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- WHEREAS, the Seattle Planning Commission in 1954 issued a report entitled "Planning for Recreation" which identified the desirability of setting aside urban greenbelts as buffer strips between residential and industrial areas and to protect slide prone areas from development; and
- WHEREAS, the 1957 Seattle Comprehensive Plan included and adopted greenbelts as a part of the Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle voters approved appropriating more than \$900,000 of 1968 Forward Thrust Park Bonds for acquisition of greenbelts, which funds have been expended and committed pursuant to a greenbelt acquisition plan and there are no further acquisitions of greenbelt areas contemplated under that plan or otherwise; and
- WHEREAS, in 1973 the Seattle City Council adopted the Seattle 2000 Commission goals and objectives as amended which provided in Goal "E" that greenbelts should be part of an "integrated arrangement of open space throughout the City"; and
- WHEREAS, in 1977, the City Council adopted the Urban Greenbelt Plan (Resolution 25670), designating certain areas of the City as greenbelt, incorporating the Urban Greenbelt Plan as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and calling for limited acquisition of properties and for regulation through amendments to the Zoning Code in order to implement the Plan; and
- WHEREAS, in 1978, the City Council adopted Resolution 25785, calling for the replacement of the City's Comprehensive Plan with a new Land Use Policy Plan, known as Seattle's Land Use Policies, and designating the Open Space element as the fifth of six sections to be developed and adopted; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution 25785 called for completion of development and consideration of all sections of the Land Use Policies by September, 1980; and
- WHEREAS, Council adoption of the first element, the Single Family Policies, did not occur until May, 1979, and the second element, the Multifamily Policies, was not adopted until July, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in the fall of 1979 approved revising the 1979-80 Comprehensive Land Use Plan element 1 of the Policy Planning Agenda with the effect that the development of Open Space policies would not be initiated 2 in 1980-81 but would be preceded by the development of the Downtown policies; and 3 WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Urban Greenbelt Plan in 1977 landslides and development have caused the destruction of landscape and vegetation in greenbelt areas; and 5 WHEREAS, The City Council Community and Governmental Relations Committee held a public hearing on April 27, 1983 at which 6 testimony supported Council Bill 103619 which proposed to establish standards, on an emergency temporary basis, for 7 development within the greenbelts; and 8 WHEREAS, The City Council passed Council Bill 103619 (Ordinance No. 111098) on May 2d, 1983 which established standards for development of property within the greenbelts and 9 which was to be in effect for eight months while the permanent Greenbelt Overlay District Zoning regulations 10 were being developed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on December 19, 1983 passed Council Council Bill 104060 which extended the expiration date of the interim greenbelt regulations to April 1, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the City still intends to prepare a comprehensive policy review of greenbelts and other related issues in the Public Lands/Open Space element of the Land Use Policies; and

WHEREAS, the land designated in the 1977 Urban Greenbelt Plan is approximately 900 acres and posting of notice on all properties was deemed impracticable, the City Council provided notice to the public of the proposed Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations and map amendments by publishing notice in the Land Use Information Service and the Daily Journal of Commerce in June and September of 1983; mailed notice and information about the proposal to all known property owners of greenbelt properties in June and September of 1983; and mailed notice of all Community and Governmental Relations Committee meetings to a mailing list of over three hundred interested individuals; and

WHEREAS, in addition, before making the Mayor's recommendation for a Greenbelt Overlay, the Executive held six public meetings and provided public notice on two occasions in newspapers of community and city-wide circulation, and by mailing to all community groups, greenbelt interest groups and all people who had expressed an interest in the Land Use Policy project (over 3000 people); and

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WHEREAS, the City Council held two public hearings on the proposed Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations on July 14 and October 18, 1983, and members of the City Council's Community and Governmental Relations Committee visited many of the properties proposed to be included in the Overlay District, including properties about which any question had been raised as to whether or not they should continue to be included in the greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Governmental Relations Committee considered the proposed permanent Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations and maps at approximately fifteen public meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council in enacting the Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations to advance and to implement the previously adopted goals and policies of the City referred to above relating to the greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council that the Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations shall be administered and interpreted in a manner which will carry out the following primary purpose and goals of the regulations:

- Provide or encourage permanent buffers between incompatible land uses and mitigate the effects of noise and air pollution;
- Limit development of environmentally sensitive areas or areas unsuitable for building because of earthslide hazard, flood hazard, drainage problems or impractibility of service by public utilities or facilities;
- 3. Maintain belts of natural landscape and habitat for wildlife within Seattle;
- 4. Promote and maintain the visual identity of separate and distinct districts by relieving the monotony of continuous urban development; and
- 5. Permit reasonable development of private property within greenbelt areas in a manner consistent with the City's goals and policies for greenbelts while retaining an optimum amount of property in an undisturbed or restored natural state.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is added to Title 23 of the Seattle
Municipal Code, the Land Use Code of The City of Seattle
(Ordinances 110381 and 110570, as amended) a new Chapter 23.70,

entitled "Greenbelt Overlay District", which shall apply to all land identified as such on a series of maps as shown in Exhibit "GB", attached and incorporated herein, and which shall be shown on the Official Land Use Map, Exhibit "A" to read as follows:

### 23.70.10 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Urban Greenbelt Plan, Resolution 25670, by regulating development of the City's urban greenbelts in order to:

- A. Provide or encourage permanent buffers between incompatible land uses and mitigate the effects of noise and air pollution;
- B. Limit development of environmentally sensitive areas or areas unsuitable for building because of earthslide hazard, flood hazard, drainage problems or impractibility of service by public utilities or facilities;
- C. Maintain belts of natural landscape and habitat for wildlife within Seattle;
- D. Promote and maintain the visual identity of separate and distinct districts by relieving the monotony of continuous urban development; and
- E. Permit reasonable development of property within greenbelt areas in a manner consistent with the City's goals and policies for greenbelts while retaining an optimum amount of property in an undisturbed or restored natural state.

### 23.70.20 ESTABLISHMENT OF GREENBELT OVERLAY DISTRICT

There is established, pursuant to Chapter 23.56 of the Seattle Municipal Code, the Greenbelt Overlay District as shown on Exhibit "A" of the Official Land Use Map of The City of Seattle.

### 23.70.30 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

All property located within the Greenbelt Overlay
District shall be subject to both the requirements of its
zone classification and to the requirements imposed for the
Greenbelt Overlay District. In any case where the provisions
of the Greenbelt Overlay District conflict with the provisions
of the underlying zone, the Greenbelt Overlay District shall
apply.

### 23.70.40 GREENBELT OVERLAY DISTRICT STANDARDS

All property within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall be retained in its natural state. No trees may be cut, pruned, topped or otherwise damaged, destroyed or removed, and no grading or filling shall be permitted, except as follows:

- A. Selective cutting, pruning or topping of trees permitted by the Park Horticulturalist pursuant to standards promulgated under Chapter 3.02, Administrative Code. Such cutting, pruning or topping shall not be permitted where it would cause significant harm to the visual continuity or wildlife habitat value of the greenbelt, and may be permitted only if necessary to:
  - enhance either the wildlife habitat or the value of the remaining vegetation; or

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- provide slope stabilization to prevent damage to property; or
- 3. clear areas when required by the Fire Depart-ment; or
- 4. preserve views from the subject lot or any lot abutting the subject lot.
- B. Clearing of a temporary swath as minimal in area as possible, with subsequent restoration, permitted by the Director when necessary for the construction of sewer lines, utilities, or in order to obtain environmental or soils information requested by the Director.
- C. Removal of standing and fallen dead trees and limbs if the Park Horticulturalist finds that they create a significant threat of injury to persons or to property.
- D. Selective cutting, pruning or topping of any tree of three-inch caliper or less, measured three feet above ground, whose trunk is within twenty feet of a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983.
- E. Cutting, pruning, topping, or clearing reasonably necessary to alter or add to a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983, without designating a greenbelt preserve or restored greenbelt preserve, if such alterations or additions do not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply.

F. Clearing, developing, subdividing, or short subdividing for lots after a greenbelt preserve and restored greenbelt preserve have been designated as provided in Sections 23.70.50 and 23.70.60.

### 23.70.50 GREENBELT PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Each lot which is proposed for development, subdivision, or short subdivision which is either completely or partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall provide a greenbelt preserve; except that a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983 may be altered or added to without designating a greenbelt preserve if such alteration or addition does not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply. A site consisting of more than one lot, separated by only a street or alley, may be considered as a lot for purposes of this section.

The greenbelt preserve shall be provided so as to preserve the visual continuity, habitat value, slope stability and buffering characteristics of the greenbelt by preserving areas in their natural state, with as little disturbance as possible to the topography or vegetation.

#### A. DESIGNATION OF GREENBELT PRESERVE

1. Recording

The boundaries of the greenbelt preserve shall be designated and shall be recorded with the King County Department of Records and Elections.

2. Location of Greenbelt Preserve.
The greenbelt preserve shall be located on each lot so that to the greatest extent possible subsections a, b, and either or both c and d

are satisfied. Additionally, for any lot within a Manufacturing (M), General Industrial (IG), or Heavy Industrial (IH) underlying zone, the designated greenbelt preserve shall be located so that subsection e is also satisfied. For lots partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District, the greenbelt preserve may extend beyond that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District.

- a. The greenbelt preserve shall abut any publicly owned park or greenbelt area (excluding improved streets), or other privately owned greenbelt area.
- b. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to maximize the preservation and visual continuity of the surrounding greenbelt within which the property is located.
- c. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to preserve the largest possible number of significant trees or stands of trees on the site.
- d. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to include steep slopes and to retain vegetation which may stabilize them.
- e. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to abut and buffer any adjoining residentially zoned property, or any adjoining street right-of-way which abuts residentially zoned property.

#### 3. Area of Greenbelt Preserve

- a. Lots completely within the Greenbelt

  Overlay District, except where the underlying zone is Manufacturing (M), General

  Industrial (IG) or Heavy Industrial (IH),

  shall provide a greenbelt preserve that

  comprises not less than thirty percent

  of the lot area for lots of three thousand

  square feet or less. The greenbelt

  preserve area shall be increased by one
  percent for each one hundred square feet

  of lot area over three thousand square
  feet, to not less than fifty percent of
  the lot area for all lots of five thousand
  square feet or more.
- b. Lots completely within the Greenbelt Overlay District which are also within a Manufacturing (M), General Industrial (IG) or Heavy Industrial (IH) underlying zone shall provide a greenbelt preserve that comprises not less than forty percent of the lot area.
  - C. Lots partially within the Greenbelt Overlay
    District shall provide a greenbelt preserve
    area as provided in subsections a or b.
    The greenbelt preserve area shall be
    calculated upon only that portion of the
    lot which is within the Greenbelt Overlay
    District.

d. Yards and setbacks as required by the underlying zone may be located within the greenbelt preserve.

### 4. Contiguity

The greenbelt preserve shall be one contiguous area, except that one paved driveway with a maximum width of ten feet, or greater if required by City Ordinance, may be located through the greenbelt preserve and shall not be considerd as breaking the contiguity requirement. Such access shall not count as greenbelt preserve area and may be in addition to other access.

- 5. Minimum Dimensions
  The horizontal dimension of the greenbelt
  preserve shall be not less than ten feet.
- 6. Gross Floor Area Calculations
  For lots within underlying Manufacturing (M),
  General Industrial (IG), or Heavy Industrial
  (IH) zones, the area of property designated
  greenbelt preserve may be used to calculate
  the allowable gross floor area of the underlying
  zone.

### B. DEVELOPMENT WITHIN GREENBELT PRESERVE

1. Natural State

No tree within the greenbelt preserve shall be cut, cleared, topped or otherwise damaged, destroyed or removed, and no grading or filling shall be permitted, except that the provisions

of subsections 23.70.40 A(1)-(4), B, and C shall also apply for purposes of this section.

### 2. Structures

Structures shall not be permitted in the greenbelt preserve, with the following exceptions: fences; freestanding walls; stairs; access bridges; barrier-free access; and cornices, eaves, and gutters extending not more than eighteen inches.

### C. GREENBELT PRESERVE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

The Director may permit an exception from the location and contiguity requirements of subsections A(2) and A(4) for greenbelt preserve, using the special exception process of Section 23.76, Master Use Permit. In order to approve such an exception, the Director must evaluate the entire proposal and find that the proposed exception would enhance or preserve the visual continuity of the greenbelt, or would preserve an environmental feature such as a stream, watercourse, or significant tree(s) in a manner which is better than would a development which follows the development standards of subsection A(2), or subsection A(4). All exceptions must conform to the intent of the Urban Greenbelt Plan, Resolution 25670. No reduction in the greenbelt preserve area is allowed under this subsection.

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### 23.70.60 RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

In addition to the greenbelt preserve requirements of Section 23.70.50, each lot which is proposed for development, subdivision, or short subdivision which is either completely or partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall provide a restored greenbelt preserve; except that a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983 may be altered or added to without designating a restored greenbelt preserve if such alteration or addition does not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply. A site consisting of more than one lot, separated by only a street or alley, may be considered as one lot for purposes of this section. The restored greenbelt preserve is intended to preserve the visual continuity and habitat value of the greenbelt.

### A. RECORDING

The restored greenbelt preserve shall be designated and shall be recorded with the King County Department of Records and Elections.

### B. AREA OF RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE

1. In lots within underlying single family residential zones, the restored greenbelt preserve shall comprise not less than twenty percent of the lot area (or twenty percent of that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District).

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- 2. In lots within all other underlying zones, the restored greenbelt preserve shall comprise not less than ten percent of the lot area (or ten percent of that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District.)
- 3. The restored greenbelt preserve may be reduced in area by providing a commensurate increase in the greenbelt preserve.
- 4. Yards and setbacks as required by the underlying zone may be located within the restored green-belt preserve.
- C. DEVELOPMENT WITHIN RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE

  The restored greenbelt preserve may be temporarily disrupted during construction for development, but shall be replanted according to the following standards:
  - 1. Vegetation. The restored greenbelt preserve shall be replanted and landscaped with plantings emphasizing native vegetation so as to recreate or enhance the habitat value and visual continuity of the greenbelt, pursuant to standards promulgated under Chapter 3.02, the Administrative Code, and administered by the Director. Such standards shall be developed by the Director upon consideration of the recommendations of the Park Horticulturist the City Aborist, and the review of a committee of the City Council.

- 2. Structures. Structures are not permitted within the restored greenbelt preserve unless below finished grade, except that entrances, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, fences, and freestanding walls shall be permitted.
- Grade. Finished grade within the restored 3. greenbelt preserve shall have topographic contours which create a natural appearance, and shall be fully landscaped in accordance with subsection 1.
- RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR D. LOTS WITHIN UNDERLYING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

The Director may permit a reduction in the required restored greenbelt preserve to a minimum of ten percent of the lot area, using the special exception process of Section 23.76, Master Use Permit. order to approve such an exception, the Director must find that the topography or location of access to the site creates unusual difficulties in siting structures, driveways or parking areas, and that the development as proposed is sited to preserve the maximum visual continuity of the greenbelt.

23.70.70 SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR AREA - GREENBELT PRESERVE AND RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE

> If the Director finds that the site proposed for development presents difficulties for access, siting or design because of topography, soil conditions, slope instability, location of access to the site, or a similar physical characteristic

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of the land which cannot be overcome by the application of the location and contiguity special exception of 23.70.50C, and further finds that the application of all the requirements under the Land Use Code and other City requirements would result in a building footprint of less than twenty-five percent of the lot area, the Director may permit an exception to the location, contiguity and area requirements for greenbelt preserve and restored greenbelt preserve in order to allow a building footprint of up to twenty-five percent of the lot area, using the special exception process of Section 23.76, Master Use Permit. In order to approve such an exception, the Director must evaluate the entire proposal and shall employ the following criteria:

- a. the proposal meets the intent of the Urban Greenbelt Plan, Resolution 25670; and
- b. the proposed greenbelt preserve adequately protects trees and sloped areas; and
- c. surface parking is minimized; and
- d. the drainage control system satisfies the provisions of the grading and drainage provisions of Sections 22.800-806; and
- e. grading and filling activity is minimized;and
- f. roads and driveway access are minimized, to the extent that it is consistent with both City requirements and with the goal of minimizing grading and filling.

In applying the foregoing criteria to the proposal, the Director shall have the authority to require changes in the proposed project design, such as relocation of proposed structures, roadways and parking areas. The area requirements of Section 23.70.50A(3) for greenbelt preserve shall not in any event be reduced by more than ten percent of the lot area under this special exception.

## 23.70.80 OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOTS LOCATED IN RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY ZONES.

A lot proposed for development within the Greenbelt Overlay District and located in an underlying multi-family residential zone shall provide open space as required by the underlying zone, except as follows:

- A. For lots completely within the Greenbelt Overlay
  District, the area of open space otherwise required
  by the underlying zone is reduced by one-half. The
  open space shall not be located within the greenbelt
  preserve or the restored greenbelt preserve.
- B. For lots partially within the Greenbelt Overlay
  District, the area of open space otherwise required
  by the underlying zone is reduced by one-half for
  that portion of the lot within the District. For
  the portion of the lot outside the Greenbelt Overlay
  District, the required open space shall continue
  to be the area required by the underlying zone.
  The open space shall not be located within the
  greenbelt preserve or the restored greenbelt preserve.
- C. For lots located in a multi-family residential Lowrise 2 underlying zone, the provisions of Section 23.45.44A(2)(b), which allows required open

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space for apartments to be provided above ground in the form of decks, balconies and roof gardens, shall also apply.

### 23.70.90 AREA AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Each lot proposed for development within the Greenbelt
Overlay District and located in any underlying single-family
residential zone shall comply with the following lot area
and lot coverage requirements:

- A. Minimum Lot Area. The minimum lot area shall be nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet, and the lot area exception of Section 23.44.10(B) shall not apply, except as follows:
  - If the lot area deficit was the result of a dedication or sale of a portion of the lot to the City for greenbelt preservation and the lot area remaining is at least four thousand eight hundred (4,800) square feet;
  - 2. If the lot was established as a separate building site in the public records of the County or City prior to June 1, 1983 by deed, contract of sale, mortgage, property tax segregation, platting or building permit.
- B. <u>Maximum Lot Coverage</u>. The lot coverage for principal and accessory structures shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the lot area, and the lot coverage exceptions of Section 23.44.10 (D) shall not apply.

## 23.70.100 GREENBELT CLUSTERING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

A. Development pursuant to the requirements of the Greenbelt Overlay District for multi-family residential Lowrise 1 may be permitted in a single-family zone, subject to the following standards:

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- (1) Lots less than nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet in area shall be limited to a maximum density of one dwelling unit per platted lot;
- (2) Lots nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet or greater in area shall be limited to a maximum density of 1.2 dwelling units per nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet, except that for each five percent of lot area provided as greenbelt preserve in excess of that required by Section 23.70.50(A)(3), the number of units permitted by this subsection may be increased by an additional .1 dwelling unit per nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet of total lot area.
- B. The provisions of Section 23.44.24 Planned Residential Development shall not apply in the Greenbelt Overlay District.

  23.70.110 VIOLATIONS CORRECTIVE ACTIONS REQUIRED

In the event of violations of the standards or requirements of this chapter, the required corrective action shall include, but is not limited to, mitigating measures such as restoration of the area and replacement of damaged or destroyed trees.

### 23.70.120 VESTING OF LAND USE PERMITS

The special transition rules contained in Section 23.04.10D shall be inapplicable to this chapter. The provisions of the Greenbelt Overlay District regulations shall apply to all property within the District unless a land use approval has been issued by the Director prior to the effective date of this chapter as provided in Section 23.76.40, Vesting of Land Use Approvals.

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Section 2. Subsection H of Section 23.34.28(H) is amended to read as follows:

#### General Rezone Criteria 23. 24. 28

In evaluating requests for a zoning change, the following factors shall be considered:

#### н. Greenbelt Plan

((If the area is included in the Greenbelt Plan as adopted by Resolution 25670, the purpose and boundaries of the Greenbelt Plan shall be considered.)) If any portion of the area is within the Greenbelt Overlay District the intent of the Urban Greenbelt Plan as adopted by Resolution 25670 to preserve Greenbelts shall given special consideration when evaluating be any rezone application to a zoning designation allowing a more intensive use. Specific issues to be considered include but are not limited to the preservation or enhancement of: wildlife habitat, trees, buffering characteristics, slope stabilization effects, and the visual continuity of the greenbelt.

Section 3. Section 23.84.14 is amended to add new subsections to read as follows:

### Greenbelt

((Greenbelts are areas either publicly or privately owned which the Council has designated in the Urban Greenbelt Plan, Resolution 25670, to be left primarily in their natural state. These areas are intended to provide or encourage permanent buffers

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between incompatible land uses, prevent development
of environmentally sensitive areas and maintain areas
of natural habitat for wildlife. An area located
within and without the Greenbelt Overlay District
which is required by easement, dedication or the
application of the Greenbelt Overlay District
provisions to be left primarily in its natural state.

### Greenbelt Overlay District

Land so designated and shown on the Land Use Map entitled Exhibit "A".

### <u>Greenbelt Preserve</u>

Land in the Greenbelt Overlay District so designated prior to any development, subdivision, or short subdivision of a lot or lots and required to be left in its natural state.

### Greenbelt Preserve, Restored

Land in the Greenbelt Overlay District so designated prior to any development, subdivision, or short subdivision of a lot or lots which is allowed to be temporarily disrupted during construction but which is subsequently replanted and restored with plantings emphasizing native vegetation and is then required to be left in that state.

Section 4. Section 23.76.06 is amended to add a new subsection "H" to read as follows:

### 23.76.06 Master Use Permit Required

A Master Use Permit is required for each of the following Department approvals:

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H. <u>Establishments of greenbelt preserves and restored</u> greenbelt preserves.

Section 5. Subsection E of Section 23.76.14 is amended to read as follows:

### 23.76.14 Notice of Application

- E. No notice of application is required for a temporary three week use or for the following Master Use Permit approvals if they are determined to be exempt from SEPA.
  - Establishment or change of use permitted outright.
  - 2. Curb cuts; landscaping associated with development proposals; additional on-street parking; street and alley improvements.
  - 3. Lot boundary adjustments.
  - 4. Establishment of greenbelt preserves and restored greenbelt preserves.

Section 6. Section 23.90.24 is amended to add a new subsection B and to renumber the present subsection B as subsection C, to read as follows:

### 23.90.24 CIVIL PENALTY

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- B. In addition to the penalties imposed by subsection A,

  the penalty for violations of the Greenbelt Overlay

  District standards and requirements shall be a fine

  not to exceed One Thousand Dollars per occurrence.
- ((B.))C. The penalty imposed by this Section shall be collected by civil action brought in the name of the City and commenced in the Municipal Court. The Director shall notify the City Attorney in writing of the name of

any person subject to the penalty and the amount of the penalty and the City Attorney shall, with the assistance of the Director, take appropriate action to collect the penalty.

The violator may show as full or partial mitigation of liability:

- That the violation giving rise to the action was caused by the willful act, or neglect, or abuse of another; or
- 2. That corrrection of the violation was commenced promptly upon receipt of notice thereof, but that full compliance within the time specified was prevented by inability to obtain necessary materials or labor, inability to gain access to the subject structure, or other condition or circumstance beyond the control of the defendant.

Section 7. Chapter 23.68 of Title 23 establishing the Interim Greenbelt Overlay District, is repealed subject to the automatic revival provisions of Section 8.

### Section 8. SEVERABILITY AND REVIVAL

The Greenbelt Overlay District regulations are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other portion or any part adopted by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisidiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of the Greenbelt Overlay District. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or any portion is adjudged invalid

or unconstitutional as applied to a particular property, use, building, or other structure, the application of such portion of the Greenbelt Overlay District to other property, use or structure shall not be affected.

In the event that all or substantially all of these regulations are for any reason adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the affected property within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall then be regulated by the Interim Greenbelt Overlay District regulations of Ch. 23.68 (Ordinance No. 111098), without further action by the City Council, and such regulations shall remain in effect for a period of six months following final adjudication of invalidity.

Section 9. This City-initiated text and map amendment to the Land Use Code implementing the policies of Resolution 25670 is not a "defined phase" in the enactment of the Land Use Code as that term is used in Section 23.34.18(B), as the Greenbelt Plan was adopted prior to the identification of such phases. Notwithstanding such distinction, this ordinance contains new provisions of city-wide application and the Council itself should conduct the public hearing on the amendment and it should be considered in the same manner as are defined phases. Accordingly, the notice and hearing requirements of Section 23.34.18(B) shall be applicable and the requirements of Section 23.34.18(A) are hereby superseded for purposes of this ordinance.

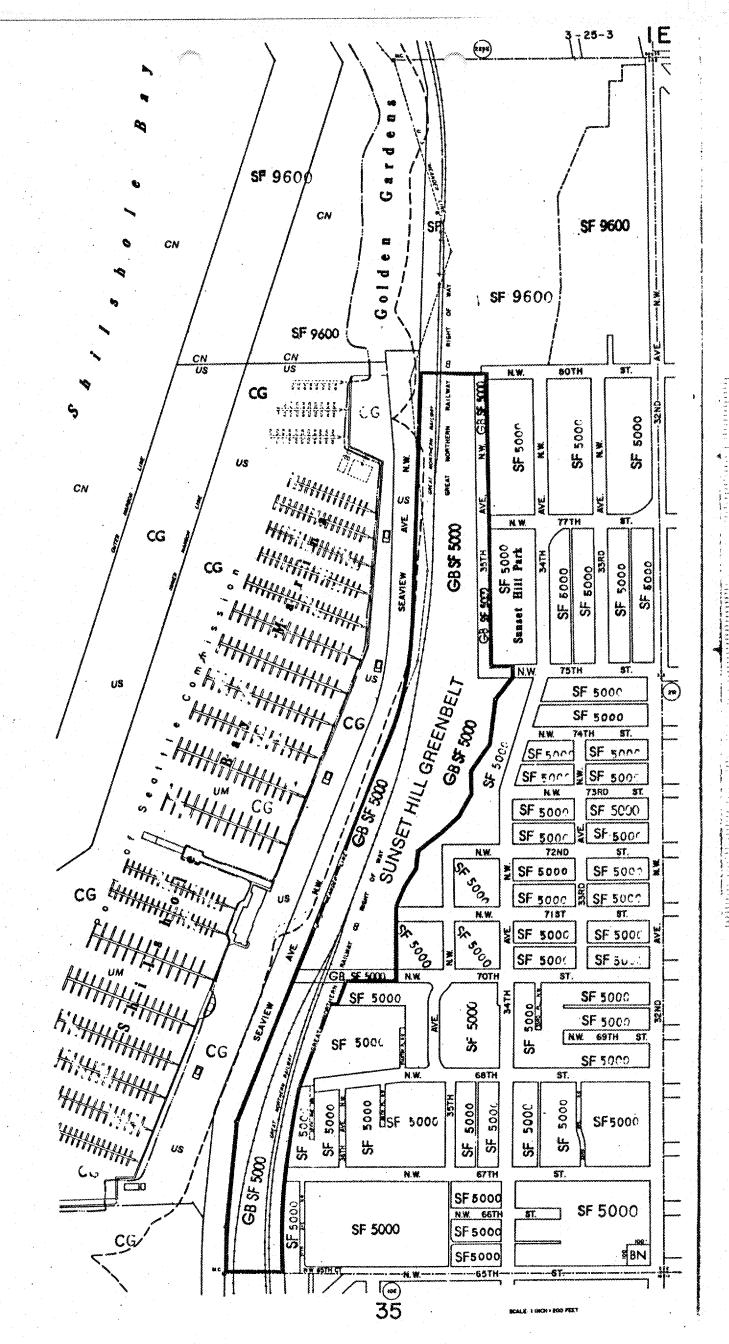
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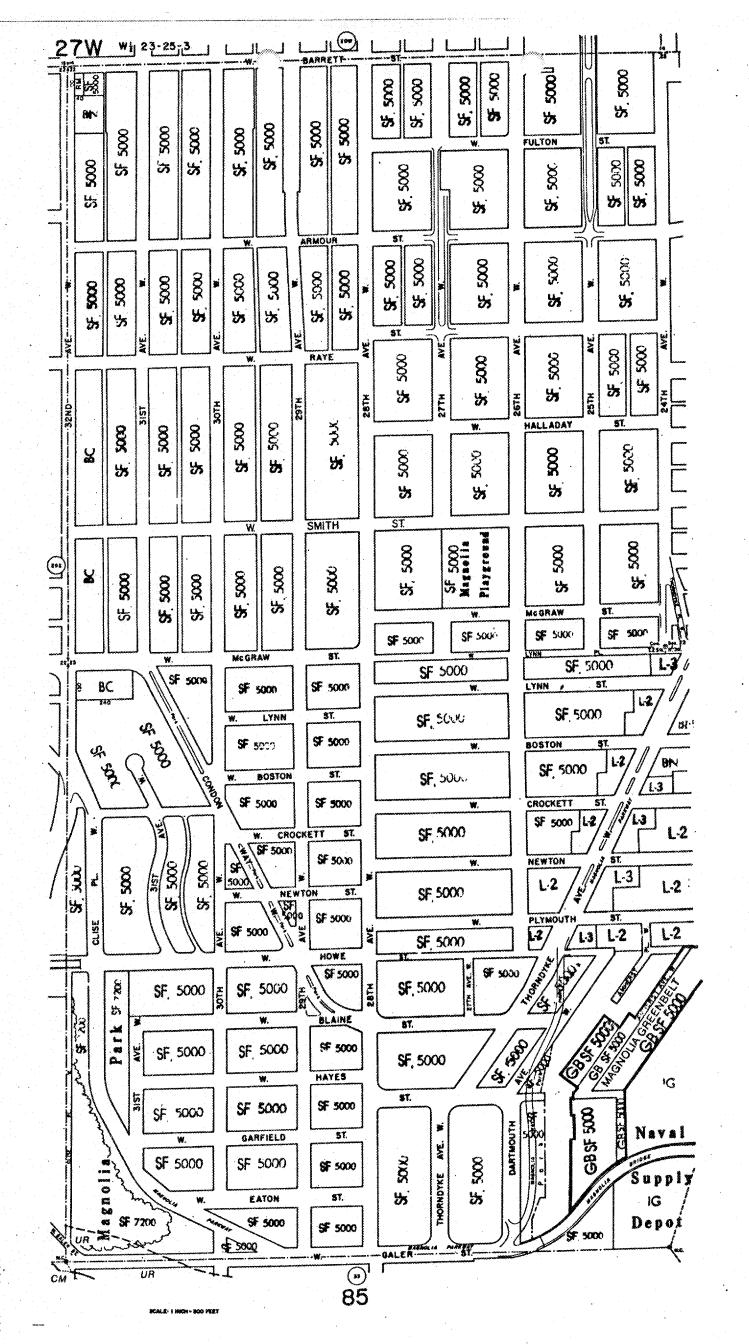
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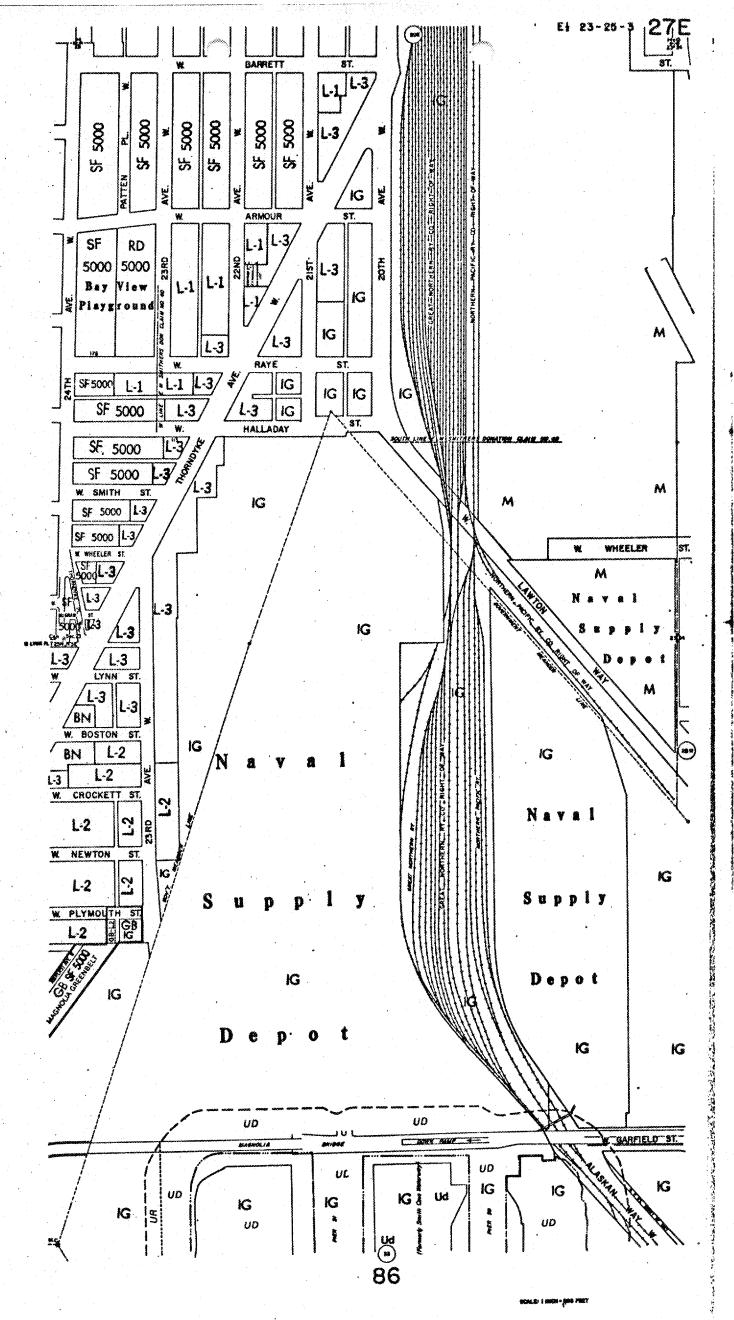
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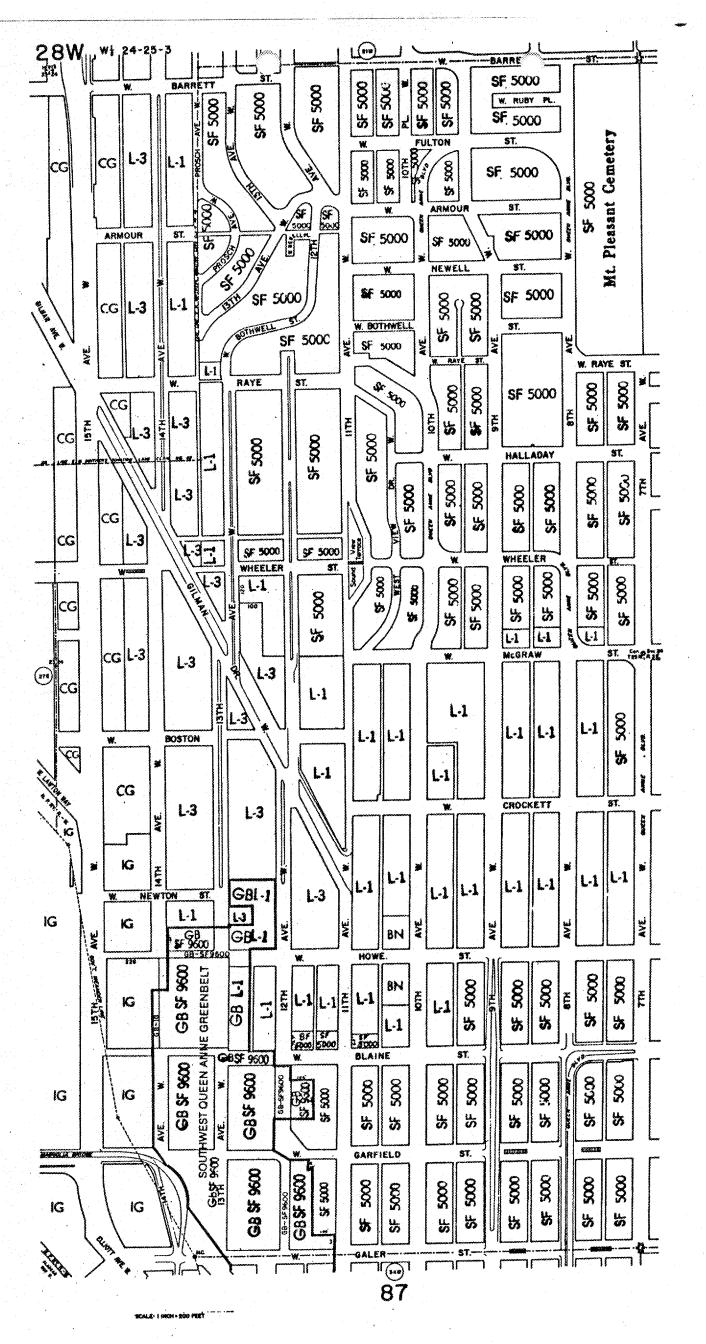




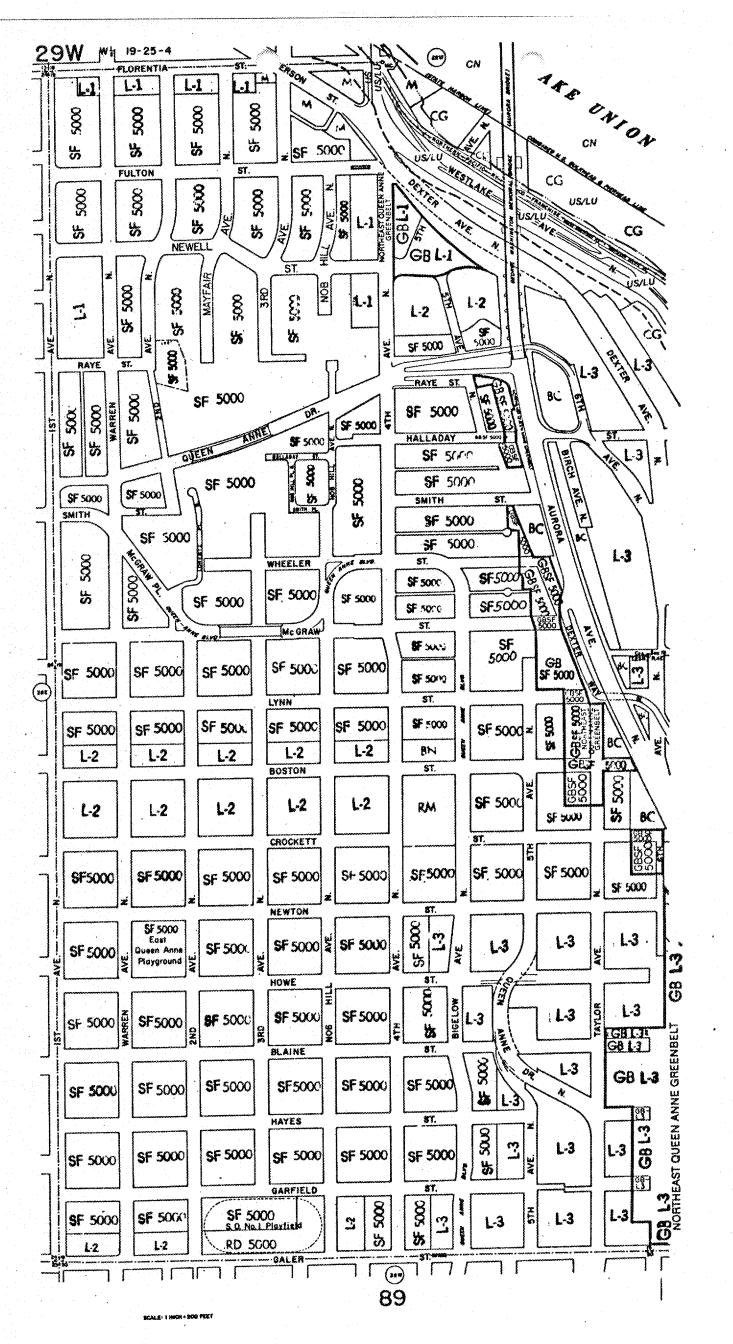
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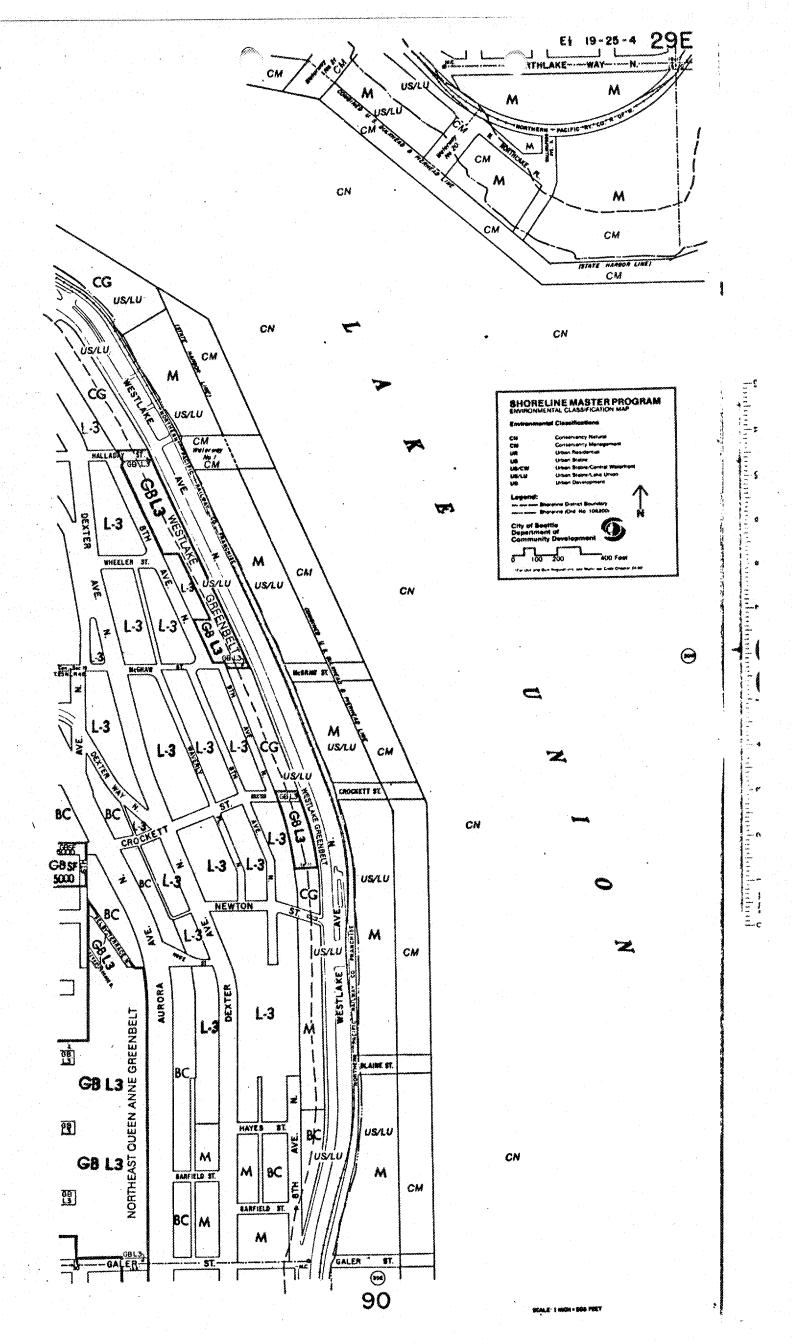


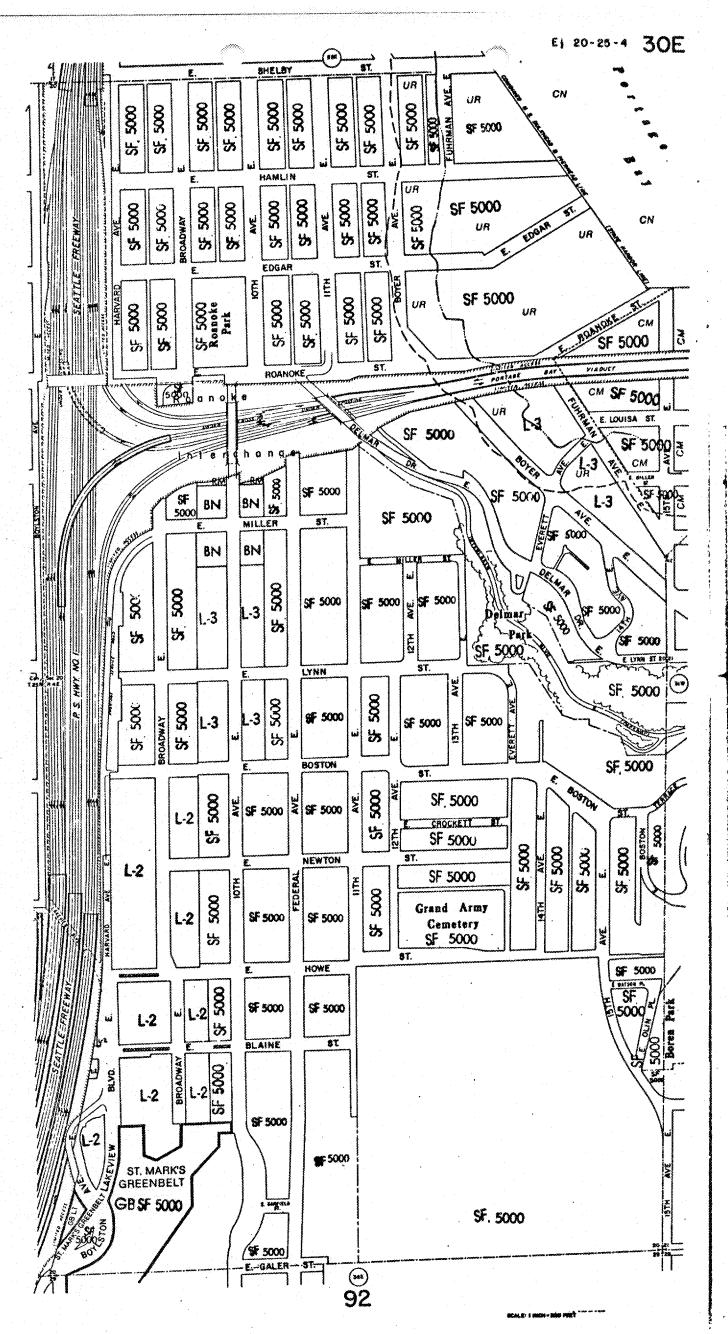
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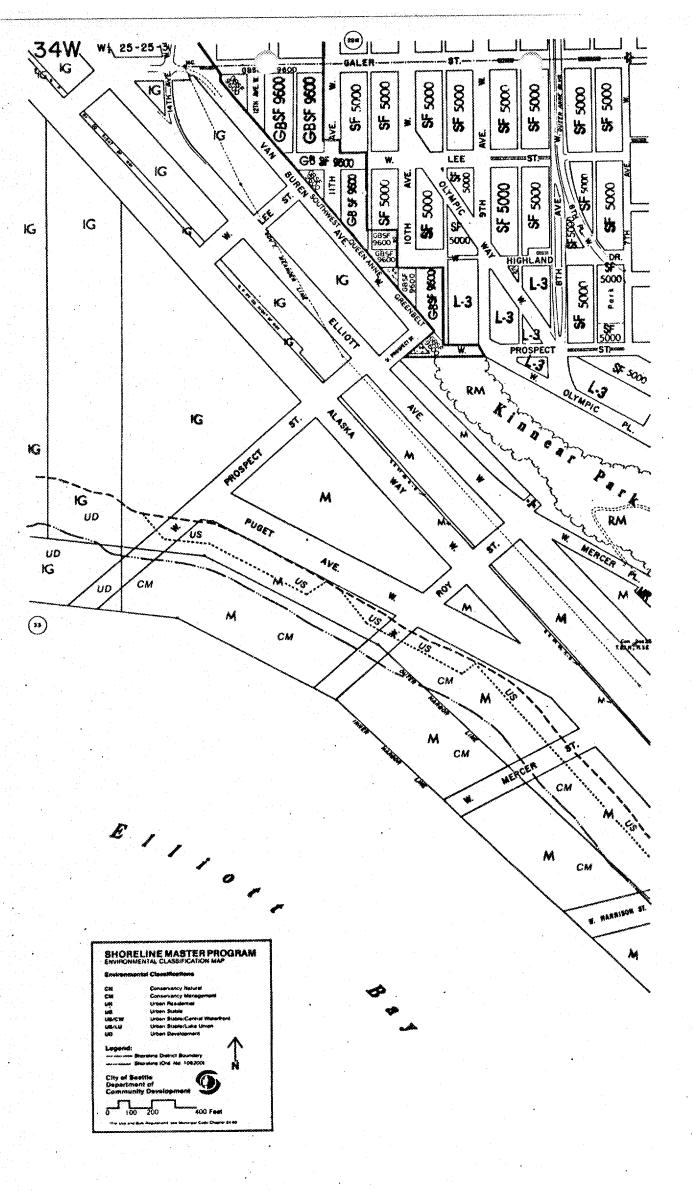
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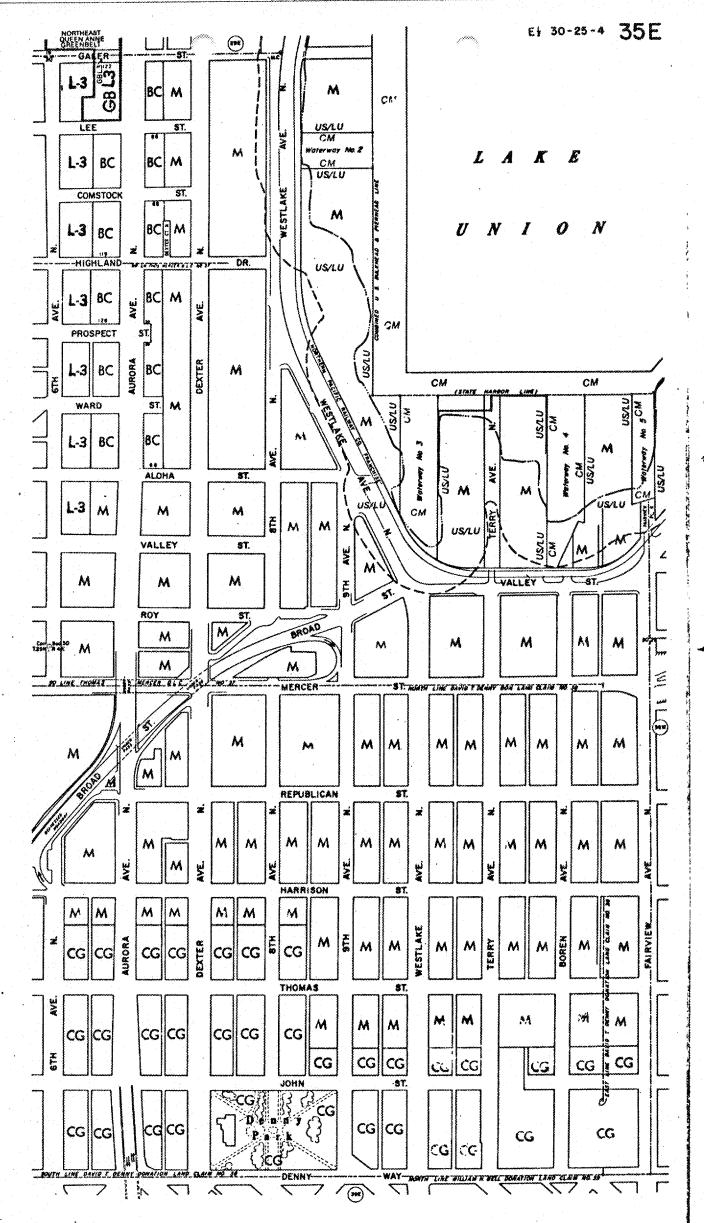




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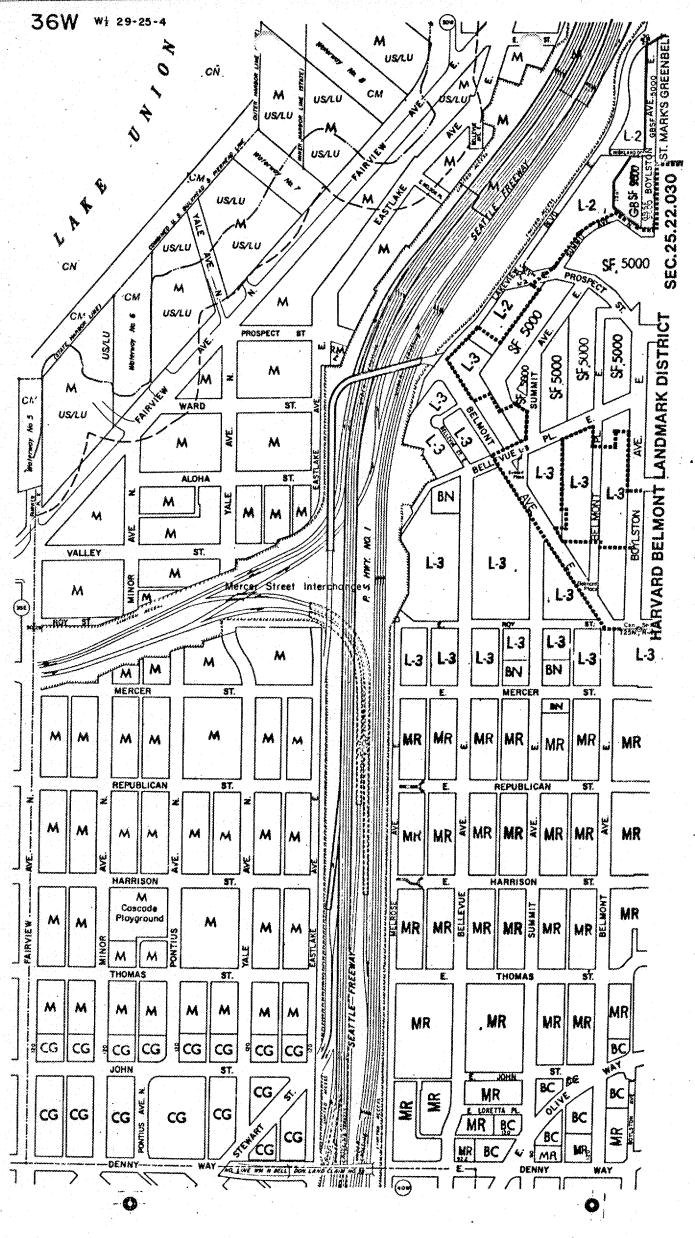
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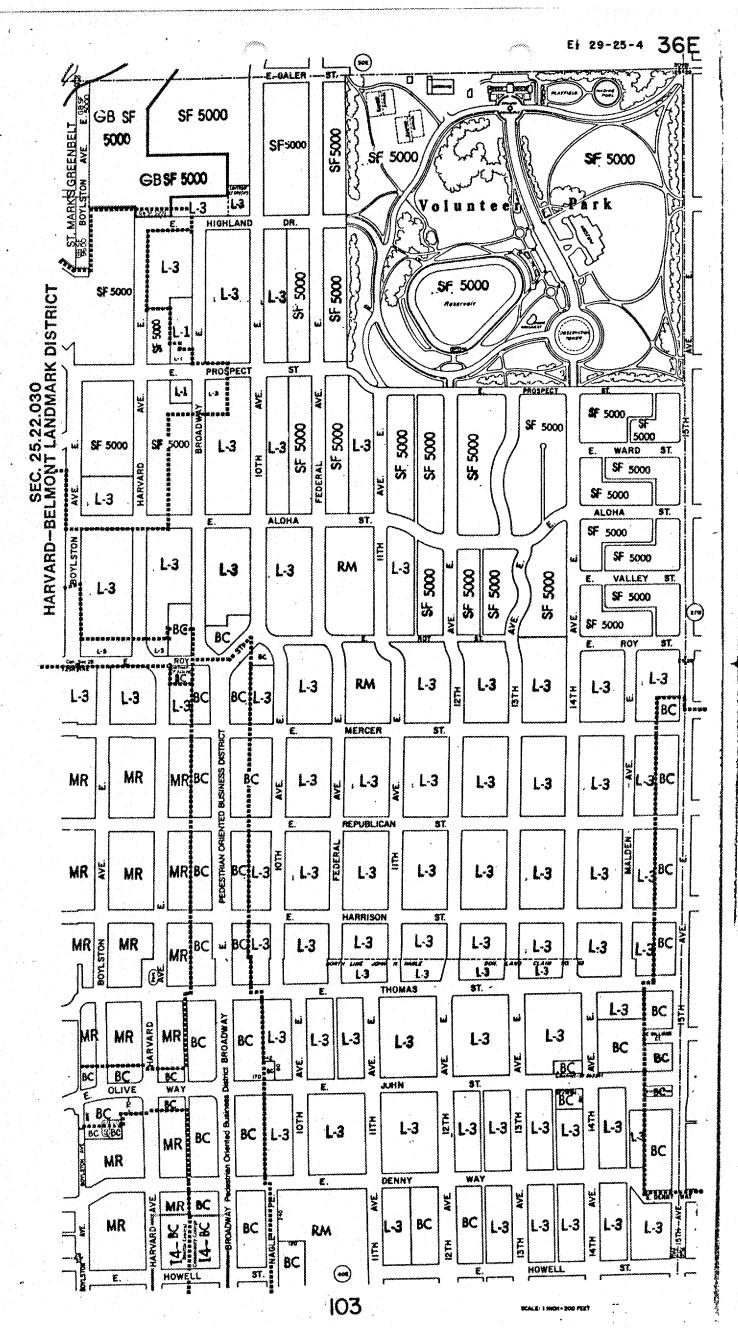


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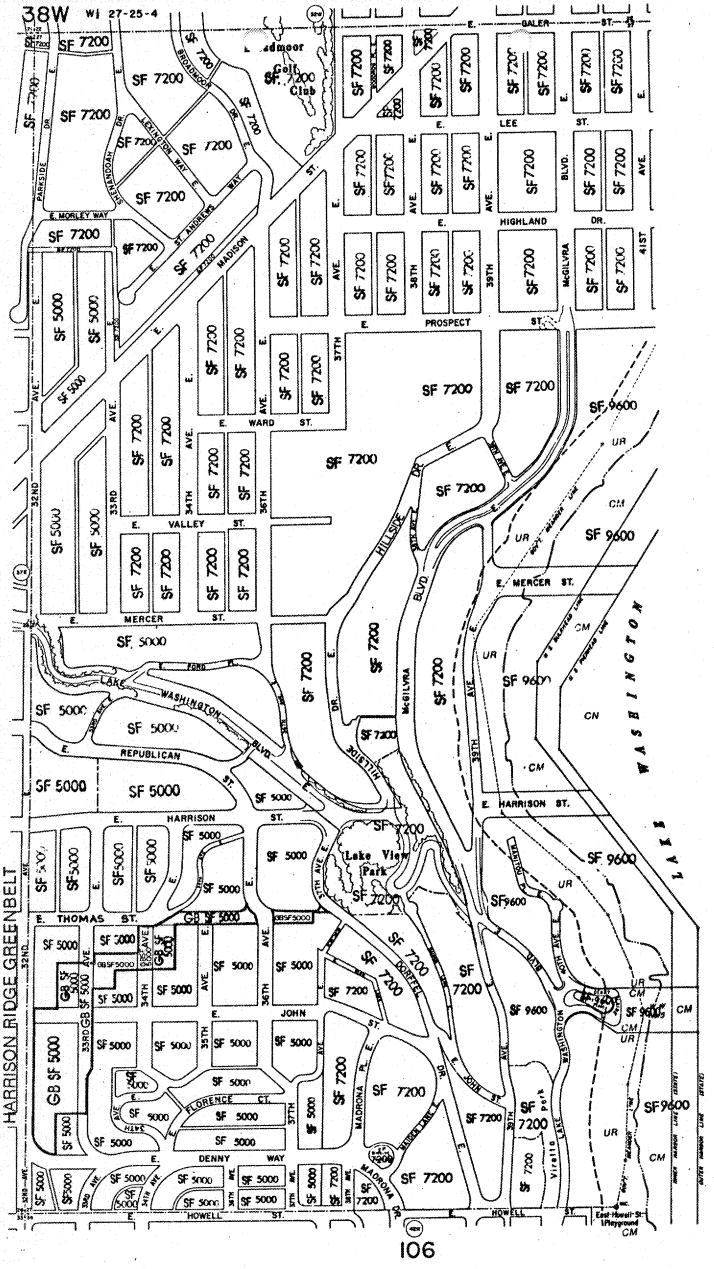
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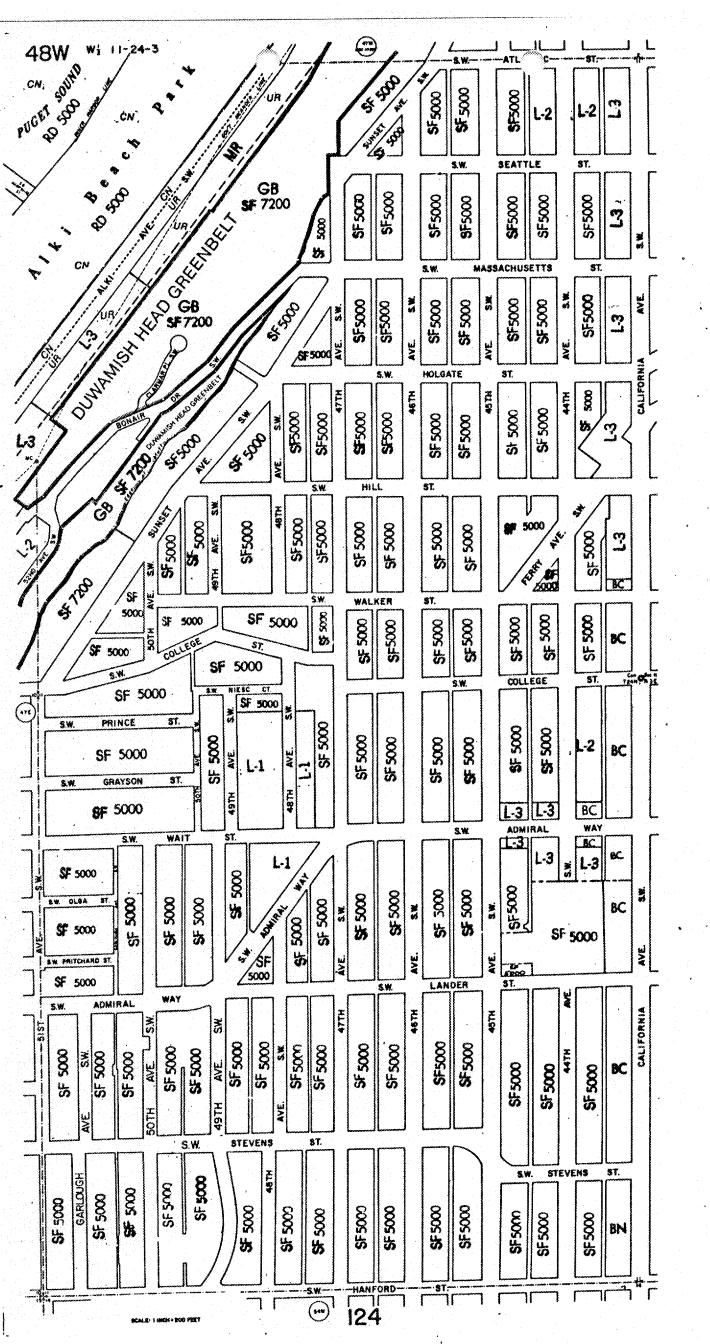




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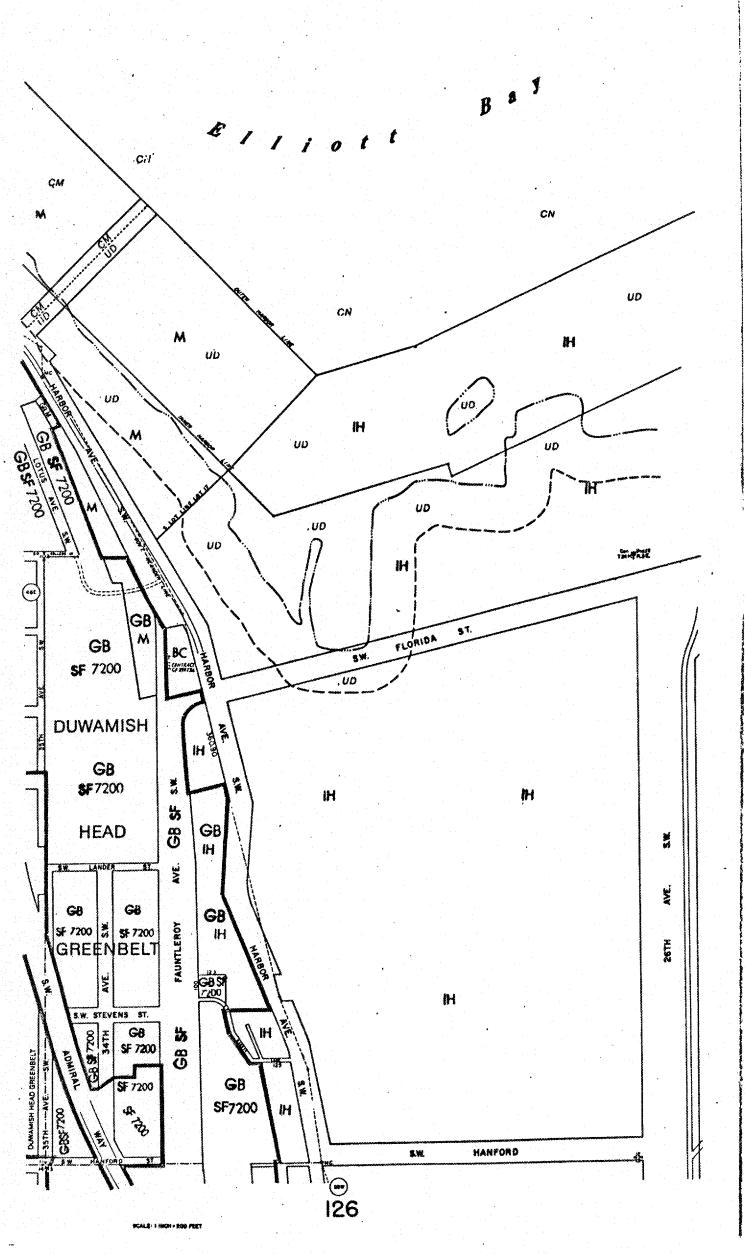


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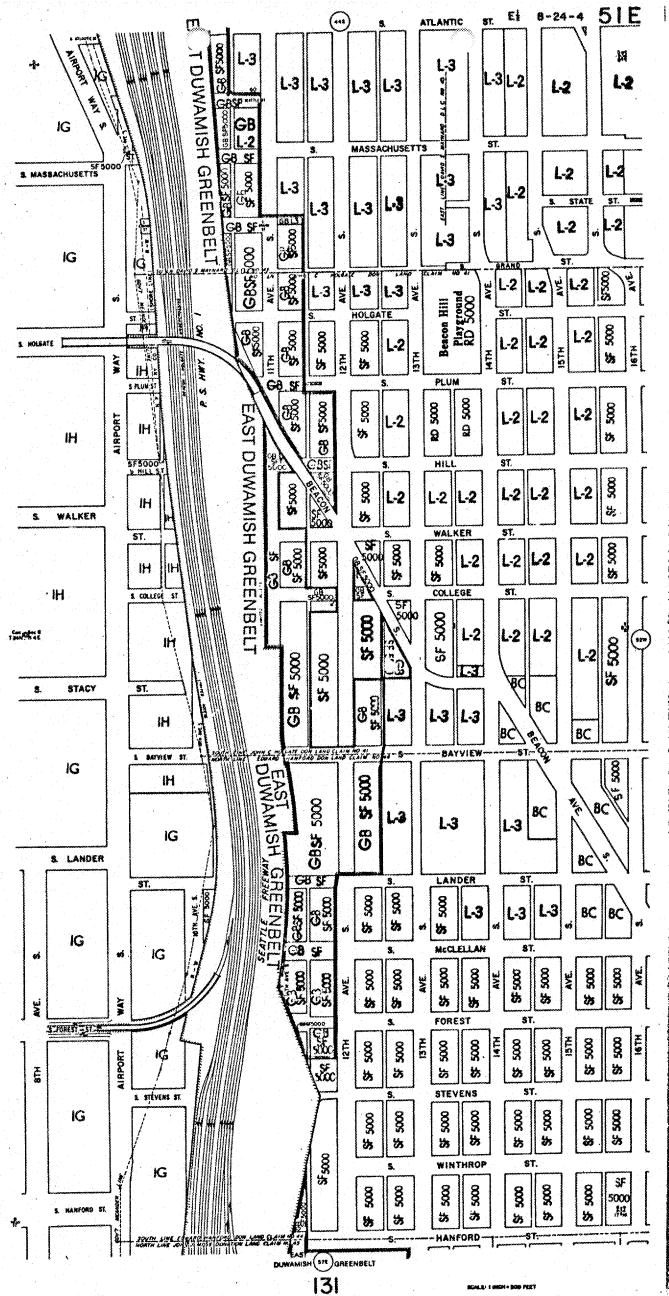


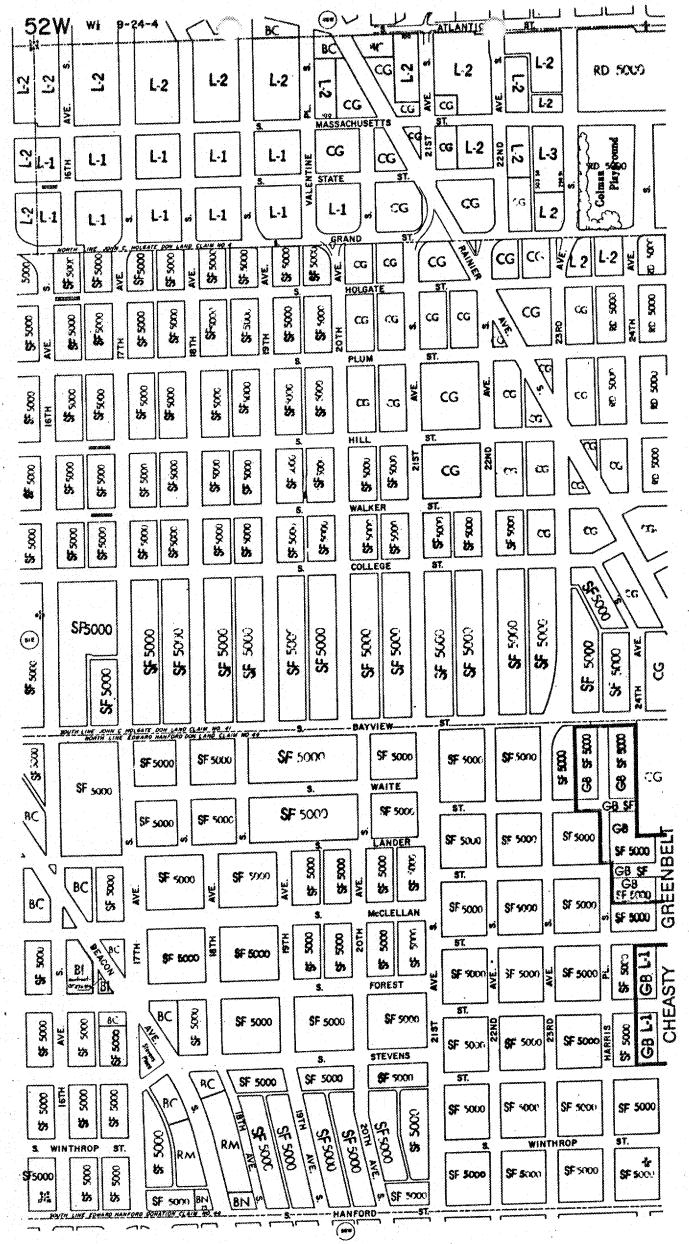
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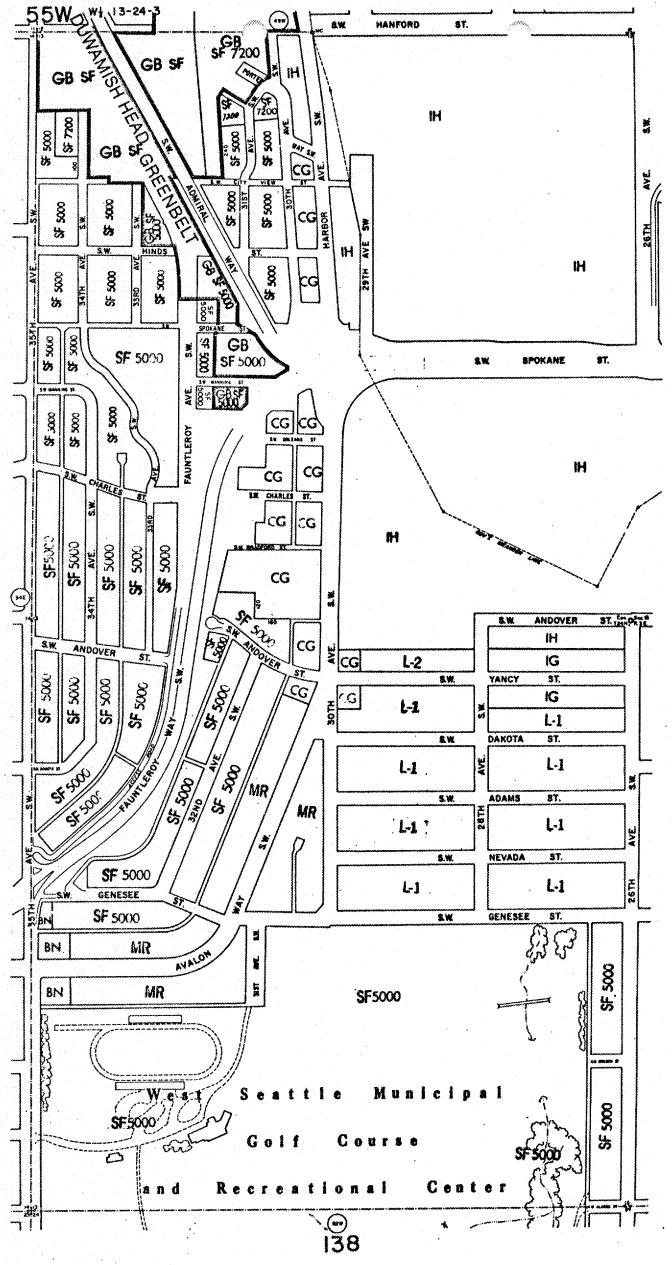


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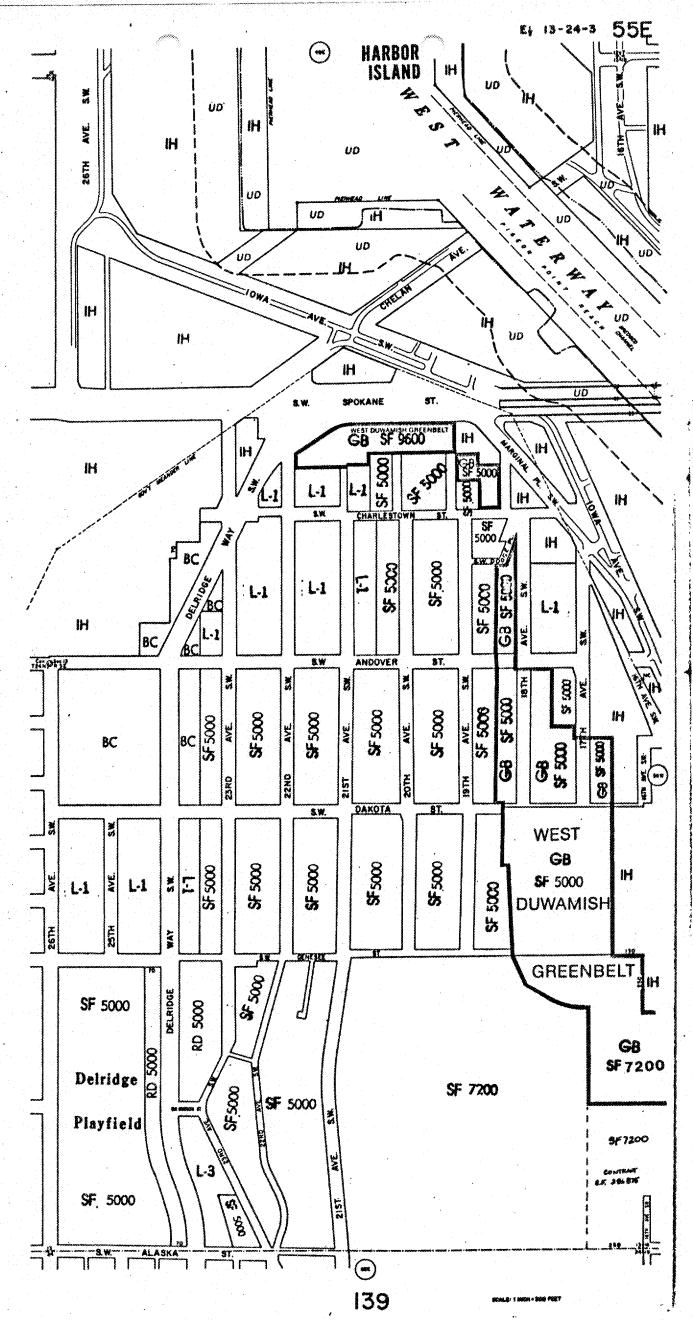


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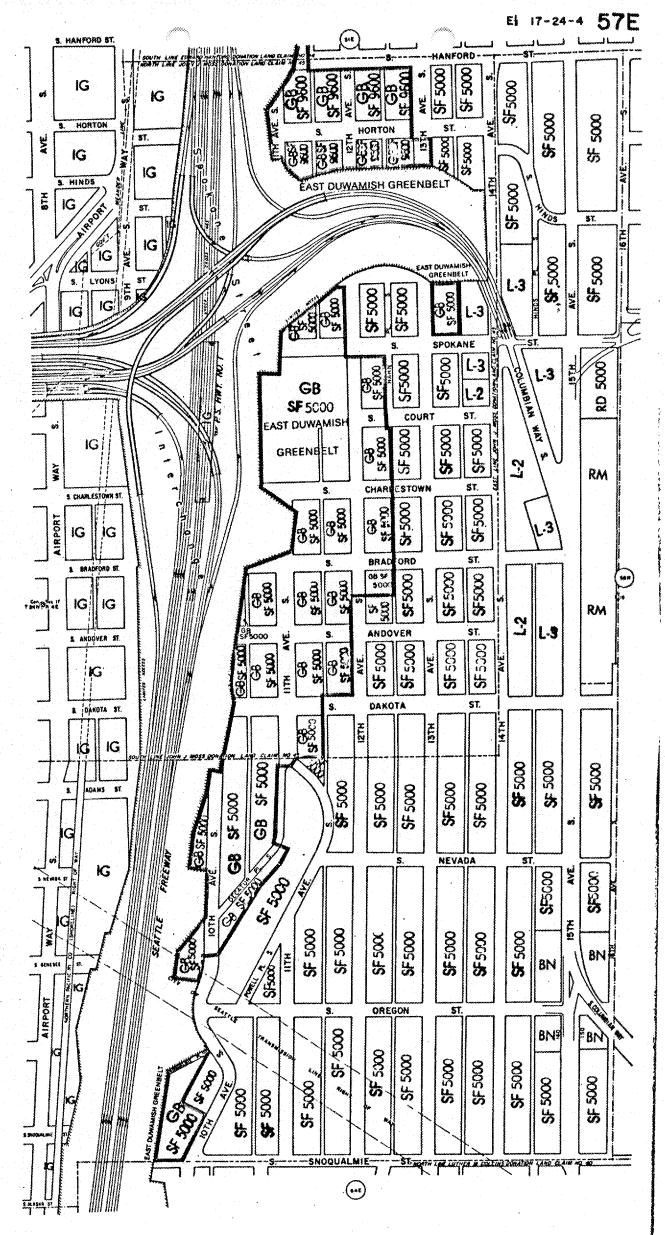
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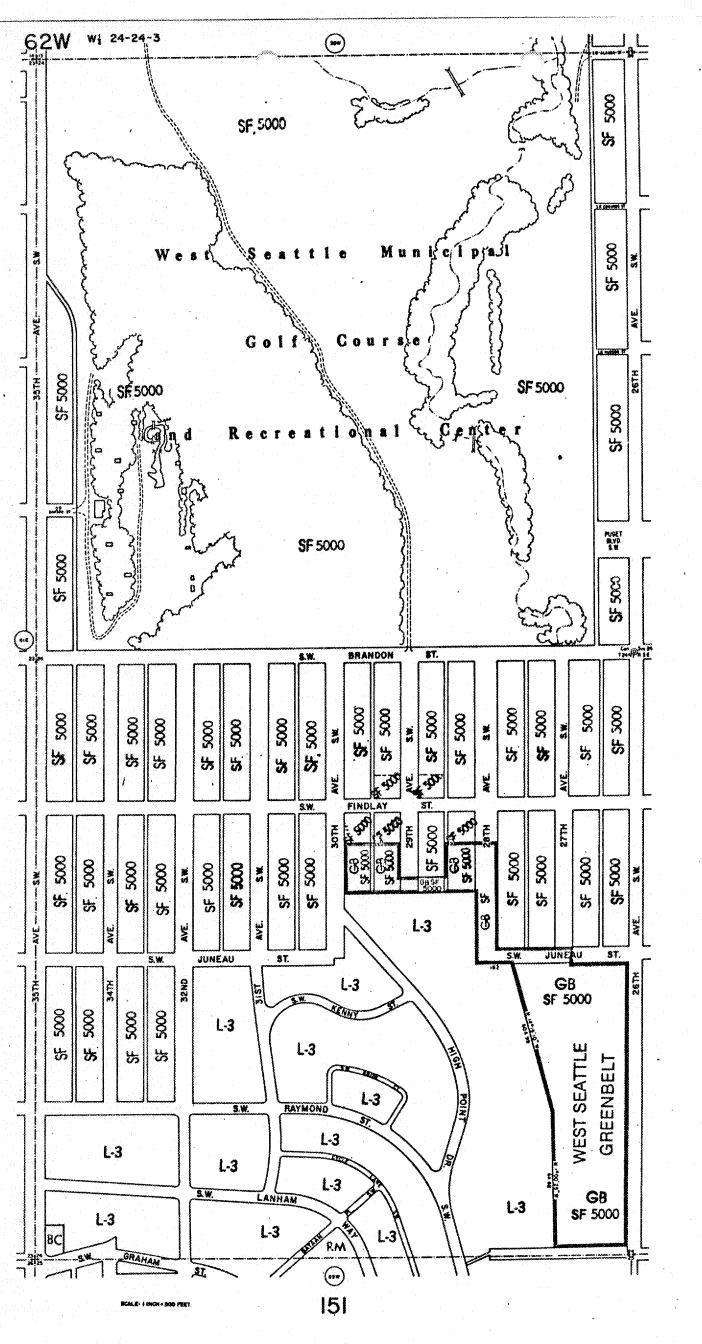


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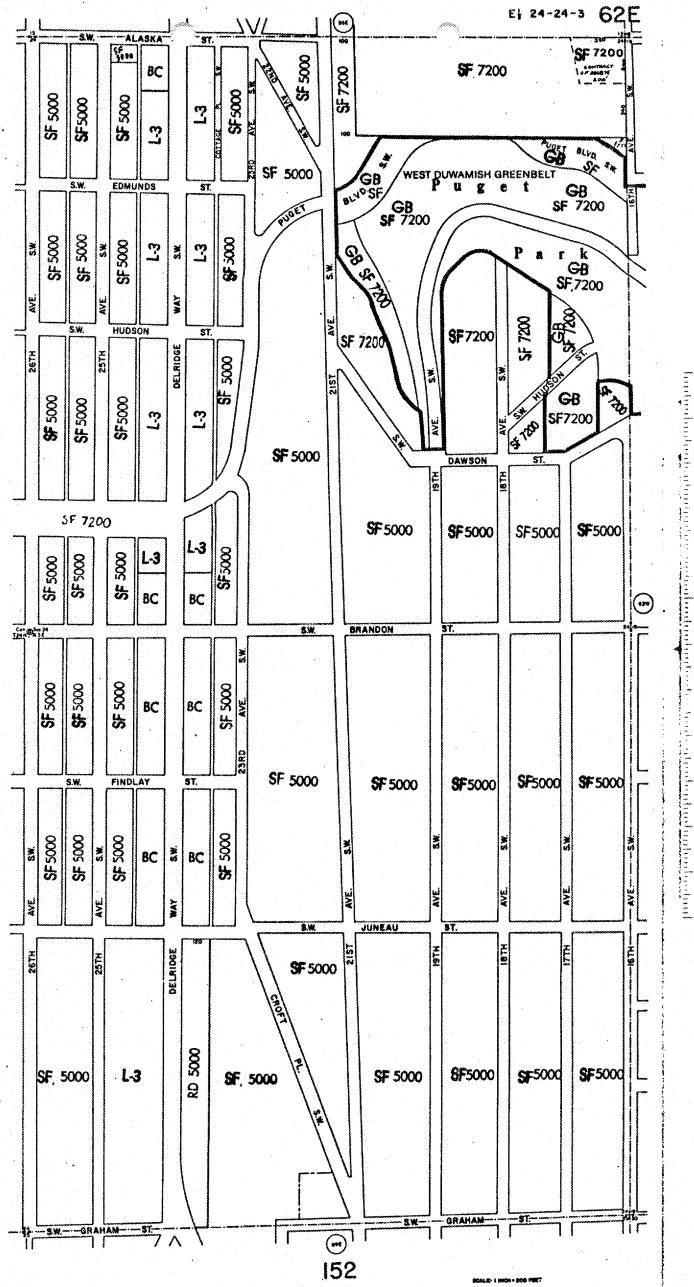
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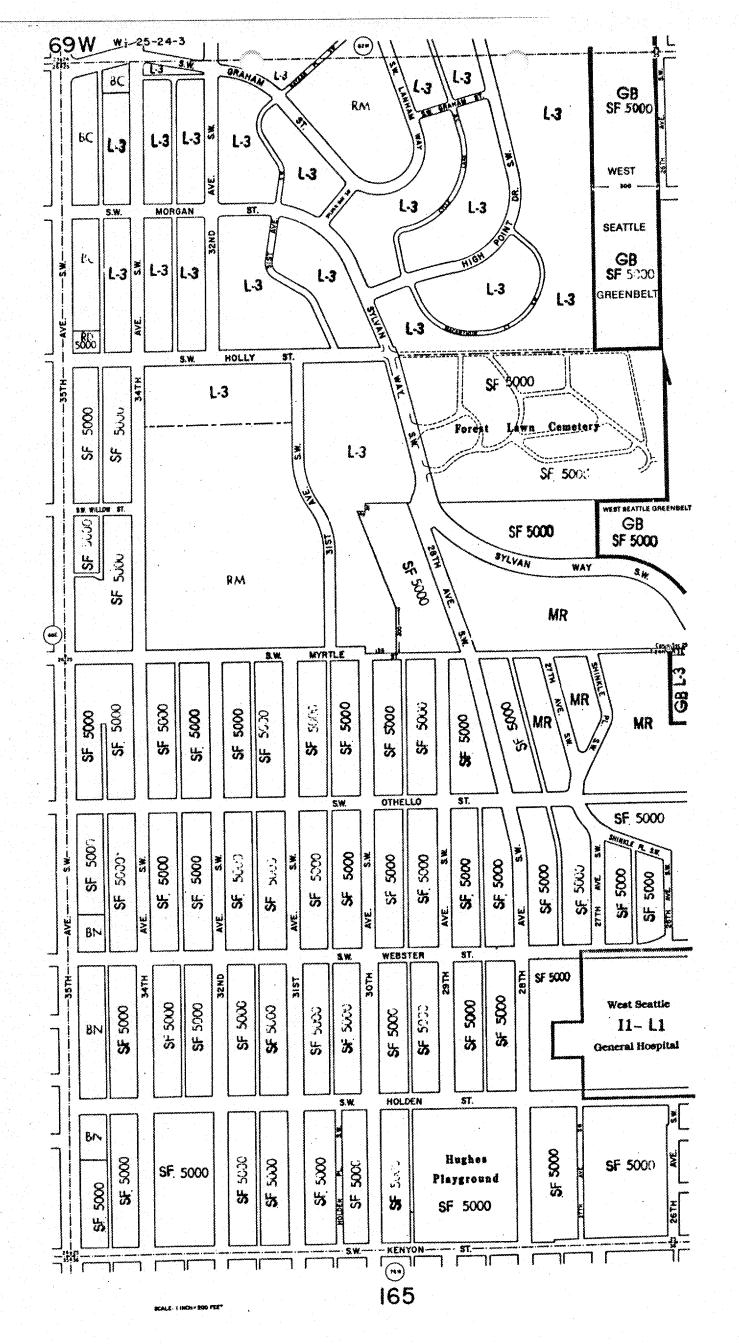
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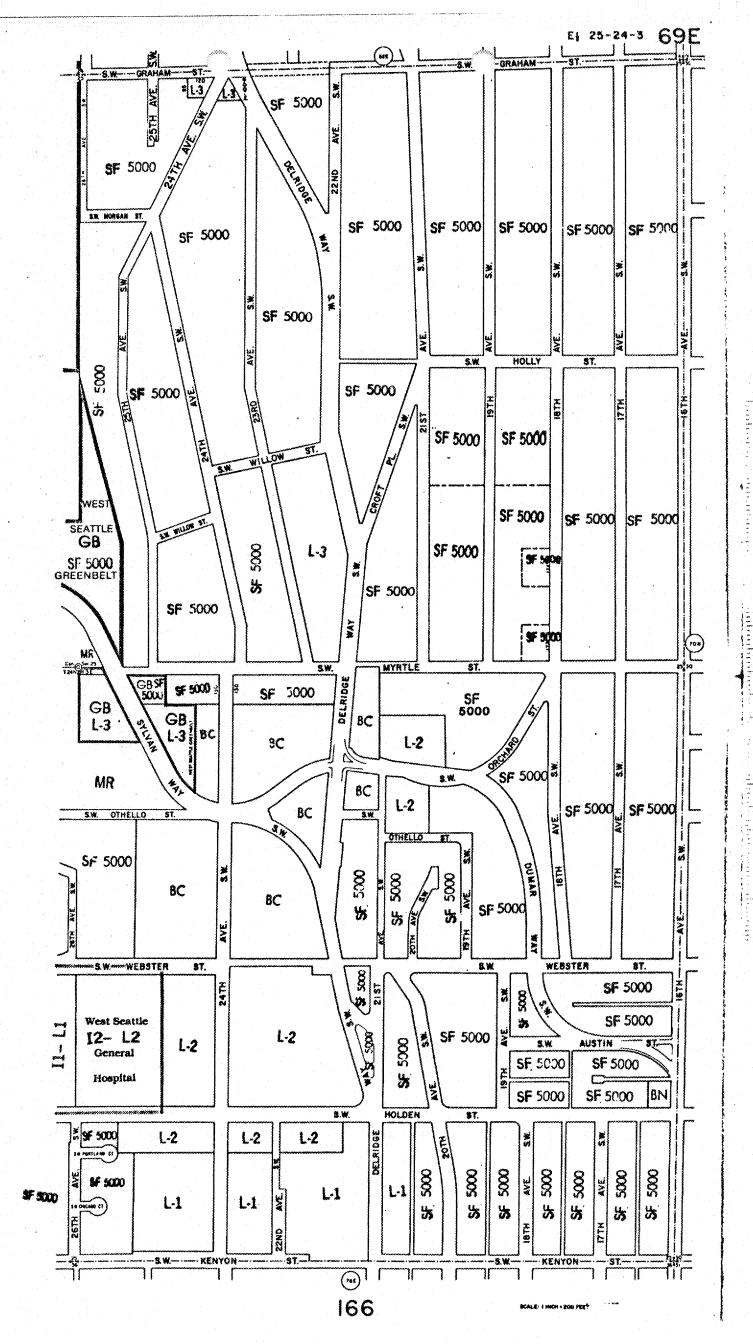


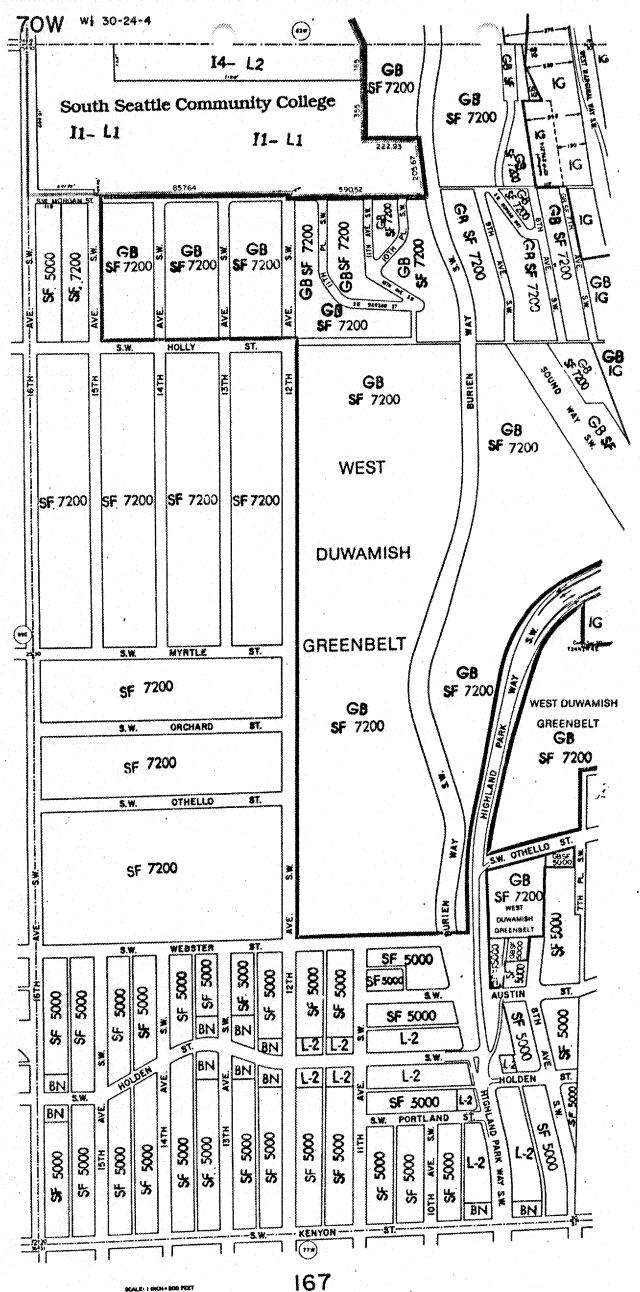
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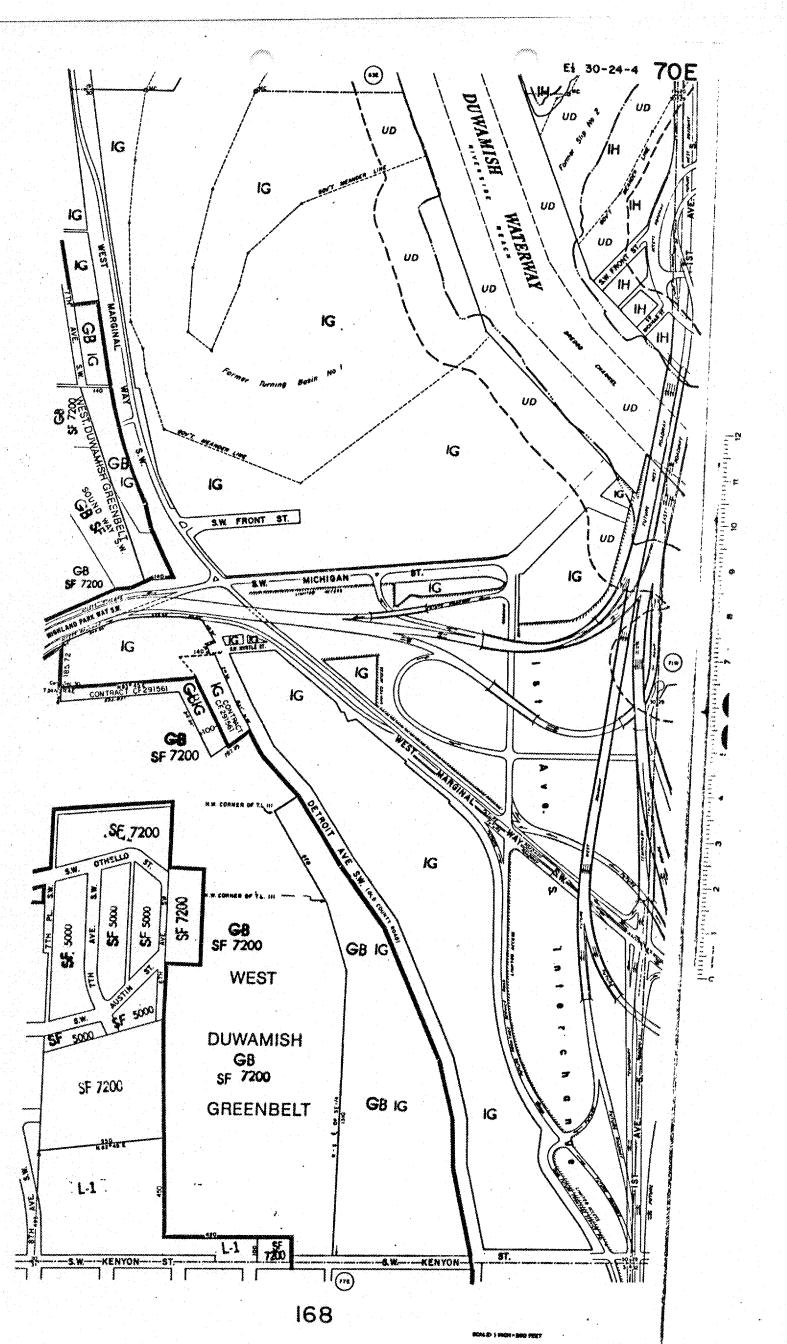


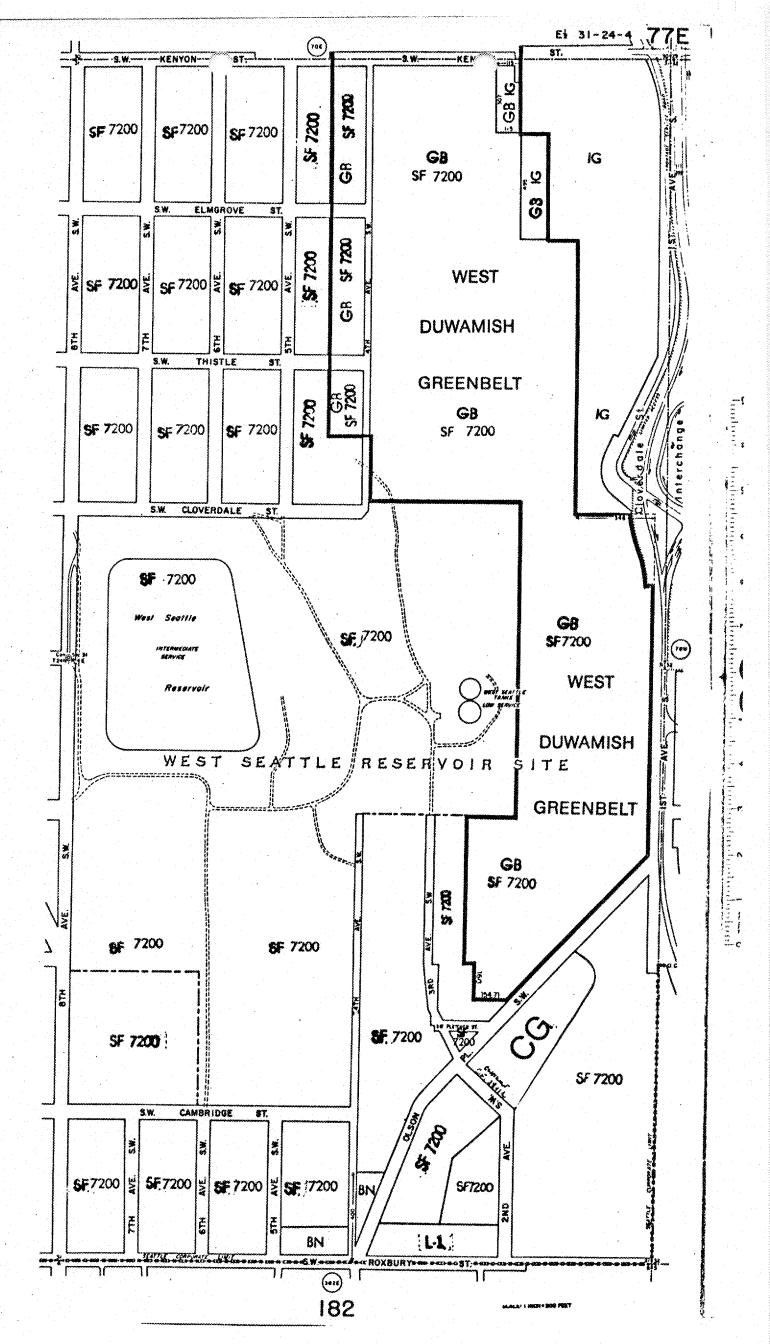
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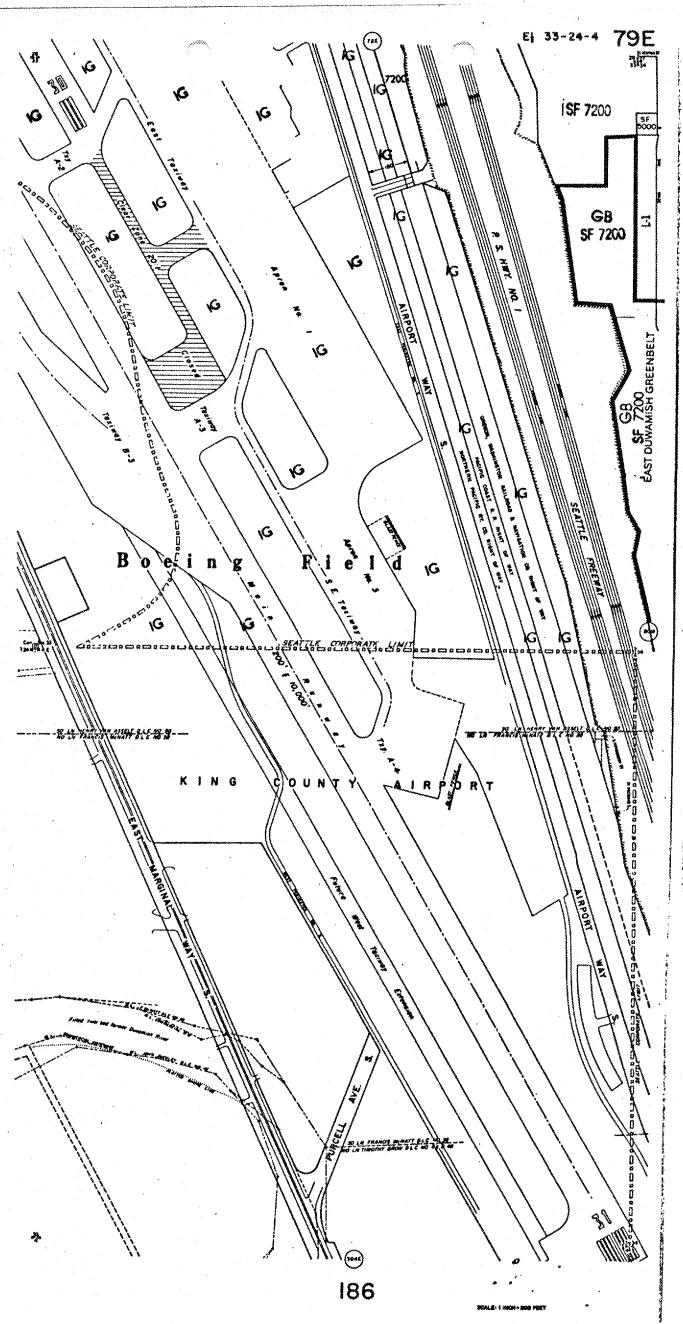




