

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lacey wants to promote orderly and environmentally sensitive growth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lacey supports the implementation of the Growth Management Act legislation of 1990 to guide and integrate local land use, transportation, capital facilities, and economic development planning; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes cities to charge development impact fees; and

WHEREAS, the Act recognizes the diversity of growth management challenges facing Washington's large, urban, small, and rural cities and establishes distinct planning requirements for all cities that vary depending upon population and growth rates; and

WHEREAS, the Act maintains local control and encourages local jurisdictions to coordinate their planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Act is modeled after Thurston County, Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater's successful inter-jurisdictional Urban Growth Management Act and should be given time to prove its worth; and

WHEREAS, the Act constitutes a positive step in an evolving state growth management strategy that will be expanded with additional citizen input, experiences from jurisdictions implementing the Act, and the recommendations of the Governor and his Growth Strategies Commission; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 547 repeals the Growth Management Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 547 prevents local governments from taking immediate and necessary steps toward improving transportation systems and threatens the financial stability of local governments; and

WHEREAS, under the Growth Management Act of 1990, the primary responsibility for local land use decisions rests with local elected officials while, under Initiative 547, state bureaucratic decisions by appointed Regional Review Panels would override the will of elected local governments and citizen processes; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 547 creates a new state agency granted authority over local land use decisions; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 547 threatens the future prosperity of Washington citizens and communities through the paralysis of delay and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Initiative 547 could potentially invalidate numerous environmental protection, transportation, and growth management tools provided to cities during the 1990 Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 547 does not adequately recognize planning and economic development distinctions characterized by the diversity of Washington's 268 cities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lacey strongly endorses the Growth Management Act of 1990 as an essential and responsible series of planning and interlocal coordination measures that as implemented, will help direct community, regional, and statewide efforts to enhance Washington's quality of life, environmental protection and economic vitality;

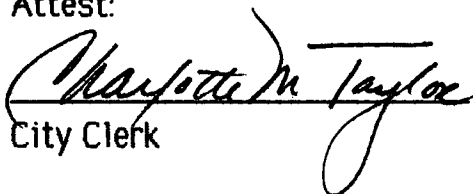
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lacey:


- a. Opposes Initiative 547 because it will further delay implementation of Growth Management policies and regulations in the fastest growing jurisdictions by altering timelines and local activities now underway to implement the Act and threatens to invalidate other environmental protection, transportation, and growth management tools granted to cities during the 1990 Legislative sessions; and
- b. Opposes Initiative 547 because it subjects every local land use and capital budget decision to unnecessary legal litigation; and
- c. Opposes the creation of state-level agencies or panels with limited and selective memberships, such as stipulated in Initiative 547, which are empowered to review and approve or disapprove the substance of local comprehensive plans and associated development regulations; and
- d. Opposes Initiative 547 and its statewide mandatory planning provisions which would establish the same planning requirements in all cities, regardless of size, location, and growth rates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lacey supports the continued efforts of the Washington Growth Strategies Commission to further strengthen the Act through its recommendations.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 11, 1990.

Attest:

  
City Clerk

  
MAYOR

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney