

1 FILE NO. _____ PROPOSAL NO. R2001-24

2 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Harold Moss, Karen Biskey, Wendell
3 Brown, Calvin Goings, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett

4 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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6 RESOLUTION NO. R2001-24

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8 A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THAT A
9 REGIONAL POWER SHORTAGE EXISTS; AND CALLING UPON ALL
10 COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, BUSINESSES,
11 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AND THE RESIDENTS OF PIERCE
12 COUNTY TO CONSERVE POWER AND TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE
13 ACTION TO MEET A MINIMUM TWENTY PERCENT COMMUNITY
14 CONSERVATION GOAL.

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16 WHEREAS, The unusually low precipitation this past summer and
17 fall has resulted in lower than normal hydroelectric power
18 generation, and this shortage of electric power is further
19 exacerbated during cold weather periods because of increased power
20 consumption; and

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22 WHEREAS, Local generation capacity is adversely affected by
23 the low levels of water in the reservoirs; and

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25 WHEREAS, The wholesale market for electricity has been, and
26 continues to be, volatile with prices being extremely high; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Pierce County Council urges all of unincorporated
2 Pierce County to undertake voluntary power conservation measures;

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4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:

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8 Section 1. Because of the Regional power shortage that
9 currently exists, the Pierce County Council hereby calls upon all
10 County health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies,
11 including schools, military bases, and residents to conserve power
12 and take every feasible action to meet a minimum 20 percent
13 community conservation goal. These entities are urged to limit all
14 indoor and exterior lighting, especially after normal business
15 hours, except to conduct business and assure safety.

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17 Section 2. The Council further urges that all entities turn
18 water heaters down to 120 degrees, if possible, reduce thermostat
19 settings to 68 degrees during business and waking hours, and lower
20 thermostat settings and turn off lights, appliances, and computers
21 when not in use.

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23 Section 3. Residents are encouraged to take shorter showers,
24 run only full dishwasher loads, turn off the electric dry feature,
25 and use cold water for laundry, use microwave ovens instead of
26 conventional ovens, and turn off hot tubs and electronic equipment
27 when not in use.

1 Section 4. The County Council hereby requests that the County
2 Executive direct the curtailment of power use by all County
3 Departments, and consistent with the public health and safety,
4 reduce street and parking lighting, and turn off all other indoor
5 and outdoor optional lighting displays.

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7 Section 5. The County Councilmembers hereby assert their
8 commitment to personally abide by the requests of this Resolution
9 at the Office and at home, to do their part in addressing the
10 current energy crisis.

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12 ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2001.

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14 ATTEST:

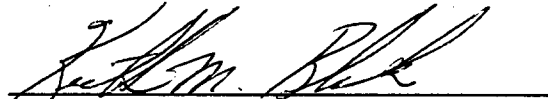
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
PIERCE COUNTY, Washington

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Clerk of the Council



Council Chair

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19 Approved As To Form Only:

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22 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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