

Issaquah School District No. 411
Resolution No. 1096
Concerning Board Support of
Proposed City of Issaquah Zoning Code Amendments

THIS RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411 is in support of proposed zoning code amendments to facilitate school siting in the City of Issaquah.

WHEREAS, the District has experienced notable growth in student enrollment in recent years and expects continued student enrollment growth in the near future and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the District has an identified need to plan for future school facilities to meet current and projected student enrollment needs; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the District has a documented need to construct an additional high school, middle school, two elementary schools, and additional elementary capacity to accommodate enrollment growth and education program needs in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has determined that additional property is required to service the District's school purposes and needs; and

WHEREAS, the District is limited to siting new schools on property located within the urban growth boundary ("UGB") and must proactively search for adequate school sites inside the UGB; and

WHEREAS, the District must compete with private developers for the limited available land located inside the UGB; and

WHEREAS, District's voters approved a \$533,500,000 bond in April 2016 that includes funding for the construction of one new comprehensive high school, one new middle school, and two new elementary schools, as well as additions at existing schools and other capital improvements to the District's facilities; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 23, 2017, from Steve Crawford to Keith Niven at the City of Issaquah, the District requested that the City of Issaquah consider certain zoning code amendments, including changes to requirements for building height, impervious surface, floor area ratio, and setbacks ("collectively, the "School Zoning Code Amendments"), to facilitate the siting of schools within the City; and

WHEREAS, the School Zoning Code Amendments would allow the District to maximize utilization of existing school sites and minimize the land area required for new schools; and

WHEREAS, the School Zoning Code Amendments would be consistent with adopted King County Countywide Planning Policy 19A and the direction to "[p]lan, through a cooperative process between jurisdictions and school districts, that public school facilities are available, to meet the needs of existing and projected residential development" and use strategies such as revised development standards; and

WHEREAS, the School Zoning Code Amendments would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Goal B which recognizes that "good schools" are a fundamental component to our family-oriented community [and that people] relocate to

Issaquah, and continue to live here, in part, because of the excellence of the public schools and educational opportunities;" and

WHEREAS, the School Zoning Code Amendments would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Policy C3 which provides that the City will "[a]ssist Issaquah School District in planning for growth;" and

WHEREAS, the School Zoning Code Amendments would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Goal A to "[p]rovide adequate public services and facilities which address existing deficiencies and future needs through prudent use of fiscal resources, levels of service, realistic time lines, resource management, and sustainable development."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411 hereby supports the proposed School Zoning Code Amendments as presented by the District and urges the City of Issaquah City Council to consider and take timely action on such amendments for the benefit of the students and citizens of the City of Issaquah.

This Resolution, Number 1096, shall be immediately transmitted to the City Council of Issaquah upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

President

Director

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Director

Attested to by:

Secretary, Board of Directors