RESOLUTION NO. 948

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ACKNOWLEDGING ITS APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES FOR SETTING GUIDELINES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE 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 OF CHAPTER 19D.240 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES".

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, the GMA requires the adoption of multi-county planning policies for the Puget Sound Region; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) membership is comprised of central Puget Sound counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap), cities and towns, ports, tribes, and transit agencies; and

WHEREAS, the PSRC is the regional authority to adopt multi-county

planning policies; and

WHEREAS, the PSRC adopted VISION 2040 at its May 2008 General Assembly meeting; and

WHEREAS, VISION 2040 is the central Puget Sound region's multi-county planning policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies are required to be consistent with VISION 2040; 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, Centers of Local Importance, as depicted through VISION 2040, represents the lowest level of Centers allowed to be established in local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the GMCC met in 2012 and 2013 to develop and refine policy language to set guidelines in the establishment of Centers of Local Importance with the Cities and Towns of Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the GMCC completed its package of recommendations reflected in the proposed amendment language to the PCRC at its January 24, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC, based upon the recommendation from the GMCC and its own discussions, recommended approval of the proposal at its March 21, 2013 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 26, 2013; 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" has been developed for this purpose, and is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Mayor to execute the interlocal agreement; 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 Interlocal Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and by this reference incorporated herein, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

RESOLVED this 9th day of December, 2013.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

Charles L. Hunter

Mayor Charles L. Hunter

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Molly Towslee

Molly Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

Angela Summerfield

Angela Summerfield, City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 12/02/13
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 12/09/13
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Proposed Amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning to Incorporate Criteria for the Designation of Centers of Local Importance

All text shown below is new.

Centers of Local Importance (CoLI) – Page 60:

Introduction language
CoLIs are designated for the purpose of identifying local centers and activity nodes that are consistent with VISION 2040's Multi-county Planning Policies. Such areas promote compact, pedestrian-oriented development with a mix of uses, proximity to diverse services, and a variety of appropriate housing options, or be in an established industrial area.

Rural Areas – Page 62:

Rur-21. A CoLI may be located in a rural designated area.

21.1 A CoLI within a rural area shall encompass similar design features as identified in UGA-48 through UGA-52.

21.2 To be officially recognized, a CoLI within a rural area shall meet the same implementation strategy/process as set forth in UGA-53 through UGA-55.

Starting on Page 81:

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Urban Growth Areas - Page 104:

Centers of Local Importance (CoLI)
Concepts and Principles

UGA-49. A CoLI may be located in either an urban or rural area, and shall include activities that provide a focal point or sense of place for a community and its surrounding area.

Design Features of CoLIs

UGA-50. A CoLI is characterized by a concentration of land uses or activities that provide a sense of place or gathering place for the community and neighborhood residents. A CoLI should include one or more the following characteristics:

50.1 Civic services
50.2 Commercial areas
50.3 Recreational areas

50.4 Industrial areas
50.5 Cultural facilities/activities
50.6 Historic buildings or sites
50.7 Residential areas

UGA-51. The size of a CoLI and the mix and density of uses are to be locally determined to meet community goals.

UGA-52. Each jurisdiction shall define the role that the CoLI plays in supporting planned growth.

UGA-53. A variety of appropriate transportation options and pedestrian-friendly design should be available or planned within a CoLI.

Implementation Strategies

UGA-54. A CoLI shall be locally adopted; approval by the PCRC or other regional organization shall not be required.

54.1 A jurisdiction shall document how an area meets the Design Features (UGA-48 through UGA-52) of a CoLI in its comprehensive plan.
54.2 The documentation should include examples, plans, or other information that supports the designation of a CoLI.
54.3 An area adopted as a CoLI shall be definitively delineated on a map within a jurisdiction's comprehensive plan.
54.4 A CoLI shall have appropriate land use designations, zoning regulations, and infrastructure plans for existing and planned development.
54.5 A comprehensive plan that utilizes an alternative label to refer to a CoLI shall be accompanied with adopted findings of fact that recognizes the area as a CoLI per the Pierce County CPPs.

UGA-55. A jurisdiction shall provide the PCRC notice of its intention to locally adopt a CoLI or recognize formally adopted CoLIs that meet the criteria.

55.1 The notice shall be provided to the PCRC 60 days (minimum) prior to the expected dated of adoption.
55.2 The notice shall provide information that identifies the location of the proposed CoLI and documents how the location meets the CoLI policies.

UGA-56. A locally adopted CoLI shall be recognized in Appendix B of the CPPs.

56.1 Jurisdictions shall forward a map of locally adopted CoLIs together with the comprehensive plan citations to the PCRC for inclusion into Appendix B. The adopted CoLIs shall be attached to the CPP publications as Appendix B for ease of reference. Appendix B shall not be considered a component of the CPPs and, accordingly, an update to Appendix B shall not constitute an amendment to the CPPs requiring ratification by Pierce County jurisdictions.

Exhibit B

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 representing 75 percent of the total Pierce County population as designated by the State Office of Financial Management at the time of the proposed ratification.

C. A demonstration of ratification shall be by execution of an interlocal agreement or the absence of a legislative action to disapprove a proposed amendment.

D. A jurisdiction shall be deemed as casting an affirmative vote if it has not taken legislative action to disapprove a proposed amendment within 180 days from the date the Pierce County Council formally authorizes the Pierce County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement.

E. The amendment incorporates new policies that set criteria and a process for the formal recognition of areas that serve as important centers within Pierce County communities. This formal recognition may be used in future countywide project evaluations.

E. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on March 21, 2013.

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).

DURATION:

This agreement shall become effective upon execution by 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County, representing 75 percent of the total Pierce County population as designated by the State Office of Financial Management at the time of the proposed ratification. 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 Commerce, 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

City of Gig Harbor
(Name of City/Town/County)

BY: Charles L Hunter
(Mayor/Executive)

DATE: Dec 10, 2013

Approved:

BY: _____
(Director/Manager/Chair of the Council)

Approved as to Form:

BY: _____
(City Attorney/Prosecutor)

Approved:

By: _____
(Pierce County Executive)