

RESOLUTION NO. 10-677

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON DISAPPROVING RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE KING COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES RELATING TO HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH TARGETS

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, the Metropolitan King County Council approved and ratified proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) on behalf of unincorporated King County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to interlocal agreement, amendments become effective when ratified by ordinance or resolution by at least 30 percent of the city and county governments representing 70 percent of the population of King County; and

WHEREAS, a city is deemed to have ratified the amendments within 90 days of adoption by King County unless it takes legislative action to disapprove the amendments; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 – 2032 proposed housing target for the City of Black Diamond is 1,900 net new units and the proposed employment target for the same time period is 1,050 net new jobs; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.115 requires cities to adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations to provide sufficient land capacity "suitable for development within their jurisdictions to accommodate their allocated housing and employment growth," but does not restrict cities from planning for additional growth; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City of Black Diamond, King County, and private parties entered into the Black Diamond Urban Growth Area Agreement (BDUGAA), which included significant amounts of undeveloped lands that were anticipated to be annexed into the City and subsequently developed at urban densities; and

WHEREAS, the City is in receipt of two large Master Planned Development (MPD) applications that include some of the lands identified in the BDUGAA; and

WHEREAS, the MPDs are vested applications and, if approved, are anticipated to result in significantly greater numbers of housing units (over 6000) and jobs (over 2000) in the next 15 – 20 years than reflected in the housing and job targets included in the King County adopted CPPs; and

WHEREAS, the City has not yet made a decision about approving or disapproving the MPDs, but it is important that the CPPs accurately reflect the possible growth that could occur should the pending or future development proposals be approved; and

WHEREAS, this information has been communicated to the parties responsible for preparing the growth projections, but is not reflected in those projections; and

WHEREAS, King County, community groups and private citizens have expressed concern regarding the MPD proposals, noting they will bring more growth to Black Diamond than anticipated in regional growth projections; and

WHEREAS, the CPPs should accurately reflect the amount of growth that may occur in Black Diamond should the MPD proposals be approved by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To disapprove the proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies as adopted by King County Ordinance 16747 on January 25, 2010.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to send notice of this action to King County.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Rebecca Olness, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk