applications for completeness and consistency with Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, the GMCC recommended approval of the submitted applications to the PCRC at its January 27, 2011 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC thought it was appropriate to allow jurisdictions to consider approval of the proposed Regional Centers independently; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC, based upon the recommendation from the GMCC and its own discussions, recommended approval of the proposals in three separate motions at its March 17, 2011 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County, the lead agency for these amendments, conducted an environmental review of the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies pursuant to RCW 43.21C and a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on June 21, 2011; 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 member jurisdictions in Pierce County representing 75 percent of the total population; 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, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Mayor to execute the interlocal agreements, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", Exhibit "C" and Exhibit "D"; Now, Therefore,

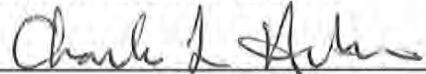
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Gig Harbor City Council hereby acknowledges its approval of the amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Policies recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the three Interlocal Agreements, attached hereto as Exhibit "B," Exhibit "C," and Exhibit "D," and by this reference incorporated herein, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

RESOLVED this 9th day of January, 2012.

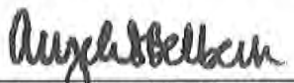
CITY OF GIG HARBOR

  
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Mayor Charles L. Hunter

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Molly Towselee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney

  
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Angela Belbeck, City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 01/04/12  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 01/09/12  
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Exhibit A

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The minimum designation criteria to establish a candidate center by type are as follows:

Metropolitan City Center

Area: up to 1-1/2 square miles in size;

Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;

Employment: a minimum of 25 employees per gross acre of non-residential lands with a minimum of 15,000 employees;

Population: a minimum of ten households per gross acre; and

Transit: serve as a focal point for regional and local transit services.

Regional Growth Center

Area: up to 1-1/2 square miles in size;

Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;

Employment: a minimum of 2,000 employees;

Population: a minimum of seven households per gross acre; and

Transit: serve as a focal point for regional and local transit services.

Countywide Center

Area: up to one square mile in size;

Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;

Employment: a minimum of 1,000 employees;

Population: a minimum of 6 households per gross acre; and

Transit: serve as a focal point for local transit services.

Manufacturing / Industrial Center

Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;

Employment: a minimum of 7,500 jobs and/or 2,000 truck trips per day; and

Transportation: within one mile of a state or federal highway or national rail line.

The minimum criteria report and statement shall be reviewed by the Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) for consistency with Countywide Planning Policies, the Transportation Coordination Committee for consistency with transportation improvements plans of WSDOT, and with Pierce Transit’s comprehensive plan. The coordinating committees shall provide joint recommendation to the PCRC.

Once included in the Countywide Planning Policies, the jurisdiction where a center is located may go on to seek regional designation of the center from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in accordance with its established criteria and process.

In order to be designated a Regional Growth Center the center should meet the regional criteria and requirements including those in VISION 2040, the regional growth, economic and transportation strategy as may be amended and designated by the Puget Sound Regional Council.

After county-level designation occurs within the Countywide Planning Policies and until regional-level designation by the PSRC occurs the center shall be considered a “candidate” Regional Growth Center.

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Three candidate regional centers have been included into the Countywide Planning Policies. One of the candidate centers is a Regional Growth Center and two candidate centers are Manufacturing/Industrial Centers.

Candidate Regional Centers

- University Place – Candidate Regional Growth Center
- Sumner-Pacific – Candidate Industrial/Manufacturing Center
- South Tacoma – Candidate Industrial/Manufacturing Center



**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

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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:**

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- D. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on March 17, 2011.

**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 amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (Attachment).

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This agreement has been executed

CITY OF GIG HARBOR  
(Name of City/Town/County)

BY: Charles J. Antino  
(Mayor/Executive)

DATE: Jan 10, 2012

Approved:

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

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Candidate Regional Centers

Sumner-Pacific – Candidate Industrial/Manufacturing Center

*(Note there are three separate interlocal agreements that propose the designation of candidate regional centers. Once these proposals have been ratified, the appropriate language shall replace the blank spaces as depicted as “( )”.)*



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Employment: a minimum of 2,000 employees;

Population: a minimum of seven households per gross acre; and

Transit: serve as a focal point for regional and local transit services.

Countywide Center

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Employment: a minimum of 1,000 employees;

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Manufacturing / Industrial Center

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Once included in the Countywide Planning Policies, the jurisdiction where a center is located may go on to seek regional designation of the center from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in accordance with its established criteria and process.

In order to be designated a Regional Growth Center the center should meet the regional criteria and requirements including those in VISION 2040, the regional growth, economic and transportation strategy as may be amended and designated by the Puget Sound Regional Council.

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South Tacoma – Candidate Industrial/Manufacturing Center

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**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.
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- C. The amendment is based on an application from the City of University Place to the Pierce County Regional Council for designation of a Candidate Regional Growth Center in the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.
- D. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on March 17, 2011.

**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 amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (Attachment).

1 DURATION:

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3 This agreement shall become effective upon execution by 60 percent of the jurisdictions  
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11 If any of the provisions of this agreement are held illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the  
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16 A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Secretary of State, Washington  
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