

RESOLUTION NO. 2205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF METROPOLITAN SEATTLE'S POSITION TO ACHIEVE THE "BEST PRACTICABLE TREATMENT" FOR DISCHARGES FROM METROPOLITAN SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

WHEREAS the protection and enhancement of environmental quality is a vital concern of the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS the preservation of water quality is a major environmental goal which must be considered in relation to air quality, land use and energy conservation; and

WHEREAS it is the purpose and goal of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle to secure and maintain high standards of water quality for all receiving waters within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Public Law 92-500 of the 92nd Congress requires that all publicly-owned treatment works achieve "secondary treatment" by July 1, 1977, prior to the achievement of "best practicable treatment" by July 1, 1983; and

WHEREAS secondary treatment of municipal discharges for removal of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) is a process proven to be unnecessary to the preservation of water quality in Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS construction and operation of secondary treatment facilities would impinge on valuable open space, and consume scarce energy resources; and

WHEREAS major water quality improvements other than secondary treatment, such as toxicity and floatables removal and sewer separation, are considered to be essential to receiving water quality; and

WHEREAS construction and operation of secondary treatment facilities at Metro's four Puget Sound plants, including West Point, would double operating costs and require a \$55 million capital expenditure which might otherwise be used for higher priority water pollution control projects by other local agencies in the Seattle area; and

WHEREAS the rates charged our customers would reflect the expenditure to meet the secondary treatment requirements; and

WHEREAS this agency has higher priority water pollution control projects on which funds need to be spent; and

WHEREAS limited allocations of federal funds will prevent the Municipality from completing top priority water quality projects while achieving both "secondary treatment" by July 1, 1977, and "best practicable treatment" by July 1, 1983; and

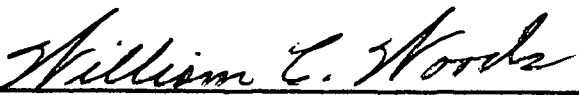
WHEREAS a municipal system (Metro) must, at all times, be in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Act or modifications thereof, or no local sewage project will be eligible for Federal funds; and

WHEREAS there is, in fact, insufficient time for the Municipality to meet the July 1, 1977, deadline for "secondary treatment"; and

WHEREAS, to maintain and ensure high standards of water quality for the metropolitan area at the earliest time and in the most cost-effective manner, it is necessary that the Municipality proceed immediately with a program to provide "best practicable treatment" by July 1, 1983;

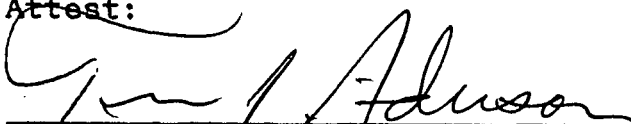
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kirkland urges the Congress to amend the 1972 Water Quality Act to permit the Administrator of EPA to modify the requirement of secondary treatment for any publicly-owned treatment works discharging through deep water outfalls into the Pacific Ocean and the contiguous territorial seas upon application and proof satisfactory to the Administrator that alternative treatment processes would produce an equal or better environmental effect on the receiving waters for a lesser expenditure of public resources.

APPROVED by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 4th day of September, 1973.



Mayor

Attest:



Director of Administration and Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)

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