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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, authorizing the City Manager or designee to exercise discretion to identify and determine a process for handling projects located in Lakewood which were filed with Pierce County prior to the incorporation of the City of Lakewood and where those projects had not been completed at the time of incorporation

WHEREAS, at the time of the incorporation of the City of Lakewood, a number of projects had previously been filed with Pierce County where those projects were located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Lakewood but where those projects had not been concluded and brought to completion; and,

WHEREAS, even though the law and codes to which these projects applied were provisions applicable under the Pierce County Code, because the projects were located within the City of Lakewood, following incorporation, the City of Lakewood had responsibilities and jurisdiction for processing of these projects; and,

WHEREAS, because the process started by Pierce County and handed over to the City of Lakewood presents some inconsistencies between the procedural requirements and processes of both jurisdictions, it could be beneficial and advantageous for the City of Lakewood to identify a method of continuing the processing of projects started under Pierce County regulations; and,

WHEREAS, because of the differences in the procedural requirements between Pierce County's Code and the City's Code, it is appropriate to provide in this procedure discretion to determine statuses and stages of processing so that determinations can be made as to where in the stage of proceedings projects are and how they should next be handled.

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

Section 1.

A. In those cases where projects located within the corporate limits of the City of Lakewood were filed with Pierce County prior to the incorporation of the City of Lakewood and where those projects had not been concluded or brought to completion, the City Manager or designee shall be vested with the authority and discretion to make reasonable decisions and determinations as to the following:

1. The stage in the procedure where a project fits, in consideration of the prior processing of that project;
2. The methodology that should be used to handle such projects where the procedural requirements of the Pierce County Code differed from the procedural requirements of the City of Lakewood.

B. The City Manager or designee is further authorized to exercise reasonable discretion in determining and interpreting conditions, standards, policies, rules and procedures determined, imposed and identified by Pierce County involving projects

located within the City of Lakewood but filed with Pierce County prior to the incorporation of the City so as to attempt to incorporate the intentions, purposes and goals of the Pierce County processes involving those projects, incorporating to the greatest degree possible the procedural approaches of the City of Lakewood.

C. The City Manager or designee is authorized to exercise reasonable discretion in determining and developing conditions of project approval in cases where prior processing by Pierce County leaves certain issues, aspects and portions unclear, so as to incorporate, to the degree reasonably appropriate, the processes of the City of Lakewood in handling the project, with the intention that projects be processed in a timely and expeditious manner, consistent with the purposes and intentions of the Lakewood Municipal Code and in a manner beneficial to public welfare.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 3rd day of June, 1996.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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