



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
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## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19880

**Proposed No. 2023-0438.3**

**Sponsors Perry**

1                   AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to  
2                   the Urban Growth Area policies and Four-to-One program  
3                   in the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

4                   BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5                   **SECTION 1. Findings:**

6                   A. The 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies ("CPPs") were adopted  
7                   and ratified by King County on December 14, 2021, by Ordinance 19384. The CPPs  
8                   were ratified by the cities and towns in King County on April 6, 2022.

9                   B. Ordinance 19384 established a workplan for the King County Growth  
10                  Management Planning Council ("GMPC") to review the Four-to-One program in the  
11                  CPPs, King County Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"), and King County Code ("K.C.C.").

12                  C. On September 25, 2023, the GMPC approved Motion 23-4, which  
13                  recommended amendments to the CPPs, Plan, and K.C.C., consistent with the  
14                  requirements in Ordinance 19384.

15                  **SECTION 2.** The amendments to the CPPs, as shown in Attachment A to this  
16                  ordinance, are hereby adopted by King County and ratified on behalf of the population of  
17                  unincorporated King County.

18                  **SECTION 3. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to

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- 19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
- 20 application of the provision to persons or circumstances is not affected.


Ordinance 19880 was introduced on 12/12/2023 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/10/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahiray

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 12/23/2024, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Attachments:** A. Amendments to King County Countywide Planning Policies as adopted by Ordinance 19660, dated December 2024

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**Amendments to King County Countywide  
Planning Policies, as adopted by Ordinance  
19660**

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***In the Vision and Framework chapter, beginning on page 9, amend as follows:***

**FW-1** Maintain the currency of the Countywide Planning Policies through periodic review and amendment. Initiate and review all amendments at the Growth Management Planning Council through the process described below:

- a) Only the Growth Management Planning Council may propose amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies except for amendments to the Urban Growth Area that may also be proposed by King County in accordance with policies DP-16 through DP-18B;
- b) Growth Management Planning Council recommends amendments to the King County Council for consideration, possible revision, and approval; proposed revisions by the King County Council that are of a substantive nature may be sent to the Growth Management Planning Council for their consideration and revised recommendation based on the proposed revision;
- c) A majority vote of the King County Council both constitutes approval of the amendments and ratification on behalf of the residents of Unincorporated King County;
- d) After approval and ratification by the King County Council, amendments are forwarded to each city and town for ratification. Amendments cannot be modified during the city ratification process; and
- e) Amendments must be ratified within 90 days of King County approval and require affirmation by the county and cities and towns representing at least 70 percent of the county population and 30 percent of those jurisdictions. Ratification is either by an affirmative vote of the city's or town's council or by no action being taken within the ratification period.

***In the Development Patterns chapter, beginning on page 25, amend as follows:***

**DP-17** Allow expansion of the Urban Growth Area (~~((only if at least one of the following criteria is met))~~) as follows:

- a) A countywide analysis determines that the current Urban Growth Area is insufficient in size and additional land is needed to accommodate the housing and employment growth targets, including institutional and other non-residential uses, and there are no other reasonable measures, such as increasing density or rezoning existing urban land, that would avoid the need to expand the Urban Growth Area. Expansions under this subsection shall also be consistent with the criteria in DP-18A; ((or))
- b) ~~((A))~~ Through the Four-to-One Program, where a proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area is accompanied by dedication of permanent ~~((open space))~~ natural area

that is at least four times the size of the proposed expansion to the King County Open Space System, (where the acreage of the proposed open space:

1) Is at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth Area;

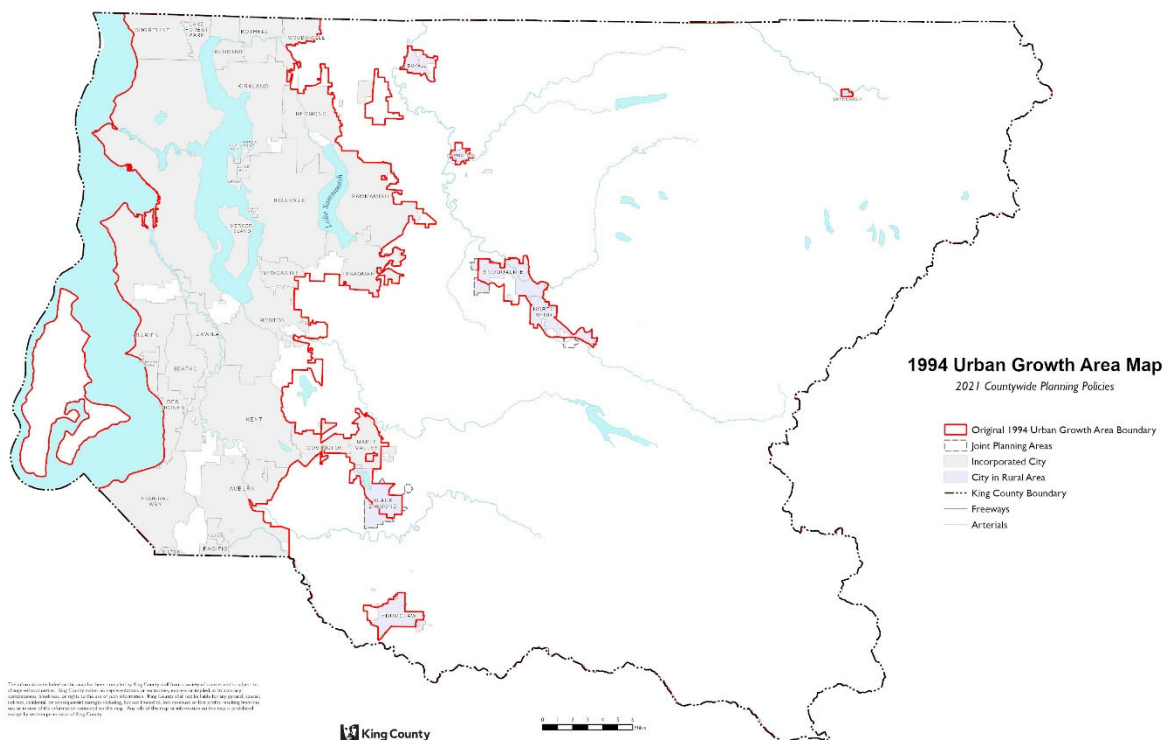
2) Is contiguous with the Urban Growth Area

