ORDINANCE NO. 3261

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, regarding amendments to the City of Kent Comprehensive Plan for the Meridian Annexation Area.

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Washington State Legislature adopted the Growth Management Act as Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), requiring jurisdictions throughout the State of Washington, to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council adopted the City of Kent Comprehensive Plan on April 18, 1995; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 (2), the GMA states that each Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall be subject to continuing evaluation and review by the city upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 (2) each jurisdiction is required under the GMA to establish procedures whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are considered by the City Council no more frequently than once a year; that all proposals shall be considered by the City Council concurrently so the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained; and that the City may adopt amendments or revisions to the comprehensive plan whenever an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 1995 the Kent City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3237 establishing procedures for amendment to the Kent Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, on August 15, 1995, the Kent City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3241, relating to the annexation into the City of Kent of the area known as the Meridian Annexation Area, and that this area would become part of the City of Kent on January 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Comprehensive Plan includes land use designations for the Meridian Annexation Area on the plan’s Land Use Plan Map; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of Ordinance No. 3241 the City’s Planning staff began work on annexation zoning for the Meridian area, as outlined in Section 15.09.055 of the Kent Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 36.70A.120 the GMA requires that the City enact development regulations which are consistent with and implement its comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan land use designations and zoning map amendments for the Meridian area are consistent, the Kent City Council adopted Resolution No. 1445 on September 20, 1995, which declared an emergency to pursue a comprehensive plan amendment for the Meridian Annexation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted public hearings on September 25 and 26, 1995 to take public testimony on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Map in the comprehensive plan for the Meridian annexation area; and
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered various Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Map alternatives and public testimony during its public hearings, and following its deliberations on October 3, 1995, made a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held two public hearings on the recommendation of the Planning Commission: the first hearing was held on October 17, 1995 and the second hearing was held on November 21, 1995; and

WHEREAS, at the November 21 hearing, the City Council heard additional, new public testimony; and

WHEREAS, the City Council moved to close the public hearing and directed staff to consider the public testimony provided at the hearings, and bring forward a recommendation on initial zoning for the Council's consideration for the City Council meeting of December 12, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered public testimony and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and adopted an amendment to the Land Use Plan Map in the Kent Comprehensive Plan for the Meridian Annexation Area, and that the amended land use designations for the Meridian area are illustrated in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that comprehensive plans be reviewed as to their potential environmental impact, and that on September 25, 1995 the City of Kent issued an Addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement which was prepared for the Kent Comprehensive Plan, and that this Addendum
analyzed the comprehensive plan amendments later adopted by the City Council on December 12, 1995; NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. The Land Use Plan Map in the City of Kent Comprehensive Plan for the area known as the Meridian annexation area is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 2. The City Council finds that the amendment outlined in Exhibit A meets the criteria for a comprehensive plan amendment as outlined in Section 12.02.050 of the Kent City Code.

Section 3. If any one or more sections, subsections or sentences of this Chapter are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force January 1, 1996, which is more than five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

JIM WHITE, MAYOR
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED __ day of __, 1995.
APPROVED __ day of __, 1995
PUBLISHED __ day of __, 1995.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. __, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

(SEAL)

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK