

RESOLUTION NO. R-2920

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF THE CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED AND OPPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION LEASES IN THE WATERSHED.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle Water Department serves as the regional drinking water supplier for over one million people, including thirty cities, towns, and water districts; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Cedar River Watershed, which provides drinking water to over 600,000 people, is protected at the source, permitting a low-cost water supply which does not require any filtration or other treatment beyond routine chlorination; and

WHEREAS, no public access is allowed in the Cedar River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent of the total land in the watershed is Federal land; and

WHEREAS, this Federal land has long been recognized by the Federal government as an area requiring special land management policies, which are contained in an Agreement with the City of Seattle dated 1962; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management awarded oil and gas exploration leases on Federal land in the Cedar River Watershed on March 17, 1982; and

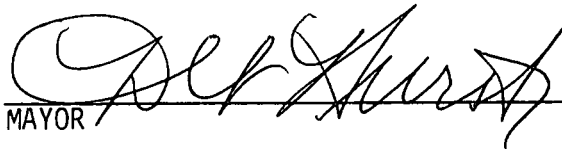
WHEREAS, oil and gas exploration are incompatible with watershed protection, especially where no filtration or treatment beyond chlorination is provided; and

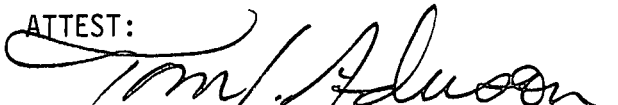
WHEREAS, the award of oil and gas exploration leases in the Cedar River Watershed seriously threatens the quality of low-cost drinking water provided to the people in Seattle and suburban communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Kirkland opposes the issuance of oil and gas exploration leases in the Cedar River Watershed, and requests that the Secretary of the Department of the Interior immediately and permanently revoke those leases already awarded and deny any pending leases in the Cedar River Watershed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby supports the permanent protection of the Cedar River Watershed, Green River Watershed, Tolt River Watershed and all other watersheds located on federal lands for the health and well-being of the citizens of King County.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 3rd day of May, 1982.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Director of Administration & Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)