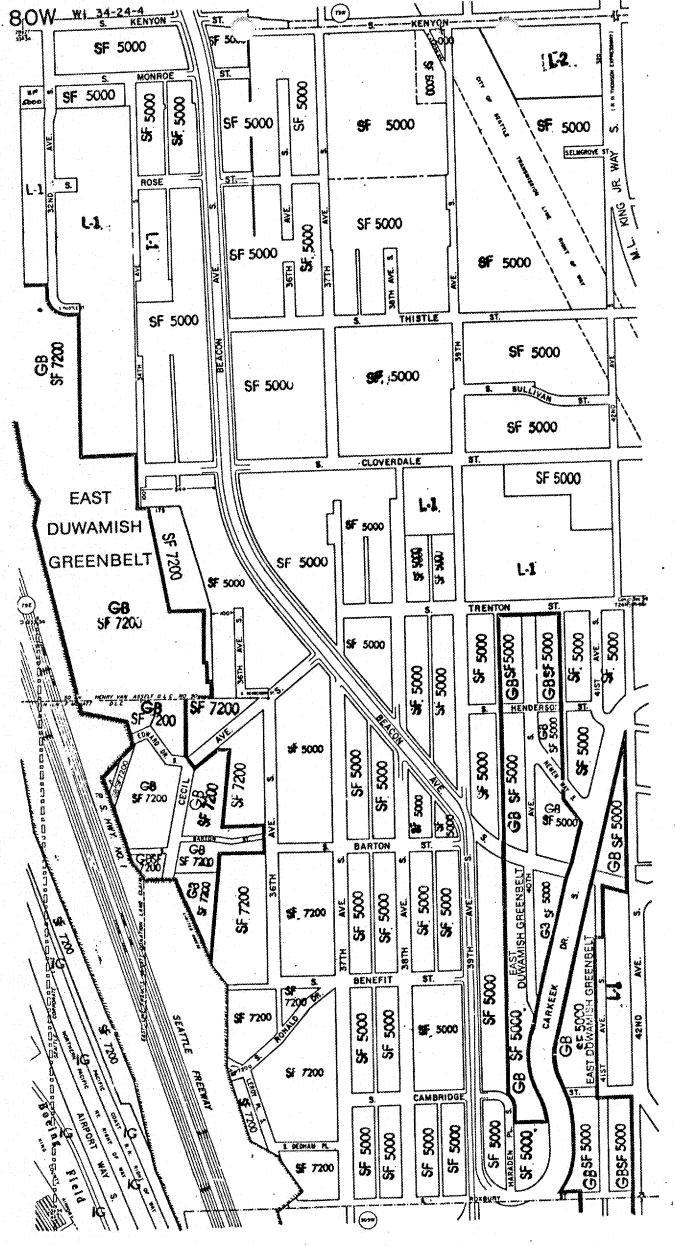








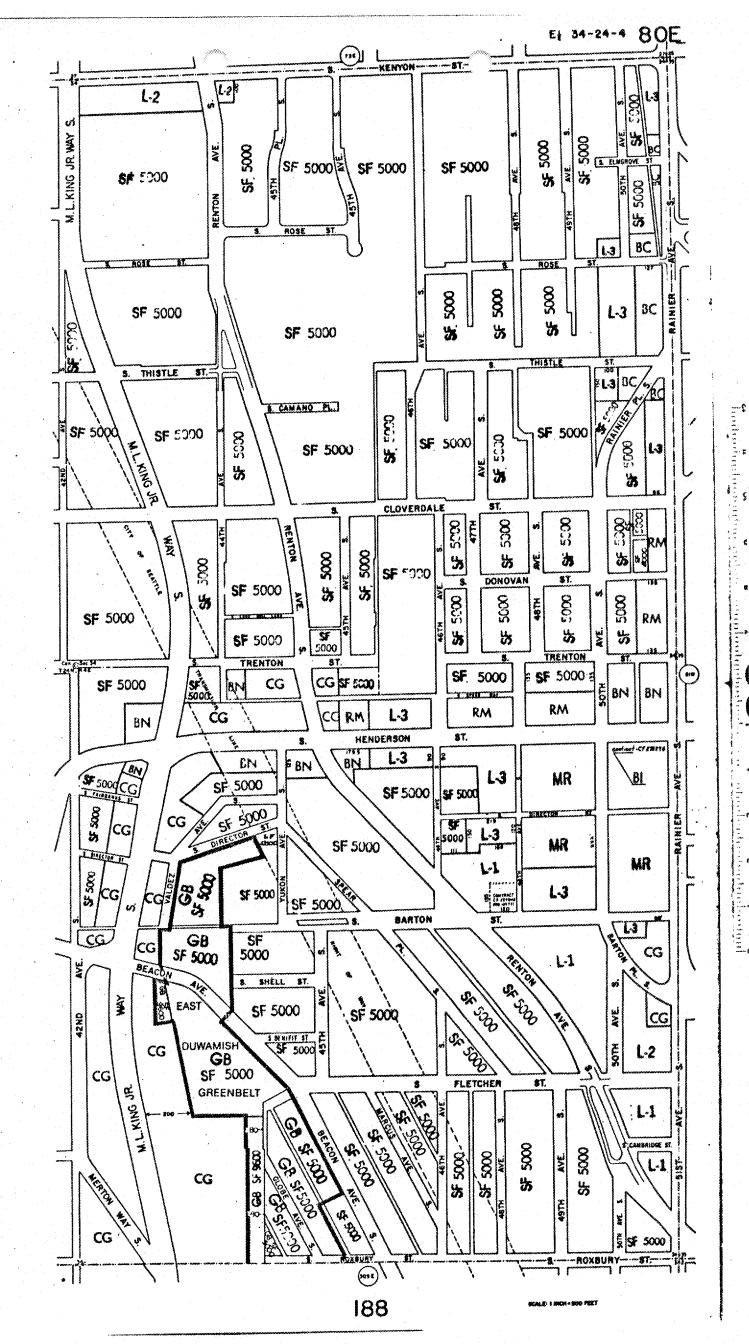
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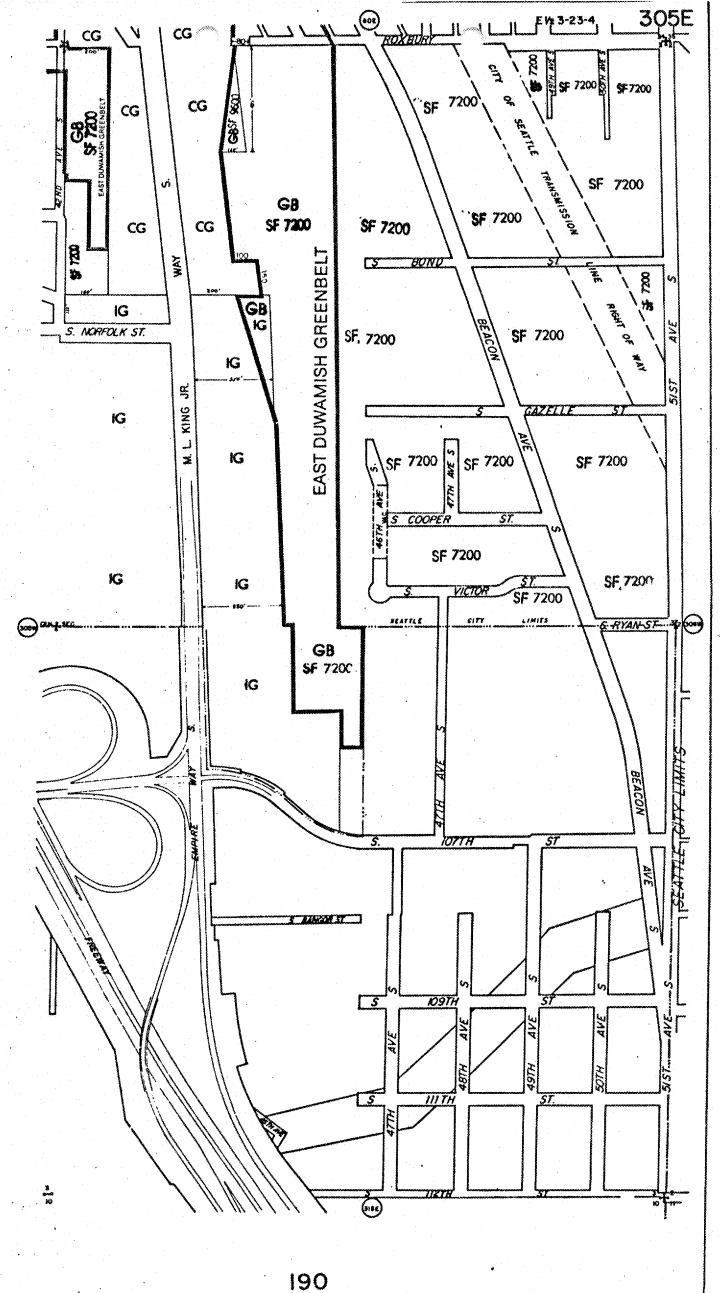


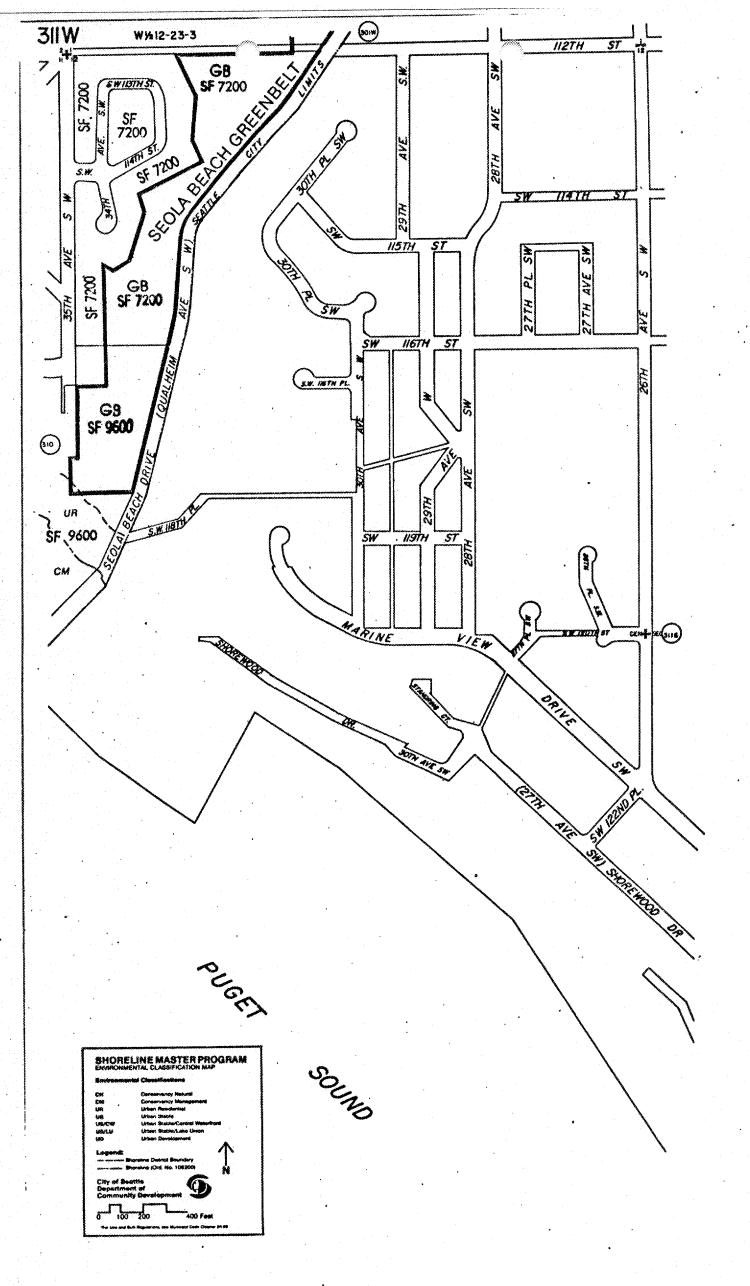
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Jeanette Williams President of Council 625-2453

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Sam Smith Chair Housing and Community Services Committee 625-2455 Honorable Douglas N. Jewett City Attorney City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Jewett:

The Community and Governmental Relations Committee of the City Council on January 31, 1984 voted to request your office to prepare for introduction and referral to the City Council two ordinances relating to land use and zoning.

Please prepare an ordinance which would amend the official land use map of the City to rezone certain properties located within greenbelt areas. The second ordinance which the Committee requests you to prepare would add a new chapter to the Seattle Municipal Code to establish a greenbelt overlay district.

For your convenience, I am enclosing copies of draft ordinances previously prepared by your office at the direction of the Committee during its consideration of the Mayor's recommendation for the greenbelt overlay district found in Comptroller File No. 292527.

Enclosed is a copy of an introductory or "whereas" section and an intent statement which the Committee requests be included into the greenbelt overlay district ordinance. Also enclosed are revisions to section 23.70.10 requested by the Committee.

If you have any questions with regard to this request, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Williams Seattle City Council

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#### THE CITY OF SEATTLE

LAW DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL BUILDING . SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

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DOUGLAS N. JEWETT, CITY ATTORNEY

February 8, 1984

Honorable Jeanette Williams Seattle City Council

Re: Proposed Greenbelt Overlay District Ordinance

Honorable Councilmember:

Pursuant to your request the Law Department has prepared two ordinances relating to the above referenced matter. The Law Department has made some minor changes to the introductory section submitted for inclusion at the request of the Community and Governmental Relations Committee. These changes are of a house-cleaning type and were made primarily for clarification purposes, without changing the basic overall intent of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS N. JEWETT City Attorney

MICHAEL P. MONROE

Assistant City Attorney

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WHEREAS, the City Council held two public hearings on the proposed Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations on July 14 and October 18, 1983, and members of the City Council's Community and Governmental Relations Committee visited many of the properties proposed to be included in the Overlay District, including properties about which any question had been raised as to whether or not it should continue to be included in the greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Governmental Relations Committee considered the proposed permanent Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations and maps at approximately fifteen public meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council in enacting the Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations to advance and to implement the previously adopted goals and policies of the City referred to above relating to the greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council that the Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations shall be administered and interpreted in a manner which will carry out the following primary purpose and goals of the regulations:

- Provide or encourage permanent buffers between incompatible land uses and mitigate the effects of noise and air pollution;
- 2. Limit development of environmentally sensitive areas or areas unsuitable for building because of earthslide hazard, flood hazard, drainage problems or impractibility of service by public utilities or facilities;
- 3. Maintain belts of natural landscape and habitat for wildlife within Seattle;
- 4. Promote and maintain the visual identity of separate and distinct districts by relieving the monotony of continuous urban development; and
- 5. Permit reasonable development of private property within greenbelt areas in a manner consistent with the City's goals and policies for greenbelts while retaining an optimum amount of property in an undisturbed or restored natural state.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is added to Title 23 of the Seattle
Municipal Code, the Land Use Code of The City of Seattle
(Ordinances 110381 and 110570, as amended) a new Chapter 23.70,

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WHEREAS, the City Council in the fall of 1979 approved revising the 1979-80 Comprehensive Land Use Plan element of the Policy Planning Agenda with the effect that the development of Open Space policies would not be initiated in 1980-81 but would be preceded by the development of the Downtown policies; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Urban Greenbelt Plan in 1977 landslides and development have caused the destruction of landscape and vegetation in greenbelt areas; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Community and Governmental Relations Committee held a public hearing on April 27, 1983 at which testimony supported Council Bill 103619 which proposed to establish standards, on an emergency temporary basis, for development within the greenbelts; and

WHEREAS, The City Council passed Council Bill 103619 (Ordinance No. 111098) on May 2d, 1983 which established standards for development of property within the greenbelts and which was to be in effect for eight months while the permanent Greenbelt Overlay District Zoning regulations were being developed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on December 19, 1983 passed Council Council Bill 104060 which extended the expiration date of the interim greenbelt regulations to April 1, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the City still intends to prepare a comprehensive policy review of greenbelts and other related issues in the Public Lands/Open Space element of the Land Use Policies; and

WHEREAS, the land designated in the 1977 Urban Greenbelt Plan is approximately 900 acres and posting of notice on all properties was deemed impracticable, the City Council provided notice to the public of the proposed Greenbelt Overlay District zoning regulations and map amendments by publishing notice in the Land Use Information Service and the Daily Journal of Commerce in June and September of 1983; and the Daily Journal of Commerce in June and September of 1983; mailed notice and information about the proposal to all known property owners of greenbelt properties in June and September of 1983; and mailed notice of all Community and Governmental Relations Committee meetings to a mailing list of over three hundred interested individuals; and

WHEREAS, in addition, before making the Mayor's recommendation for a Greenbelt Overlay, the Executive held six public meetings and provided public notice on two occasions in newspapers of community and city-wide circulation, and by mailing to all community groups, greenbelt interest groups and all people who had expressed an interest in the Land Use Policy project (over 3000 people); and

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## 23.70.60 RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

In addition to the greenbelt preserve requirements of Section 23.70.50, each lot within an underlying residential zone which is proposed for development, subdivision, or short subdivision which is either completely or partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall provide a restored greenbelt preserve; except that a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983 may be altered or added to without designating a restored greenbelt preserve if such alteration or addition does not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply. A site consisting of more than one lot, separated by only a street or alley, may be considered as one lot for purposes of this section. The restored greenbelt preserve is intended to preserve the visual continuity and habitat value of the greenbelt.

#### A. RECORDING

The restored greenbelt preserve shall be designated and shall be recorded with the King County Department of Records and Elections.

### B. AREA OF RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE

1. In lots within underlying single family residential zones, the restored greenbelt preserve shall comprise not less than twenty percent of the lot area (or twenty percent of that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District).

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space for apartments to be provided above ground in the form of decks, balconies and roof gardens, shall also apply.

# 23.70.90 AREA AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES

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Each lot proposed for development within the Greenbelt Overlay District and located in any underlying single-family residential zone shall comply with the following lot area and lot coverage requirements:

- A. Minimum Lot Area. The minimum lot area shall be nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet, and the lot area exception of Section 23.44.10(B) shall not apply, except as follows:
  - 1. If the lot area deficit was the result of a dedication or sale of a portion of the lot to the City for greenbelt preservation and the lot area remaining is at least four thousand eight hundred (4,800) square feet;
  - 2. If the lot was established as a separate building site in the public records of the County or City prior to June 1, 1983 by deed, contract of sale, mortgage, property tax segregation, platting or building permit.
- B. <u>Maximum Lot Coverage</u>. The lot coverage for principal and accessory structures shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the lot area, and the lot coverage exceptions of Section 23.44.10 (D) shall not apply.

# 23.70.100 GREENBELT CLUSTERING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Development pursuant to the requirements of the Greenbelt

Overlay District for multi-family residential Lowrise 1 may

be permitted in a single-family zone, subject to the following

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- (a) Lots less than nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet in area shall be limited to a maximum density of one dwelling unit per platted lot:
- (b) Lots nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet or greater in area shall be limited to a maximum density of 1.2 dwelling units per nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet, except that for each five percent of lot area provided as greenbelt preserve in excess of that required by Section 23.70.50(A)(3), the number of units permitted by this subsection may be increased by an additional .1 dwelling unit per nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet of total lot area.

## 23.70.110 <u>VIOLATIONS - CORRECTIVE ACTIONS REQUIRED</u>

In the event of violations of the standards or requirements of this chapter, the required corrective action shall include, but is not limited to, mitigating measures such as restoration of the area and replacement of damaged or destroyed trees.

#### 23.70.120 VESTING OF LAND USE PERMITS

The special transition rules contained in Section 23.04.10D shall be inapplicable to this chapter. The provisions of the Greenbelt Overlay District regulations shall apply to all property within the District unless a land use approval has been issued by the Director prior to the effective date of this chapter as provided in Section 23.76.40, Vesting of Land Use Approvals.

