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B. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies provide for amendments to be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement or by a new interlocal agreement. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies may be amended upon the adoption of amendments by the Pierce County Council and ratification 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.

C. The amendment is based on an application from the City of University Place to the Pierce County Regional Council for designation of a Candidate Regional Growth Center in the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

D. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on March 17, 2011.

PURPOSE:

This agreement is entered into by the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County for the purpose of ratifying and approving the attached amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (Attachment).
DURATION:

This agreement shall become effective upon execution 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. This agreement will remain in effect until subsequently amended or repealed as provided by the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

SEVERABILITY:

If any of the provisions of this agreement are held illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

FILING:

A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Secretary of State, Washington Department of Commerce, the Pierce County Auditor and each city and town clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement has been executed by each member jurisdiction as evidenced by the signature page affixed to this agreement.
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

The legislative body of the undersigned jurisdiction has authorized execution of
the Interlocal Agreement, Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning
Policies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

This agreement has been executed

(Name of City/Town/County)

BY: ____________________________
(Mayor/Executive)

DATE: __________________________

Approved:

BY: ____________________________
(Director/Manager/Chair of the Council)

Approved as to Form:

BY: ____________________________
(City Attorney/Prosecutor)

Approved:

By: ____________________________
(Pierce County Executive)
Resolution No. 38486 – Approved by the Tacoma City Council on 5/15/2012-Authorizing the execution of three Interlocal agreements with Pierce County to ratify and approve amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County; designating three new candidate regional centers in University Place, Sumner/Pacific, and South Tacoma; and allowing the submittal of applications to the Puget Sound Regional Council for official designations in VISION 2040 to be eligible for funding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF TACOMA

T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

Martha Anderson, Interim Director
Community and Economic Development Department

Jeff Litchfield, Interim Director
Finance Department

Debbie Dahlstrom, Risk Manager

Approved as to form and legality:

Jeff Capell, Deputy City Attorney

Attest:

Doris Sorum, City Clerk

See Attached Pages

Pierce County

ORIGINAL
Attachment

Proposed Amendment
to the
Pierce County Countywide Planning
to
Incorporate A New Candidate Regional Center
Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. The "clean" language below assumes the proposed VISION 2040 Consistency amendments are ratified.

**Centers**

Centers are to be areas of concentrated employment and/or housing within UGAs which serve as the hubs of transit and transportation systems. Centers and connecting corridors are integral to creating compact urban development that conserves resources and creates additional transportation, housing, and shopping choices. Centers are an important part of the regional strategy (VISION 2040) for urban growth and are required to be addressed in the Countywide Planning Policies. Centers will become focal points for growth within the county's UGA and will be areas where public investment is directed.

Centers are to:

- be priority locations for accommodating growth;
- strengthen existing development patterns;
- promote housing opportunities close to employment;
- support development of an extensive multimodal transportation system which reduces dependency on automobiles;
- reduce congestion and improve air quality; and
- maximize the benefit of public investment in infrastructure and services.

VISION 2040, the adopted regional growth strategy, identifies several centers as an integral feature for accommodating residential and employment growth. The strategy describes Regional Growth Centers, and other centers that may be designated through countywide processes or locally. Regional Growth Centers once regionally designated are located either in Metropolitan Cities, or in Core Cities. VISION 2040 also identifies Manufacturing/Industrial Centers, which consist primarily of manufacturing and industrial uses. Pierce County has five Regional Growth Centers and two Manufacturing/Industrial Centers that have been adopted into the regional growth strategy. Pierce County Regional Growth Centers are located in Tacoma, which is a Metropolitan City, and in Lakewood and Puyallup, which are Core Cities.

- **Regional Growth Centers in the Metropolitan City**
  - Tacoma Central Business District
  - Tacoma Mall

- **Regional Growth Centers in Core Cities**
  - Lakewood
  - Puyallup Downtown
  - Puyallup South Hill

Currently there are no designated Countywide Centers.

Manufacturing/Industrial Centers are areas where employee- or land-intensive uses will be located. These centers differ from Regional Growth Centers in that they consist of an extensive land base and the exclusion of non-manufacturing or manufacturing-supportive uses is an essential feature of their character. These areas are characterized by a significant amount of manufacturing, industrial,
Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. The “clean” language below assumes the proposed VISION 2040 Consistency amendments are ratified.

and advanced technology employment uses. Large retail and non-related office uses are discouraged. Other than caretakers' residences, housing is prohibited within Manufacturing/Industrial Centers. However, these centers should be linked to high density housing areas by an efficient multimodal transportation system. The efficiency of rail and overland freight to markets is the critical element for manufacturers and industries located in these centers.

