ORDINANCE NO. 3368

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending the City of Kent Comprehensive Plan for the Meridian Valley 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 April 15, 1997, the Kent City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3344, relating to the annexation into the City of Kent of the area known as the Meridian Valley annexation area, and that this area would become part of the City of Kent on July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Comprehensive Plan includes land use designations for the Meridian Valley annexation area on the plan's Land Use Plan Map; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of Ordinance No. 3344 the City's Planning staff began work on annexation zoning for the Meridian Valley annexation 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 Valley annexation area are consistent, the Kent City Council adopted Resolution No. 1498 on October 7, 1997, which declared an emergency to pursue a comprehensive plan amendment for the Meridian Valley annexation area; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Planning Board conducted a public hearing on August 25, 1997, on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Map for the Meridian Valley Annexation Area; and
WHEREAS, the Land Use and Planning Board considered various Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Map alternatives and public testimony during its public hearings, and following its deliberations on August 25, 1997, recommended approval of a Land Use Plan Map Amendment to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held two public hearings on the recommendation of the Land Use and Planning Board: the first hearing was held on September 16, 1997 and the second hearing was held on October 21, 1997; and

WHEREAS, at the October 21, 1997 hearing, the City Council heard additional, new public testimony; and

WHEREAS, the City Council moved to close the public hearing, considered the public testimony provided at the hearings, and moved to modify the Land Use and Planning Board's land Use Plan Map Recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Land Use Plan Map in the Kent Comprehensive Plan for the Meridian Valley Annexation Area, and that the amended land use designations for the Meridian Valley Annexation Area be as 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 October 28, 1997, 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 adopted by the City Council on October 21, 1997; NOW THEREFORE,
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES 
HEREBY ORDAIN AS HAPPENS:

SECTION 1. The Land Use Plan Map in the City of Kent Comprehensive 
Plan for the area known as the Meridian Valley 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. - Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or 
sentences of this Ordinance 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. - Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in 
force thirty (30) days from the time of its final approval and passage as provided by law.

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: 4 day of November, 1997.

APPROVED: 4 day of November, 1997.

PUBLISHED: 7 day of November, 1997.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3368, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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