

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDICATING COUNCIL
INTENT TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS IN CONSIDERING THE
NEED TO AMEND THE URBAN GROWTH
BOUNDARY

RESOLUTION NO. 02-3229

Introduced by the Community
Planning Committee

WHEREAS, voters of the Metropolitan Service District enacted Measure 26-29 on May 21, 2002, to amend the Metro Charter in order to protect the livability of existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Measure 26-29 requires Metro to include measures to protect the livability of existing neighborhoods and prohibits Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in Inner and Outer Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Measure 26-29 requires Metro to implement the measure by May 21, 2003, one year following enactment of the measure on May 21, 2002; and

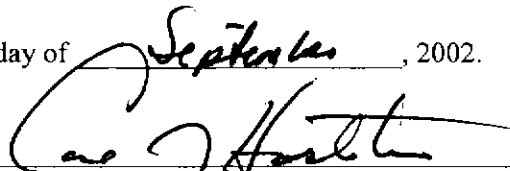
WHEREAS, the Metro Council is currently conducting Periodic Review, Task 2, in which a Urban Growth Boundary decision is due by December 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, given the central role of neighborhoods in the 2040 Growth Concept, chooses to take action to protect Inner and Outer Neighborhoods ahead of the schedule set forth in Measure 26-29; now, therefore,


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Council will not require cities and counties to increase housing densities inside existing single family zones designated as inner or outer neighborhoods, when considering measures to ensure a adequate supply of land is available for housing needs.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of September, 2002.



Carl Hosticka, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3229, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDICATING COUNCIL INTENT TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN CONSIDERING THE NEED TO AMEND THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

Date: September 19, 2002

Presented by: Councilor Burkholder

Committee Action: At its September 17 meeting, the Community Planning Committee voted 6-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 02-3229. Voting in favor: Councilors Atherton, Burkholder, Hosticka, McLain, Monroe and Park.

Background: Measure 26-29, approved by voters in the Metropolitan Service District on May 21, 2002, amended the Metro charter to protect the livability of existing neighborhoods. The measure called for implementation of its several parts by one year later, May 21, 2003. Metro Council is in periodic review, and anticipates amendment of the UGB by December of this year, as part of the Task 2 work plan. Resolution 02-3229 declares Council intent to not require cities and counties to increase housing densities inside existing single family zones designated as inner or outer neighborhoods. The importance of this action lies in the fact that while analysis connected with the Executive Officer's August 1, 2002 recommendation indicates a need to add land to the UGB for housing needs, that same analysis also indicates that land inside the current UGB has the capacity to absorb a significant amount of anticipated growth for the 20 year periodic review horizon.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Richard Benner, Office of General Council made the staff presentation for this resolution and two others related to implementing Measure 26-29.

- Existing Law: Metro Charter and Measure 26-29
- Budget Impact: No budget impact.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3229 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDICATING COUNCIL INTENT TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN CONSIDERING THE NEED TO AMEND THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY

Date: September 13, 2002

Prepared by: Jeff Stone

BACKGROUND

The voters of the region passed Measure 26-29 on May 21, 2002. Measure 26-29 amends provisions of the Metro Charter dealing with regional planning functions. It required the Metro Council to protect the livability of existing neighborhoods and prohibits the agency from requiring increased density of identified existing single-family neighborhoods.

This resolution reflects the Metro Council's intent not to require local governments to increase density in Inner or Outer neighborhoods. Since Metro is in Periodic Review (Task 2) and will making a decision to expand the urban growth boundary by December 2002, the Council wishes to signal its intent that it will consider measures to ensure an adequate supply of land for housing while protecting single-family neighborhoods.

Measure 26-29 calls upon Metro to implement the measure by May 21, 2003. Given the central role of neighborhoods in the 2040 Growth Concept, the Metro Council is choosing to demonstrate to the general public its intent to demonstrate the spirit of the measure ahead of schedule to protect the Inner and Outer Neighborhoods.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None at this time
2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Charter and Ballot Measure 26-29
3. **Anticipated Effects** This resolution demonstrates the Council's intent to protect single-family residential neighborhoods from Metro density requirements.
4. **Budget Impacts** No direct costs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.