The designated Manufacturing/Industrial Centers, within Pierce County are as follows:

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Within Pierce County, a limited number of additional centers may be designated through amendment of the Countywide Planning Policies consistent with the process below.

Designated centers may vary substantially in the number of households and jobs they contain today. The intent of the Countywide Planning Policies is that Regional Growth Centers become attractive places to live and work, while supporting efficient public services such as transit and being responsive to the local market for jobs and housing.

The Countywide Planning Policies establish target levels for housing and employment needed to achieve the benefit of a center. Some centers will reach these levels over the next twenty years, while for others the criteria set a path for growth over a longer term, providing capacity to accommodate growth beyond the twenty year horizon.

County-Level Centers Designation Process

The County and any municipality in the County that is planning to include a Metropolitan City Center, Regional Growth Center, Countywide Center or Manufacturing/Industrial Center within its boundaries shall specifically define the area of such center within its comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan shall include policies aimed at focusing growth within the center and along corridors consistent with the applicable criteria contained within the Countywide Planning Policies. The County or municipality shall adopt regulations that reinforce the center's designation.

No more often than once every two years, the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) shall invite jurisdictions with centers already adopted in their comprehensive plan that seek to be designated as centers in the Countywide Planning Policies to submit a request for such designation. Said request shall be processed in accordance with established procedures for amending the Countywide Planning Policies.

Each jurisdiction seeking to have a center designated in the Countywide Planning Policies shall provide the PCRC with a report demonstrating that the proposed center meets the minimum criteria for designation together with a statement and map describing the center, its consistency with the applicable Countywide Planning Policies, and how adopted regulations will serve the center.

Transit services shall be defined in the broadest sense and shall include local and regional bus service, rail where appropriate, vanpool, carpool, and other transportation demand measures designed to reduce vehicle trips.
The minimum designation criteria to establish a candidate center by type are as follows:

**Metropolitan City Center**
- Area: up to 1-1/2 square miles in size;
- Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;
- Employment: a minimum of 25 employees per gross acre of non-residential lands with a minimum of 15,000 employees;
- Population: a minimum of ten households per gross acre; and
- Transit: serve as a focal point for regional and local transit services.

**Regional Growth Center**
- Area: up to 1-1/2 square miles in size;
- Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;
- Employment: a minimum of 2,000 employees;
- Population: a minimum of seven households per gross acre; and
- Transit: serve as a focal point for regional and local transit services.

**Countywide Center**
- Area: up to one square mile in size;
- Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;
- Employment: a minimum of 1,000 employees;
- Population: a minimum of 6 households per gross acre; and
- Transit: serve as a focal point for local transit services.

**Manufacturing / Industrial Center**
- Capital Facilities: served by sanitary sewers;
- Employment: a minimum of 7,500 jobs and/or 2,000 truck trips per day; and
- Transportation: within one mile of a state or federal highway or national rail line.

The minimum criteria report and statement shall be reviewed by the Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) for consistency with Countywide Planning Policies, the Transportation Coordination Committee for consistency with transportation improvements plans of WSDOT, and with Pierce Transit's comprehensive plan. The coordinating committees shall provide joint recommendation to the PRC.

Once included in the Countywide Planning Policies, the jurisdiction where a center is located may go on to seek regional designation of the center from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in accordance with its established criteria and process.

In order to be designated a Regional Growth Center the center should meet the regional criteria and requirements including those in VISION 2040, the regional growth, economic and transportation strategy as may be amended and designated by the Puget Sound Regional Council.

After county-level designation occurs within the Countywide Planning Policies and until regional-level designation by the PSRC occurs the center shall be considered a "candidate" Regional Growth Center.
Each jurisdiction which designates a Regional Growth Center shall establish 20-year household and employment growth targets for that Center. The expected range of targets will reflect the diversity of the various centers and allow communities to effectively plan for needed services. The target ranges not only set a policy for the level of growth envisioned for each center, but also for the timing and funding of infrastructure improvements. Reaching the target ranges will require careful planning of public investment and providing incentives for private investments.

(____) candidate regional centers have been included into the Countywide Planning Policies. (____) of the candidate centers is a Regional Growth Center and (____) candidate centers are Manufacturing/Industrial Centers.

Candidate Regional Centers

University Place – Candidate Regional Growth Center

(Note there are three separate interlocal agreements that propose the designation of candidate regional centers. Once these proposals have been ratified the appropriate language shall replace the blank spaces as depicted as “(____)”.)
Findings of Fact

The Pierce County Council finds that:

1. The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County, and 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 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.

2. The Growth Management Act required Pierce County to adopt a countywide planning policy in cooperation with the cities and towns located within the County.

