ORDINANCE NO. 3241

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to zoning and land use, to implement initial zoning for the Meridian Annexation Area.

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1995, the Kent City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3241, annexing into the City of Kent, the area known as the Meridian Annexation Area, as of January 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the annexation area is comprised of approximately 5.27 square miles, or 3,373 acres, and extends east from the existing city limits at 116th Avenue SE to Big Soos Creek, while the northern boundary is SE 240th Street and the southern boundary is SE 288th Street; 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, the Planning Commission conducted public hearings on September 25 and 26, 1995 to take public testimony on amendments to the zoning map for the Meridian annexation area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered various zoning alternatives and public testimony during its public hearings, and on October 3, 1995, recommended approval of a zoning alternative 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 on December 12, 1995 adopted initial zoning for the Meridian Annexation Area, and that the initial zoning is 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 initial zoning designations later adopted by the City Council on December 12, 1995; NOW THEREFORE.

Section 1. Pursuant to Kent City Code Section 15.09.055 and the laws of the State of Washington, the initial zoning for the area known as the Meridian annexation area shall be established as outlined in Exhibit A.
Section 2. 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 3. 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:

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED 19 day of December, 1995.
APPROVED 20 day of December, 1995
PUBLISHED 24 day of December, 1995.
I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 3262, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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BRENDA JACOBER/CITY CLERK

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