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## RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01

A **RESOLUTION** of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council acknowledging that essential public facilities evaluated through a state or regional siting process do not have to comply with the local siting process set forth in the Countywide Planning Policies – Element G.

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.200 requires cities and counties that are planning under the Growth Management Act to include a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities (EPF), and no local comprehensive plan or development regulation may preclude the siting of EPF; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap County and three (3) of its Cities have adopted Countywide Planning Policies (CPP's), and this document contains Element G that outlines an evaluation framework to coordinate the local siting of an EPF to mitigate potential adverse impacts from the location and development of an EPF; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) was revised relating to EPFs; and

WHEREAS, WAC 365-196-550(3)(d) provides that if an EPF and its location have been evaluated through a state or regional siting process, the county or city may not require the facility to go through the local siting process; and

WHEREAS, Element G of the CPPs appears to subject all essential public facilities to the local siting process, even where those facilities have already gone through a state or regional siting process, which is contrary to WAC 365-196-550(3)(d); ***NOW THEREFORE***

***THE KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:***

**Section 1:** The findings set forth in the above recitals are hereby adopted by reference.

**Section 2:** Local cities and counties may not use their comprehensive plan or development regulations to preclude the siting of EPFs, and further, WAC 365-196-550(3)(d) does not allow local jurisdictions to require a facility to go through a local siting process if the state or regional authority has conducted its own siting process, therefore, any EPF that is proposed in Kitsap County that has been evaluated through its own siting process conducted by the state or a regional authority is not required to comply with the CPP's EPF siting criteria in Element G.

**Section 3:** *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Patty Lent, Chair  
Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council  
Mayor, City of Bremerton

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*Attest:*  
Mary McClure, Executive Director  
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