3. The Countywide Planning Policies are to be used for establishing a countywide framework from which the comprehensive plans for Pierce County and the cities and towns within Pierce County are developed and adopted.

4. On June 30, 1992, the Pierce County Council passed Ordinance No. 92-74 adopting the initial Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

5. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies currently identify five Urban Centers and two Manufacturing/Industrial Centers that have been adopted into the VISION 2040.

6. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies include minimum criteria for the designation of new regional centers.

7. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies identifies a process for local jurisdictions to submit applications for the designation of candidate regional centers.

8. If a proposal is ratified by Pierce County and its cities and towns, the local jurisdiction may request the Puget Sound Regional Council to designate the appropriate center within VISION 2040.

9. The Cities of Sumner and Pacific jointly applied for the designation of a candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center.

10. The City of Tacoma applied for the designation of a candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center.

11. The City of University Place applied for the designation of candidate Regional Growth Center.

12. The submitted applications are complete and consistent with the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.
13. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended approval of the proposals at its March 17, 2011, meeting in three separate motions.

14. Local jurisdictions have the ability to ratify each of the three proposals independently.

15. The Pierce County Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposals at its May 24, 2011, meeting.

16. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies include provisions addressing procedures for amending the Countywide Planning Policies.

17. The Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies require amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies to be adopted through an amendment of the original Interlocal Agreement or by a new interlocal agreement. The amendment will become effective when sixty percent (60%) of the cities, towns and County government representing seventy-five percent (75%) of the total population as designated by the State Office of Financial Management at the time of the proposed ratification become signatories to the agreement.

18. Within Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Centers truck parking and staging areas are important.

19. The Cities of Sumner/Pacific and the City of Tacoma should consider how to best meet the needs of truck parking and staging areas.

20. Potential solutions for truck parking and staging that should be considered may include: public-private partnerships to develop a site for such use; additional restrictions and enforcement of truck parking and travel in residential and commercial areas; a more pro-active approach by industrial business owners to address the problem; requirements for larger truck parking and staging areas on the industrial sites; revisions to current zoning standards which prohibit the development of a truck stop in the interchange commercial area; and, potential use of transportation grant funding to address the need.

21. The Community Development Committee of the County Council, after a properly noticed public hearing, considered oral and written testimony and forwarded its recommendation to the full Council.

22. The County Council held a public hearing on July 19, 2011, where oral and written testimony was considered.

23. It is in support of designating the three proposals as candidate regional centers.

24. It is in the public interest to authorize the Pierce County Executive to execute the Interlocal agreements.
RESOLUTION NO. 38486

BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR LONERGAN AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to regional growth planning; authorizing the execution of three interlocal agreements with Pierce County to ratify and approve amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies for Pierce County designating manufacturing/industrial centers in Sumner/Pacific and in South Tacoma and a regional growth center in University Place as candidate regional centers, allowing the jurisdictions to submit applications to the Puget Sound Regional Council for official designation as regional centers in VISION 2040 and to become eligible for funding.

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Pierce County Regional Council ("PCRC") was created by an interlocal agreement between Pierce County and the cities and towns within the County, and charged with responsibilities which include:

(1) serving as a local link to the Puget Sound Regional Council ("PSRC");
(2) promoting intergovernmental cooperation; (3) facilitating compliance with the coordination and consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act ("GMA") and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Chapter 47.80 RCW); and (4) developing a consensus among jurisdictions regarding the development and modification of the Countywide Planning Policies ("CWPP") for Pierce County, and

WHEREAS the CWPP are required by the GMA, and are developed collaboratively by the PCRC, Pierce County, and the cities and towns within the County, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the CWPP is to provide for consistency among the Comprehensive Plans of the County and each city and town, as well as among the four counties under PSRC jurisdiction, and
WHEREAS the PSRC has adopted VISION 2040 as the growth management, environmental, economic, and transportation vision for the central Puget Sound region, which provides a common framework for the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Regional Economic Strategy, as well as countywide planning policies and local comprehensive plans, and WHEREAS the PSRC allocates federal funding to Puget Sound counties, cities, and towns for projects that are consistent with VISION 2040, and WHEREAS the City Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 38048, adopted an overarching set of policies to guide the Council and staff toward updating the CWPP so that the policies of VISION 2040 are fully integrated into the CWPP, and WHEREAS the CWPP are required by the GMA to be adopted by the Pierce County Council with concurrence by the elected officials of the cities and towns within the County, and can only be amended when the original Interlocal Agreement, which adopted the CWPP in 1992, is amended by ratification of at least 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing 75 percent of the total County-wide population, and WHEREAS the PCRC has recommended amendments to the CWPP, and said amendments are consistent with the City's Resolution No. 38048 and, by extension, VISION 2040, and WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the CWPP will designate the following new candidate regional centers: (1) the Sumner-Pacific...
Manufacturing/Industrial Center; (2) the South Tacoma Manufacturing/Industrial Center; and (3) the University Place Regional Growth Center, and

