INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

This agreement is entered into by and among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County. This agreement is made pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1967, Chapter 39.34 RCW. This agreement has been authorized by the legislative body of each jurisdiction pursuant to formal action and evidenced by execution of the signature page of this agreement.

BACKGROUND:

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

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. A demonstration of ratification shall be by execution of an interlocal agreement or the absence of a legislative action to disapprove a proposed amendment.

D. A jurisdiction shall be deemed as casting an affirmative vote if it has not taken legislative action to disapprove a proposed amendment within 180 days from the date the Pierce County Council formally authorizes the Pierce County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement.

E. The amendment incorporates new policies that set criteria and a process for the formal recognition of areas that serve as important centers within Pierce County communities. This formal recognition may be used in future countywide project evaluations.

F. The Pierce County Regional Council recommended adoption of the proposed amendment on March 21, 2013.
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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 by _____ Lakewood
(Name of City/Town/County)

BY: [Signature]
(Mayor/Executive)

DATE: 1-21-2017

Approved:

BY: [Signature]
(Director/Manager/Chair of County Council)

Approved as to Form:

BY: [Signature]
(City Attorney/Prosecutor)

Approved:

BY: [Signature]
(Pierce County Executive)
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 Government (the County), and charged with responsibilities, including: Serving as a local link to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), promoting intergovernmental cooperation, facilitating compliance with the coordination and consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act [GMA] (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 GMA required the County to adopt a countywide planning policy in cooperation with the cities and towns located within Pierce County.

3. The Countywide Planning Policies are to be used for establishing a county-wide 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 No. Ordinance 92-74 adopting the initial Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

5. The GMA requires the central Puget Sound region to adopt multi-county planning policies.

6. The PSRC membership is comprised of central Puget Sound counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap), cities and towns, ports, tribes, and transit agencies.

7. The PSRC is the regional authority to adopt multi-county planning policies.

8. The PSRC adopted VISION 2040 at its May 2008 General Assembly meeting.

9. VISION 2040 is the central Puget Sound region's multi-county planning policies.

10. VISION 2040 recognizes "many secondary hubs and concentrations of development also serve important roles as places for concentrating jobs, housing, shopping, and recreational opportunities."

11. VISION 2040 recognizes "small neighborhood centers and even activity hubs that serve as the crossroads in cities and communities of all sizes are also key in implementing a centers-based approach to development in the region."

12. VISION 2040 policy MPP-DP-13 "directs subregional funding, especially county-level and local funds, to centers designated through countywide processes, as well as town centers, and other activity nodes."

13. The PCRC directed the Growth Management Coordinating Committee to recommend policies to designate Centers of Local Importance (CoLI).
28. A subsequent ordinance of the County Council shall be necessary to acknowledge the ratification process and amend Section 19D.240 PCC, "Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies".

29. It is in the public interest to authorize the Pierce County Executive to execute the interlocal agreements.