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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4344

AN ORDINANCE regarding integration of permit and land use decisions with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act; and adding a new Section 22.02.160 to the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS, it is the existing policy of the City of Bellevue to integrate its process for permit and land use decisions with the process and requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21C) and the City Environmental Procedures Code (BCC 22.02) so as to maximize the efficiency of the review process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to formalize this integration through the adoption of this ordinance; now, therefore;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 22.02.160 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code, to read as follows:

22.02.160 Integration with Permit and Land Use Decision.

A. The process under the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21C) and this chapter shall be integrated, insofar as possible, with any applicable process for decision making on permit and land use applications, in accordance with the procedures in Section B below.

B. For each application for a permit or land use decision which is subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Coordinator shall determine how environmental review best can be integrated with review of the permit or land use application. In making this determination, the Environmental Coordinator shall, whenever possible, integrate the following procedures:

1. Staff review of the application under city codes and regulations and the environmental review and determination thereon.

2. The staff report on the application, and the report or documentation concerning environmental review.

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3. Hearings and other public processes, including required public notices, required by city code or regulation, and hearings and other public processes, including public notices, required or conducted under the State Environmental Policy Act. This section shall include appeals, except as otherwise expressly provided by this Code.

4. Such other review processes as the Environmental Coordinator shall determine.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 23rd day of March, 1992, and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of March, 1992.

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