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EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

Resolution No. 273A

A RESOLUTION of the East Bellevue Community Council disapproving Ordinance No. 4029, relating to heliports; amending Sections 20.10.440, 20.50.022, 20.50.024, 20.50.040 and 20.50.048 of the Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code); repealing Ordinance No. 436; and adding a new Section 20.20.450 to the Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code)

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of September, 1989, the City Council of the City of Bellevue, Washington passed Ordinance No. 4029, relating to heliports; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of said Ordinance falls within the jurisdiction of the East Bellevue Community Council pursuant to RCW 35.14.040; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing held before the East Bellevue Community Council on October 3, 1989, the Community Council voted to disapprove Bellevue Ordinance No. 4029,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Community Council of the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation of the City of Bellevue, Washington:

Section 1: The East Bellevue Community Council makes and enters the following findings of fact:

1. Ordinance No. 4029 establishes no definitive criteria for noise levels generated by helicopter use adjacent to residential areas.

2. Ordinance No. 4029 establishes no definitive limits on the proximity or number of heliports allowed within a given area.

3. Ordinance No. 4029 does not provide protection to schools, parks and sensitive areas, and public meeting places by establishing a minimum distance requirement for siting heliports from such uses.

4. Ordinance No. 4029 does not provide adequate protection to adjacent residential areas from impacts associated with helicopter use.

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5. Although the City has no jurisdiction over helicopters once they are in the air, the City could require an approved flight pattern as a condition of granting a permit for a site which would be revocable by the City in case of violation.

Section 2: The East Bellevue Community Council makes and enters the following conclusions:

1. A noise study is necessary to determine the distance requirements for siting heliports from residential areas.

2. A better ordinance could be produced based on definitive data which would address the ongoing concerns of the Community Council and establish a minimum distance requirement for siting heliports from residential areas and other protected uses.

3. Ordinance No. 4029 does not provide sufficient additional protection to residential areas from the adverse impacts of heliports compared to Ordinance No. 436.

Section 3: The East Bellevue Community Council hereby disapproves Ordinance No. 4029 enacted by the Bellevue City Council on September 5, 1989, and pursuant to RCW 35.14.040, this Ordinance shall not become effective within the area of the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation.

Section 4: The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the original of this Resolution, to file the same and to keep the same on file in her office. The Clerk is further directed to distribute certified or conformed copies of this Resolution to the Bellevue City Council, the Bellevue Planning Department, and the Department of Design and Development.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the East Bellevue Community Council on the 3rd day of October, 1989 and signed in authentication of its passage this 9th day of November, 1989.

(SEAL)

Daniel Kranzler, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Mattioli

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
Deputy City Clerk