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[CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2012](#)

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County, thereby amending the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies to Update the Centers Designations of the Urban Growth Area Section as Recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council.

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Regional Council was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County, and 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 state 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 City of University Place applied to the Pierce County Regional Council for designation of a Candidate Regional Growth Center in the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies 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 Countywide Planning Policies 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, the GMCC met in 2009, 2010, and 2011 to develop and refine policy language to reach consistency between the Pierce County Countywide Planning

Policies and VISION 2040; and

WHEREAS, the GMCC completed its package of recommendations reflected in the proposed amendment language to the PCRC at its March 24, 2011 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC discussed the proposed amendment language over several meetings; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC, based upon the recommendation from the GMCC and its own discussions, recommended approval of the proposal at its April 21, 2011 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the PCRC recommended adoption of the proposed amendment designating the City of University Place as a Candidate Regional Growth Center in the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies on March 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies must be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement or by execution of a new interlocal agreement ratified 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; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement entitled Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies was developed for this purpose, and this Agreement included as an attachment the recommended amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies to designate the City of University Place as a Candidate Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, an environmental review of the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies was conducted pursuant to Chapter 43.21C RCW and a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on September 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council.

Section 2. Severability. If any sections, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, or its application held inapplicable to any person, property or circumstance, such invalidity or unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not effect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or its application to any other person, property or circumstance.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Douglas G. Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney