



Memorandum

Date: 2/4/2025

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

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Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

2024 Amendments to King County Countywide Planning Policies

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

On Dec. 3, 2024, the Metropolitan King County Council approved and ratified amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies. Staff will brief the Council on the amendments at the Feb. 4, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. Staff recommends supporting ratification of the amendments; no further action is required by the Council to support ratification.

The King County Countywide Planning Policies were comprehensively updated in 2021 and ratified by King County and cities within King County in 2022. The 2024 amendments to the CPPs:

- Make minor modifications to the Urban Growth Area near Maple Valley to remove three properties from UGA and repeal a property-specific development condition, and
- Make planning requirements for countywide centers more flexible through minor language modifications to eliminate the requirement for a subarea plan.

The amendment concerning countywide centers will benefit Redmond since the City intends to apply for countywide center status for Marymoor Village and the Southeast Redmond industrial area, as called for in the Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Redmond Comprehensive Plan Policy A-1 directs the City to work cooperatively with, among others, King County, to address planning issues at a countywide scale.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to collaboratively and periodically review and update the CPPs. The primary purpose of the CPPs is to ensure consistency and coordination among comprehensive plans for cities and towns within King County. The Growth Management Planning Council is a body of elected officials from jurisdictions throughout the county charged with overseeing the preparation of the CPPs.

Now that King County has adopted the 2024 amendments to the CPPs, cities have 90 days to act on them. Action is only required to disapprove of the amendments; taking no action has the same effect as voting to ratify. The deadline to vote to disapprove is March 24, 2025.

OUTCOMES:

Ratification of the amendments by King County cities will make countywide centers planning somewhat more flexible and result in minor changes to the Urban Growth Area near Maple Valley.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Community and stakeholder outreach and involvement was organized by King County staff for the GMPC.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
County staff sought feedback from GMPC, as representatives of cities in King County, on requirements for countywide centers planning.
- **Feedback Summary:**
GMPC supports the refinements to the countywide centers planning requirements.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$5,350,743 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development offer, which includes the staff time devoted to this work.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

0000304 - Community and Economic Development

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

None unless the Council desires to disapprove the amendments, in which case the deadline to act is March 24, 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If the Council specifically disapproves the 2024 amendments to the CPPs then Redmond will not be counted toward the 30% of city and county governments representing at least 70% of the county's population needed to ratify the amended CPPs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: King County Ordinance 19871 Amending the Countywide Planning Policies

Attachment B: Transmittal Letter to King County Council

Attachment C: Staff Report to King County Council