WHEREAS, upon approval and ratification of the proposed amendments, jurisdictions may apply for the candidate centers to be officially designated as regional centers by the PSRC in VISION 2040, thereby becoming eligible for federal funding, and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2011, the Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2011-35s, approving the proposed amendments to the CWPP, and

WHEREAS the PCRC considered the proposed amendments under three separate motions to allow jurisdictions the opportunity to approve each candidate regional center independently, and execute interlocal agreements accordingly;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and by this reference incorporated herein (this document shall also be on file in the office of the City Clerk) amending the Countywide Planning Policies (“CWPP”) for Pierce County to add a manufacturing/industrial center in Sumner/Pacific as a candidate regional center, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the CWPP, as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council (“PCRC”).
Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference incorporated herein (this document shall also be on file in the office of the City Clerk) amending the CWPP for Pierce County to add a manufacturing/industrial center in South Tacoma as a candidate regional center, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the CWPP, as recommended by the PCRC.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Pierce County substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and by this reference incorporated herein (this document shall also be on file in the office of the City Clerk) amending the CWPP for Pierce County to add a regional growth center in University Place as a candidate regional center, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the CWPP, as recommended by the PCRC.
Section 4. That the set of amendments to the CWPP for Pierce County, as ratified individually by Sections 1, 2, and 3, and attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Adopted _______ MAY 15 2012 _______

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-35s

An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Acknowledging its Approval of a Proposed Amendment to Designate Three New Candidate Regional Centers in the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as Recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council; Authorizing the Pierce County Executive to Execute Interlocal Agreements with the Cities and Towns of Pierce County to Ratify the Proposed Amendments; Amending Chapter 19D.240 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies," upon Ratification; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Whereas, the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County Government (the County), and 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 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 Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

Whereas, the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) 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 CPPs on June 30, 1992; and

Whereas, six Regional Growth Centers were identified in the initial Pierce County CPPs; and
Whereas, the Pierce County CPPs were amended in 2009 to allow for a process to designate new Candidate Regional Centers; and

Whereas, a local jurisdiction may submit a Candidate Center, as designated in the Pierce County CPPs, to the Puget Sound Regional Council for consideration to receive designation as a Regional Center through ViSION 2040; and

Whereas, the Cities of Sumner and Pacific submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center; and

Whereas, the City of Tacoma submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Industrial/Manufacturing Center; and

Whereas, the City of University Place submitted an application to the PCRC for designation of a Candidate Regional Growth Center; 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 reviewed the submitted applications for completeness and consistency with Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

Whereas, the GMCC recommended approval of the submitted applications to the PCRC at its January 27, 2011 meeting; and

Whereas, the PCRC thought it was appropriate to allow jurisdictions to consider approval of the proposed Regional Centers independently; and

Whereas, the PCRC, based upon the recommendation from the GMCC and its own discussions, recommended approval of the proposals in three separate motions at its March 17, 2011 meeting; and

Whereas, amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies must be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement or by a new interlocal agreement ratified by 60 percent of member jurisdictions in Pierce County representing 75 percent of the total population; and

Whereas, an Interlocal Agreement entitled "Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies" was developed for this purpose, and included the recommended amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies as an attachment; and
Whereas, the Pierce County Planning Commission, at its May 24, 2011, regular public hearing, reviewed the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies and recommended approval; and

Whereas, an environmental review of the proposed amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies was conducted pursuant to Chapter 43.21 and a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on June 21, 2011; and

Whereas, after a properly noticed public hearing, the Community Development Committee of the Pierce County Council considered oral and written testimony and forwarded its recommendation to the full County Council; and

Whereas, the County Council held a public hearing on July 19, 2011, where oral and written testimony was considered; and

Whereas, the County Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the Pierce County Executive to execute the interlocal agreement; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. The Pierce County Council acknowledges its approval of the amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council, which are attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Pierce County Council authorizes the Pierce County Executive to execute the three Interlocal Agreements, attached as Exhibit B, Exhibit C and Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference, thereby ratifying the attached amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies and amending Chapter 19D.240 of the Pierce County Code as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council.
Section 3. The Pierce County Council adopts Findings of Fact as shown in Exhibit E, which is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED this 9th day of August, 2011.

ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Roger Bush
Council Chair

Pat McCarthy
Pierce County Executive
Approved __/ Vetoed ___, this 16 day of August, 2011.

Date of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing: June 22, 2011

Effective Date of Ordinance: August 26, 2011