with at least a portion of the dedicated open space surrounding the proposed Urban Growth Area expansion; and

3) Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute to the band of permanent open space along the edge of the Urban Growth Area)) Expansions under the Four-to-One Program shall also be consistent

with the criteria in DP-18B; or

c) The area is currently a King County park being transferred to a city to be maintained as a park in perpetuity (or is park land that has been owned by a city since 1994 and is less than thirty acres in size)).



Notes: This map is for reference only. The information on this map has been compiled by King County staff from a variety of sources and is subject to change without notice. A detailed map of the 1994 Urban Growth Area boundary can be found at <http://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/iMap>. The Joint Planning Areas (JPA) represents information from the following ordinances: 10450, 11446, 11575, 11593, 12065, 12081, 12302, 12421, 12533, 12534, 12535, 13690, 14115, 14117, 14391, 14448, 14775, 16919, and 16949. King County makes no representation or warranties.

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**DP-18A** ~~((Add land to the Urban Growth Area only if expansion of the Urban Growth Area is warranted based on the criteria in DP-17(a) or DP-17(b), and it))~~ An expansion of the Urban Growth Area under Policy DP-17(a) shall meet((s-all-of)) the following criteria:

- a) ~~((Is))~~ Be adjacent to the existing Urban Growth Area;
- b) ~~((For expansions based on DP-17(a) only, is))~~ Be no larger than necessary to promote compact development that accommodates anticipated growth needs;
- c) Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require supportive facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or Natural Resource Lands;
- d) Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers and ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as watersheds, that impede the provision of urban services;
- e) Is not currently designated as Natural Resource Land;
- f) Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the area is designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between King County and the annexing city; and
- g) Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent to the area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area. Upon ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will reflect both the Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area change.

**DP-18B** Expansions of the Urban Growth Area under the Four-to-One Program in Policy DP-17(b) shall meet the following criteria:

- a) The proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area:
  - 1. Shall only allow for residential development;
  - 2. Can be efficiently provided with urban services and does not require supportive facilities or services to cross or be located in the Rural Area or Natural Resource Lands;

- 115 3. Follows topographical features that form natural boundaries, such as rivers  
116 and ridge lines and does not extend beyond natural boundaries, such as  
117 watersheds, that impede the provision of urban services;
- 118 4. Is not currently be designated as Natural Resource Land;
- 119 5. Is sufficiently free of environmental constraints to be able to support urban  
120 development without significant adverse environmental impacts, unless the  
121 area is designated as an Urban Separator by interlocal agreement between  
122 King County and the annexing city;
- 123 6. Is adjacent to the original Urban Growth Area boundary which was adopted in  
124 the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, unless there are limitations due to  
125 the presence of critical areas, and does not expand the Urban Growth Area  
126 from a location that was previously expanded through the Four-to-One  
127 program;
- 128 7. Is subject to an agreement between King County and the city or town adjacent  
129 to the area that the area will be added to the city's Potential Annexation Area.  
130 Upon ratification of the amendment, the Countywide Planning Policies will  
131 reflect both the Urban Growth Area change and Potential Annexation Area  
132 change; and
- 133 8. Where the area is adjacent to an incorporated area, no development proposal  
134 or activity shall be allowed until the land added to the Urban Growth Area is  
135 annexed into a city or town; and

136 b) The proposed natural area shall:

- 137 1. Be at least four times the acreage of the land added to the Urban Growth  
138 Area;
- 139 2. Provide at least three-quarters of the area required to be dedicated natural  
140 area is on-site.
- 141 3. Fully surround the portion of the proposed Urban Growth Area expansion that  
142 is adjacent Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands; and
- 143 4. Preserves high quality habitat, critical areas, or unique features that contribute  
144 to the band of permanent natural area along the edge of the Urban Growth  
145 Area.

146 **DP-19** Allow redesignation of Urban land currently within the Urban Growth Area to Rural land  
147 outside of the Urban Growth Area if the land is not needed to accommodate projected urban  
148 growth, is not served by public sewers, is (~~contiguous with~~) adjacent to the Rural Area, and:

- 149 a) Is not characterized by urban development;

- 150           b) Is currently developed with a low-density lot pattern that cannot be realistically  
151           redeveloped at an urban density; or
- 152           c) Is characterized by ((~~environmentally sensitive~~)) critical areas making it inappropriate  
153           for higher density development.



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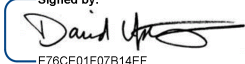
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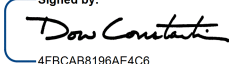
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