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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Eric Shields AICP, Planning Director  
**Date:** February 19, 2015  
**Subject:** Ratification of Countywide Planning Policies; Buildable Lands  
File No. PLN15-00326

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council adopts the attached resolution ratifying adoption of The 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report (BLR) by Metropolitan King County Council Ordinance 17951.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

On December 15, 2014, the Metropolitan King County Council passed Ordinance 17951 adopting the BLR, as recommended by the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), and ratifying the report on behalf of unincorporated King County.

Although the Report is not technically a part of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), it was prepared cooperatively by jurisdictions of King County, including Kirkland, to comply with requirements of the Growth Management Act. The report documents, for all King County jurisdictions, development activity in the period between January 2006 and January 2012 and remaining development capacity. A full copy of the BLR can be viewed at:  
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes/2014%20KC%20Buildable%20Lands%20Report.aspx>

On the advice of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's office, the report was reviewed by the GMPC and adopted by the King County Council using the same procedure as amendments to the CPPs.

As established by Policy G-1 of the CPPs, amendments to the CPPs become effective if and when they are ratified by at least 30 percent of city and county governments representing at least 70 percent of the population of King County. A city will be counted as ratifying the amendments unless it formally disapproves them within 90 days of adoption – in this case by April 3, 2015.

Attachment: King County signature report



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 16, 2014**

**Ordinance 17951**

Proposed No. 2014-0463.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying Growth  
2 Management Planning Council Motion 14-4.

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

4 SECTION 1. Findings:

5 A. Growth Management Planning Council Motion 14-4 recommends approval of  
6 the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report in accordance with RCW 36.70A.215,  
7 which requires six western Washington counties, including King County, and the cities  
8 within them, to measure their land supply and land capacity.

9 B. On July 23, 2014, the Growth Management Planning Council unanimously  
10 adopted Motions 14-4 recommending approval of the King County 2014 Buildable Lands  
11 Report.

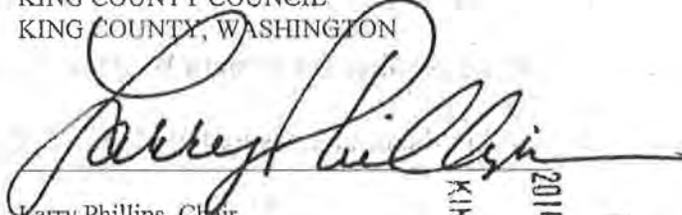
12 SECTION 2. The 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report, as shown in

13 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted by King County and ratified, on behalf  
14 of the population of unincorporated King County.  
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Ordinance 17951 was introduced on 12/1/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/15/2014, by the following vote:

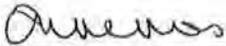
Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Upthegrove

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.



Rhonda L. Berry  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. GMPC Motion 14-4

7/23/14

2014-163

Sponsored By: Executive Committee

**GMPC MOTION NO. 14-4**

A MOTION recommending approval of the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report to the King County Council.

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.215 requires six western Washington counties, including King County, and the cities within them to measure their land supply and land capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council approved housing and employment targets for King County jurisdictions covering the 2006-2031 planning period in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Buildable Lands Report (BLR) builds on and updates the strong work done in the 2007 BLR; and

WHEREAS, all King County jurisdictions contributed to the development of the 2014 BLR; and

WHEREAS, 2014 BLR documents that urban King County continues to have sufficient capacity for both housing and employment growth to 2031 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, King County submitted the 2014 Buildable Lands Report – Public Review Draft to the Washington State Department of Commerce on the deadline of June 30, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Growth Management Planning Council of King County hereby recommends the 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report, included with this motion as Attachment A. The Interjurisdictional Staff Team is authorized to make technical changes to the policies, text, maps, and tables such as fixing grammatical errors, correcting spelling, or aligning policy references without changing the meaning.



Dow Constantine, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

Attachment A: 2014 King County Buildable Lands Report

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RESOLUTION R-5111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RATIFYING APPROVAL OF THE KING COUNTY 2014 BUILDABLE LANDS REPORT.

1 WHEREAS, King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)  
2 were adopted by the King County Council in December, 2012 and  
3 subsequently ratified by King County city governments; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the CPPs establish a process for amending the CPPs  
6 wherein CPP amendments must be adopted by the Metropolitan King  
7 County Council and ratified, within 90 days of adoption by the  
8 Metropolitan King County Council, by at least 30% of city and county  
9 governments representing at least 70% of the population of King  
10 County; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)  
13 was established as a collaborative forum for city and county  
14 governments within King County to develop and amend CPPs; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the King County 2014 Buildable Lands Report was  
17 reviewed by the GMPC, and on July 23, 2014, the GMPC adopted Motion  
18 14-4 recommending approval of the King County 2014 Buildable Lands  
19 Report;  
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21 WHEREAS, on December 24, 2014, the Metropolitan King County  
22 Council adopted Ordinance 17951 adopting the King County 2014  
23 Buildable Lands Report and ratifying the report on behalf of the  
24 population of unincorporated King County;  
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26 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City  
27 of Kirkland as follows:  
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29 Section 1. The Kirkland City Council hereby ratifies King County  
30 Ordinance 17951 approving the King County 2014 Buildable Land  
31 Report.  
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33 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
34 meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.  
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36 Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk