

GMPC MOTION 23-3

A MOTION approving proposed amendments to the Urban Growth Area Policies and Four-to-One Program in the King County Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code for public review and comment.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 19384 directed a review of the Four-to-One program and stated that while there have been previous efforts to update the Four-to-One program as part of the 2020 King County Comprehensive Plan update and 2021 Countywide Planning Policies update, there is a need to comprehensively review the Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code to ensure the three documents are consistent and reflect countywide growth management goals, based on collaboration with cities affected by the program; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 19384 directed that the County Executive develop and recommend to the County Council changes to the Countywide Planning Policies, Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code, in consultation with the Interjurisdictional Team of the Growth Management Planning Council, and based on Growth Management Planning Council review; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 19384 directed that the County Executive review the Four-to-One program to analyze all projects approved under the program, evaluate the performance of those projects against the program's goals, and consider potential amendments related to a suite of specified programmatic and policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 19384 directed that Executive staff regularly update and consult with the offices of the councilmembers representing the county on the Growth Management Planning Council, the chair and vice-chair of the local services committee, or its successor, and the chair and vice-chair of the mobility and environment committee, or its successor, throughout the process, and such consultation has occurred; and

26 WHEREAS, Ordinance 19384 directed that County Executive recommended Countywide
27 Planning Policies, Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code changes, and a Growth Management
28 Planning Council motion that makes recommendations on the Four-to-One program be completed no later
29 than January 1, 2023 and be included in the public review draft and State Environmental Policy Act
30 environmental impact statement for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, and be transmitted to the
31 council as part of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update; and

32 WHEREAS, in its 2021 session, the Washington State Legislature adopted House Bill 1241
33 which extended the timeline for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update by six months, and at its July 2022
34 meeting the Growth Management Planning Council agreed to move the date for the motion from January
35 2023 to June 2023, consistent with the new statutory deadlines; and

36 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council discussed the Four-to-One program at
37 multiple meetings in 2022 and 2023, and the Interjurisdictional Team did the same. And, at these
38 meetings, the Growth Management Planning Council considered oral and written public comments, and
39 the Interjurisdictional Team considered written public comments, including from cities affected by the
40 program;

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED that the Growth Management Planning Council acts to
42 approve proposed amendments to the Urban Growth Area Policies and Four-to-One Program in the King
43 County Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code

44 for public review and comment.

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Dow Constantine, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

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49 Attachments

50 A: GMPC Recommended Amendments to Countywide Planning Policies Related to Urban Growth

51 Area Amendments

52 B: GMPC Recommended Amendments to King County Comprehensive Plan Policies Related to

53 Urban Growth Area Amendments through the Four-to-One Program

54 C: GMPC Recommended Amendments to King County Code Related to Urban Growth Area

55 Amendments through the Four-to-One Program