

KING COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA TITLE:	GMPC Motion 24-2: Amending Countywide Centers Planning Expectations in the Countywide Planning Policies
PRESENTED BY:	Ivan Miller, GMPC Lead Staff

Today’s Meeting

At its September meeting, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is scheduled to approve GMPC Motion 24-2 which amends the Planning Expectations for Countywide Centers in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

Discussion

The GMPC’s adopted 2024 work program includes development of a process to designate countywide centers (see the March 2024 Countywide Centers [staff report](#) for background information). The first phase of this process was to review the criteria for countywide centers in the CPPs. The review identified that more flexibility was appropriate for how jurisdictions address the planning expectations. Namely, jurisdictions should be able to address the provisions throughout their comprehensive plans, in a dedication comprehensive plan chapter or policies, in a subarea area plan, in collateral documents, or some combination of all of these.

Given this, the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) reviewed and, at its September meeting, recommended that GMPC approve GMPC Motion 24-2. This motion retains the substantive planning expectations while providing for flexibility in how jurisdictions address them. Amendments include a change to text, one policy, and to Appendix 6: King County Centers Designation Framework.

Future Activity

Should the GMPC act on GMPC Motion 24-2, there is no further GMPC action on this topic. Future activity will include County Council consideration of the recommendation in the motion and potential adoption of the CPP amendments. Should that occur, the CPP amendment would be sent to the cities and towns in King County for ratification, per the provisions of CPP FW-1.

Following action on GMPC Motion 24-2, staff will work through the IJT to develop application materials and an application timeline for 2025.

For More Information

If members and/or their staff are interested in additional detail, please contact Ivan Miller, GMPC lead staff, at ivan.miller@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-8297.

Attachment

A. GMPC Motion 24-2