AN ORDINANCE establishing February 4, 2003, as the
date for an election on the question of the formation of a
metropolitan park district within the city of North Bend and
portions of unincorporated King County, and on the
election of the five initial metropolitan park commissioners
and declaring an emergency.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:
1. RCW 35.61.010 provides that "[a] metropolitan park district may be
created for the management, control, improvement, maintenance, and
acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards, and recreational facilities."
2. King County is facing a fiscal crisis that is forcing major cuts in all
non-mandated government services funded by the county current expense
fund and as a result does not have a sufficient, stable source of revenue to
continue to operate and maintain the Si View community center, pool and
park.
3. King County and the city of North Bend strongly agree that it would be
in the best interests of the public to continue to operate and maintain the Si
View community center, pool and park.

4. The city of North Bend assembled a blue ribbon task force to
investigate options for the continued operation of the Si View community
center, pool and park for the benefit of all users of these facilities,
including both those who reside in the city and those who reside in
unincorporated King County.

5. After consideration of various alternatives, the blue ribbon task force
has recommended formation of a metropolitan park district organized
under chapter 35.61 RCW to own and operate the Si View community
center, pool and park.

6. Subject to the concurrence of the city of North Bend, which is expected
to take action on this issue on October 16, 2002, King County is prepared
to support the blue ribbon task force recommendation by taking such steps
as necessary to ensure that communities served by these facilities can vote
on a timely basis to create a taxing district that would assume
responsibility for the ownership and operation of these facilities.

7. In order to place a proposition for the creation of a metropolitan park
district on the ballot on February 4, 2003, it is necessary that both the King
County council and the city of North Bend adopt ordinances calling for
such an election and the creation of such a district no later than October
21, 2002, and submit a notice of intention to create the metropolitan park
district to the Boundary Review Board no later than October 22, 2002.
8. This ordinance has been drafted in consultation with the city of North
Bend, but if the city should ultimately not enact the necessary ordinance to
create the proposed metropolitan park district and place it before the
voters on February 4, 2003, then the county would neither wish to, nor
could it, proceed on its own with such a proposition and election, because
by law the city must concur to be included within the proposed district.
9. In order to accommodate the city's interests, and to provide all
reasonable opportunity for a solution that will enable the Mount Si
facilities to remain open next year and beyond, the council is willing to
take action in advance of the city's final decision.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
SECTION 1. The name of the proposed metropolitan park district shall be the Si
View Metropolitan Park District.
SECTION 2. A special election shall be held on February 4, 2003, in accordance
with chapter 35.61 RCW within the territory of the proposed metropolitan park district,
for the purpose of submitting the question of the formation of a park district to the
qualified electors within the proposed district described in section 4 of this ordinance.
SECTION 3. The King County manager of the records, elections and licensing
services division is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction to call and conduct a special
election and submit to the registered voters within the subject area the proposition set
forth in section 3 of this ordinance. The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and
directed to transmit the proposition to the manager of the records, elections and licensing
division in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or
modifications in the ballot title as may be required for the proposition listed below by the
King County prosecutor:

PROPOSITION 1: King County Ordinance No. 14505 and City of North Bend
Resolution No. ____ jointly propose the creation of the Si View Metropolitan Park
District with boundaries coterminous with the combined area of the city of North Bend
and Fire District 38, excluding that portion of Fire District 38 within the city of
Snoqualmie. If approved, this proposition would create a metropolitan park district with
all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including, but not limited to, the authority
to levy a general tax on all property located in the District each year not to exceed
seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The District shall be
governed by a five member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

[] For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by a five
member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

[] Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

SECTION 4. The boundaries of the proposed metropolitan park district are
coterminous with the combined area of the city of North Bend and Fire District 38,
excluding that portion of Fire District 38 within the city of Snoqualmie, as fully described
in Exhibit A.

SECTION 5. The manager of the records, elections and licensing services
division, is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters'
pamphlet, in accordance with K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the election.

SECTION 6. The manager of the records, elections and licensing division is requested to include a ballot measure that shall elect five park commissioners of the district, as set forth in RCW 35.61.050, and to set, announce and hold a special filing period for those positions.

SECTION 7. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that the enactment of this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. This emergency arises as a result of the fiscal crisis that is forcing the county to make major cuts in non-mandated government services such as parks that are funded by the county current expense fund. To address this challenge with regard to continuing the uninterrupted operation and maintenance of the Si View community center, pool and park it is necessary to immediately approve the presentation to the voters of the proposition set forth in this ordinance for the creation of the Si View Metropolitan Park District. Immediate approval is necessary to meet the deadlines in chapter 35.61 RCW and to allow this proposition to be on the ballot for a special election on the earliest possible date, which is February 4, 2003.

SECTION 8. This ordinance is contingent upon and will not become effective unless, on or before October 21, 2002, the city of North Bend adopts a resolution requesting that a proposition in substantially the same form as that authorized by this ordinance be placed on the ballot of a special election on February 4, 2003. This
ordinance will become effective when the city of North Bend adopts such a resolution, provided that the resolution is adopted on or before October 21, 2002.

Ordinance 14505 was introduced on 10/14/2002 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/14/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2002.

Attachments A. Legal Description for the proposed Si View Metropolitan Park District