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- AN OMBINANCE relating to land use and soming, amending Timic 23 in the Beattle Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 21.70 to establish the Greenbelt Overlay District; amending Sections 23, 24, 28, 23, 76, 66, 23, 76, 14, 23, 24, 14, and 23, 30, 14; and repealing Chapter 23, 68.
- WHEREAS, the Seattle Planning Commission in 1954 issued a report embilied "Planning for Recreation" which identified the dealrability of acting soids upon greenbelts as buffer strips between residential and industrial areas and to protect slide prons areas from development; and
- WHEREAS, the 1957 Seattle Comprehensive Plan included and adopted greenbeits as a part of the Comprehensive Plan;
- WHEREAS, Seattle voters approved appropriating more than \$900,000 of 1968 Forward Throat Park Bonds for acquisition of greenbeits, which funds have been expended and committed pursuant to a greenbeit acquisition plan and there are no further acquisitions of greenbeit areas contemplated under that plan or otherwise; and
- WHERERS, in 1973 the Scattle City Council adopted the Scattle 2000 Commission goals and objectives as amended which provided in Goal "E" that greenbelts should be part of an "integrated arrangement of open apace throughout the City"; and
- WHEREAS, in 1977, the City Council adopted the Urban Greenbelt
  Plan (Resolution 25670), designating certain areas of the
  City as greenbelt, incorporating the Urban Greenbelt Plan
  as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and calling for
  limited acquisition of properties and for requisition
  through amendments to the Joning Code in order to implement
  the Plac; and
- WHRREAS, in 1978, the City Council adopted Resolution 25785, talling for the replacement of the City's Comprehensive Plan with a new Land Use Policy Plan, known as Seettle's Land Use Policies, and designating the Open Spars element as the fifth of six sections to be developed and adopted
- WHEREAS, Resolution 25785 called for completion of development and consideration of all sections of the Land Use Policies by September, 1980; and
- WHEREAS, Council adoption of the first element, the Single Family Policies, did not occur until May, 1979, and the second element, the Multifamily Policies, was not adopted until July, 1981; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council in the fall of 1978 approved revising the 1979-80 Comprehensive Land Use Fian element of the Policy Flanning Agenda with the effect that the development of Open Space policies would not be initiated in 1980-81 but would be preceded by the development of the Countown policies; and
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  development within the greenbelts; and
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Section 1. There is soled to Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code, the Land Use Code of The City of Seattle (Ordinances 11038) and 110570, as amended) a new Chapter 13.70, entitled "Greenbelt Overlay District", which shall apply to all land identified as such on a series of maps as abown in Exhibit "GB", attached and incorporated berein, and which Shall be shown on the Official Land Cas Map, Exhibit "A" to read as follows:

#### 23.76.10 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Nitian Greenbelt Flan, Resolution 25670, by regulating development of the City's urban greenbelts in order to:

- A. Provide or encourage personent buffers between incompatible land uses and mitigate the effects of noise and air pollution;
- B. Limit development of environmentally paparative areas or areas unsuitable for building recause of earthsiide hazard, flood hazard, drainage problems or impractibility of service by public utilities
- C. Maintain belts of natural landscape and habitat for wildlife within Seattle:
- D. Promote and maintain the visual identity of separate and distinct districts by relieving the monotony of continuous urban development; and
- E. Permit reasonable development of property within greenbelt areas in a manner consistent with the City's goals and policies for greenbelts while retaining an optimum amount of property to an undisturbed or restored natural plate.

#### 23.70.20 ESTABLISHMENT OF GREENBELT OVERLAY DISTRICT

There is established, pursuant to Chapter 23.55 of the Seattle Municipal Code, the Greenbelt Overlay District as shown on Exhibit "A" of the Official Land Use Map of the City

## 23.78.38 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

All property located within the Greenbelt Owerlay District shall be subject to both the requirements of its mone classification and to the requirements imposed for the Greenbelt Overlay District. In any case where the provisions of the Greenbelt Overlay District conflict with the provisions of the underlying some, the Greenbelt Overlay District shall spoly.

### 13.70.40 GREENBELT OVERLAY DISTRICT STANDARDS

All property within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall be retained in its natural state. No trees may be cut, gruned, topped or otherwise damaged, destroyed or removed, and no grading or filling shall be permitted, except as follows;

- A. Selective cutting, pruning or topping of trees permitted by the Park Norticulturalist pursuant to standards promulgated under Chapter 3.62, Administrative Code. Such cutting, pruning or topping shell not be permitted where it would cause significant bars to the visual continuity or wildlife babitet walse of the greenbelt, and may be permitted only if necessary to:
  - i, embance either the wildlife habitat or the Value of the remaining vegetation; or
  - 2. provide slope atabilization to prevent damage to property; or
  - 1. Clear areas when required by the Pire Department; or
  - 4. preserve views from the subject lot or any lot abutting the subject lot.
- B. Clearing of a temperary Swath as minimal in area as possible, with subsequent restoration, permiss by the Director when nacessary for Assemblifuction or seems troopy MITTING On its order to obtain

- E. Seetwal of standing and fallen dead trees and lists

  If the Pert Borticulturalist f that they dreate

  a Significant threat of injury to persons or to

  property.
- 5. Selective cutting, pruning or topping of any tree of three-inch caliper or less, measured three feet above ground, whose trunk is within twenty feet of a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983.
- E. Cutting, pruning, topping, or clearing reasonably necessary to alter or add to a deciling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June I, 1983, without designating a greenbelt preserve or restored greenbelt preserve, if such alterations or additions do not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply
- F. Clearing, developing, subdividing, or short subdividing for lots after a greenbelt preserve and restored greenbelt preserve have been designated as provided in Sections 23.70.50 and 23.70.60.

## 23.76.56 GREENBELT PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Each lot which is proposed for development, subdivision, or short subdivision which is either completely or partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall provide a greenbelt preserve; except that a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1983 may be altered or added to without designating a greenbelt preserve if such alteration or addition does not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying some shall continue to apply. A site consisting of more than one lot, separated by only a street or alley, may be considered as a jot for purposes of this section.

The greenbeit preserve shall be provided so as to preserve the visual continuity, habitst value, slope stability and buffering characteristics of the greenbeit by preserving areas in their natural state, with as little disturbance as possible to the topography or vegetation.

- A. DESIGNATION OF GREENBELT PRESERVE
  - i. Recording

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be designated and shall be recorded with the Sing County Department of Records and Elections.

- 2. Location of Greenbelt Preserve.

  The greenbelt preserve shall be located on each lot so that to the greatest extent possible subsections a, b, and either or both c and d are satisfied. Additionally, for any lot within a Manufacturing (N), General Industrial (IG), or Heavy Industrial (IM) underlying zone, the designated greenbelt preserve shall be located so that subsection e is also satisfied. For lots partially within the Greenbelt Overlay District, the greenbelt preserve may extend beyond that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District.
  - a. The greenbeit preserve shall abut any publicly owned park or greenbelt area (excluding improved streets), or other privately owned greenbelt area.
  - b. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to maximize the preservation and visual continuity of the surrounding greenbelt within which the property is located.
  - c. The greenbelt preserve shall be located to preserve the largest possible number of significant trees or stands of trees on the site;

  - The greenest preserve shall be located
     to shall end buffer any adjoining residentially
     should property, or any adjoining street

#### 3. Area of Greenbelt Preserve

- A. Lots completely within the Greenbelt

  Overlay District, except where the underlying zone is Manufacturing (M). General

  Industrial (IG) or Newry Industrial (IH),
  shall provide a greenbelt preserve that

  Comprises not less than thirty percent
  of the lot area for lots of three thousand

  square feet or less. The greenbelt

  preserve area shall be increased by one
  percent for each one hundred square feet
  of lot area over three thousand square
  feet, to not less than fifty percent of
  the lot area for all lots of five thousand
  square feet or more.
- b. Lots completely within the Greenbelt Overlay District which are also within a Manufacturing (N), General Industrial (IG) or Heavy Industrial (IH) underlying some shall provide a greenbelt preserve that comprises not less than forty percent of the lot area.
- C. Lots partially within the Greenbelt Overlay
  District shall provide a greenbelt preserve
  area as provided in subsections a or b.
  The greenbelt preserve area shall be
  calculated upon only that portion of the
  lot which is within the Greenbelt Overlay
  District.
- d. Yards and setbacks as required by the underlying zone may be located within the greenbelt preserve.

#### 4. Contiguity

The greenbelt preserve shall be one contiguous area, except that one pered driveway with a maximum width of ten feet, or greater if required by City Ordinance, may be located through the greenbelt preserve and shall not be considered as breaking the contiquity requirement. Such access shall not count as greenbelt preserve area and may be in addition to other access.

Minimum Dimensions
 The burisontal dimension of the greenbelt preserve shall be not less than ten feet.

6. Gross Ploor Area Calculations For lots within underlying Manufacturing (M), General Industrial (IG), or Reavy Industrial (IB) zones, the area of property designated greenbelt preserve may be used to calculate the allowable gross floor area of the underlying zone,

## 8. DEVELOPMENT WITHIN GREENELT PRESERVE

1. Natural State

No tree within the greenbelt preserve shall be cut, cleared, topped or otherwise damaged, destroyed or removed, and no grading or filling shall be permitted, except that the provisions of subsections 23.70.40 A(1)-(4), 8, and C shall also apply for purposes of this section,

Structures
Structures shall not be permitted in the green-beit preserve, with the following exceptions:
fences: freestanding walls; stairs; access
bridges; barrier-free access; and cornices,
raves, and gutters extending not more than
eighteen inches.

C. GREENBELT PRESURVE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

The Director way peculic an exception from the location and contiguity requirements of sub-sections A(2) and A(4) for greenbelt pressure, using the special exception process of Section 33.36 Newton Dec Permit. In order to approve



such an exception, the director must evaluate
the entire proposal and find the proposad
exception would enhance or preser. The visual
continuity of the greenbelt, or would preserve
an environmental feature such as a stream,
watercourse, or significant tree(s) in a
manner which is butter than would a development
which follows the development standards of

embsection A(2), or subsection A(4). All exceptions must conform to the intent of the Urban Greenbelt Plan, Resolution 25870. No reduction in the greenbelt preserve area is allowed under this subsection.

#### 23.70.60 RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

In addition to the greenbelt preserve requirements of Section 23.70.50, each lot which is proposed for development, subdivision, or short subdivision which is either completely or portially within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall provide a restored greenbelt preserve; except that a dwelling unit that was legally established and in existence prior to June 1, 1981 may be altered or added to without designating a restored greenbeit preserve if such alteration or addition does not increase the lot coverage of that structure by more than ten percent of the total lot area. The lot coverage restrictions of the underlying zone shall continue to apply. A Site COnsisting of more than one lot, separated by only a street or alley, may be considered as one lot for purposes of this section. The testored greenbelt preserve is intended to preserve the visual continuity and habitat value of the ureenbelt.

#### A. RECORDING

The restored greenbelt preserve shall be designated and shall be recorded with the King County Department of Records and Elections.

- B. AREA OF RESTORED GREENHELT PRESERVE
  - In lots within underlying single family residential zones, the restored greenbelt preserve shall comprise not less than twenty parcent of the lot area for twenty percent of that portion of the lot within the Greenbelt Overlay District).
  - In lots within all other underlying zones, the
    restored greenbelt preserve shall comprise nor
    less than ten percent of the lot area (or ten
    percent of that portion of the lot within the
    Greenbelt Owerlay District.)
  - The restored greenbelt preserve may be reduced in area by providing a commensurate increase in the greenbelt preserve,
  - Yards and setbacks as required by the underlying some may be located within the restored greenbelt preserve
- C. DEVELOPMENT WITHIN RESTORED CREENESIT PRESERVE
  The restored greenbelt preserve may be temporarily
  disrupted during construction for development, but
  shall be replanted according to the following
  standards:
  - shall be replanted and landscaped with plantings emphasizing native vegetation so as to recreate or enhance the habitat value and visual continuity of the greenbait, parauant to standards promulgated under Chapter 1.82, the Administrative Code, and administered by the Director. Such standards shall be developed by the Director upon consideration of the recommendations of the Park Sorticulturiat the City Aborist, and the review of a committee of the City Council.
  - Structures. Structures are not permitted within the restored greenbelt preserve unless below finished grade, except that entrances, beating, ventilating, and air conditioning excess. Second., and Presentanting waits small by bermitted.

- 3. Grace. Stelland grade within the restored greenbe. Serve shall have topographic contours which create a natural appearance, and shall be fully landscaped in accordance with subsection 1.
- D. RESTORED GREENBELT PRESERVE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOTS WITHIN UNDERLYING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

The Director may permit a reduction in the coquired restored greenbelt preserve to a minimum of ten percent of the lot area, using the special exception process of Section 23,76, Master Use Permit. In order to approve such an exception, the Director must find that the topography or location of access to the site creates unusual difficulties in siting structures, driveways or parking areas, and that the development as proposed is sited to preserve the maximum visual continuity of the greenbelt.

70.70 SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR AREA - GREENRELT PRESERVE AND RESTORED GREENRELT PRESERVE

If the Director finds that the site proposed for development presents difficulties for access. siting or design because of topography, soil conditions, slope instability, location of access to the site, or a similar physical characteristic of the land which cannot be overcome by the application of the location and contiguity special exception of 23.70.50C, and further finds that the application of all the requirements under the Land Use Code and other City requirements would result in a building footprint of less than twenty-five percent of the lot area, the Director may permit an exception to the location, contiguity and area requirements for greenbelt preserve and restored greenbelt preserve in order to allow a building footprint of up to twenty-five percent of the lot area, using the special exception process of Section 23.76. Master Use Permit. In order to approve such an exception, the Director must evaluate the entire proposal and shall employ the following criteria:

- a. the proposal meets the intent of the Orban Greenbeit Plan, Resolution 25670; and
- the proposed greenbelt preserve adequately protects trees and aloped areas; and
- c. surface parking is minimized; and
- the drainage control system satisfies the provisions of the grading and drainage name ASCA NO 11566 (Common on For A Common)

CONDITIONS OF SECTIONS 22, SEC-200, and

- grading and filling activity is minimized.
   and
- f. roads and driveway access are minimized,
  to the extent that it is consistent with
  both City requirements and with the goal
  of minimizing grading and filling.
  In applying the foregoing criteria to the
  proposal, the Director shall have the authority
  to require changes in the proposed project
  design, such as relocation of proposed structures,
  roadways and patking areas. The area requirements of Section 21.70.50A(3) for greenbelt
  preserve shall not in any event be reduced by
  more than #0 percent of the lot area under
  this apecial exception.

23.76.80 OPEN SURG REQUIREMENTS FOR LOTS LOCATED IN RESTENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY KONES

A lot proposed for development within the Greenbelt Overlay Bistrict and locaced fr an underlying multi-family residential sone adall provide open epace as required by the underlying page, except as follows:

A. For lots completely within the Greenbelt overlay

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- B. For lots partially within the Oreente; theretay

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  by the underlying above is reduce , one-half for

  that portion of the lot within the Bistrict. For

  the portion of the lot outside the Greenbelt Overlay

  Bistrict, the required open space shall continue

  to be the area required by the underlying some.

  The open space shall not be located within the

  greenbelt preserve or the restored greenbelt preserve.
- C. For lots located in a multi-family residential Lowrise 2 underlying zone, the provisions of Section 23,45,44k(2)(b), which allows required open space for apartments to be provided above ground in the form of decks, balconies and roof gardens, shall also apply

## 23.70.90 AREA AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESTRESTAL FORES

Each lot proposed for development within the Greenbeit Overlay District and located in any underlying single-family residential zone shall comply with the following lot area and lot coverage requirements:

- A. Minimum Lot Area. The minimum lot area shall be hime thousand six hundred (9,600) aquare feet, and the lot area exception of Section 23.44.18(9) shall not apply, except as follows:
  - If the lot area deficit was the result of a dedication or sale of a portion of the lot to the City for greenbelt preservation and the lot area remaining is at least four thousand sight hundred (4,800) square feet;
  - 2. If the jot was established as a separate building site in the public records of the County or City prior to June 1, 1983 by deed, contract of sale, mortgage, property tax segregation, platting or building permit.
- Maximum Lot Coverage. The lot coverage for principal and accessory structures shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the lot area, and the lot coverage exceptions of Section 23.44.10 (B) shall not apply.

## 23.70.100 GREENBELT CLUSTERING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SINGLE-PARTLY RESIDENTIAL SOMES

- A. Development pursuant to the requirements of the Greenbelt Overlay District for multi-family residential Lowrise I may be permitted in a single-family zone, subject to the following standards:
  - (1) Lots less than nine thousand six hundred (9,680) square feet in area shall be limited to a maximum density of one dwelling unit per platted lot;
  - (2) Lots nine thousand six hundred (9,500) square feet or greater in area shall be limited to a maximum density of 1.2 dwelling units per nine thousand six hundred (9,600) square feet, except that for each five percent of lot area provided as greenbelt preserve in excess of that required by Section 23.70.50(A)(3), the number of units permitted by this subsection may be increased by an additional .1 Seciling unit per nine thousand six hundred (3,600) square feet of total lot area.
- The provisions of Section 23.44.24 Planned Residential
   Development shall not apply in the Greenbelt Overlay District.
   73.118 <u>VIGIATIONS CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PROVISED</u>

In the event of violations of the standards of requirements of this chapter, the required corrective action shall include, but is not limited to, mitigating measures such as restoration of the area and replacement of damaged or destroyed trees.

#### 23.70.120 VESTING OF LAND USE PERMITS

The special transition rules contained in Section 13.04.125 shall be inapplicable to this chapter. The provisions of the Greenbelt Dwerlay District requiations shall apply to all property within the District unless a land use approval has been issued by the Director prior to the offective date of this chapter as provided in Section 13.74.48, testing of Land Ose Approvals.

Section 2. Subsection # of Section 23.34.28(8) is seeded to cook as to

#### 23.44.28 General Merone Criteria

In evaluating requests for a zoning change, the following factors shall be considered:

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as adopted by messiation 25070; the purpose and
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be given special consideration when evaluating
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allowing a more intensive use. Specific issues
to be considered include but are not limited to
the preservation or enhancement of: wildlife
habitat, trees, buffering characteristics, slope
stabilization effects, and the visual continuity
of the greenbelt.

Section 3. Section 23.84.14 is amended to add new apparections to read as follows:

#### Greenbelt

(Greenheits are areas either publicly or privately owned which the Council has designated in the Orban Greenheit Plany Resolution 25678; to be Left primarily in their natural otate. These areas are intended to provide or encourage perhanent suffers between incompatible land case, prevent development of environmentally sensitive areas and maintain areas of natural habitat for wildlifes. An area located within and without the Greenbelt Overlay District which is required by essenent, dedication or the application of the Greenbelt Overlay Ristrict provisions to be left primarily in its natural state.

Greenbelt Overlay District

Land so designated and shown on the Land Use Map
entitled Exhibit "A".

#### Greenbelt Preserve

Land in the Greenbelt Overlay District so designated prior to any development, subdivision, or short subdivision of a lot or lots and required to be left in its natural state.

Greenbelt Preserve, Restored

Land in the Greenbelt Overlay

Land in the Greenbelt Overlay District so designated prior to any development, subdivision, or short subdivision of a lot or lots which is allowed to be temporatily disrupted during construction but which is subsequently replanted and restored with plantings emphasizing native vegetation and is then required to be left in that state.

Section 4. Section 23.76.06 is amended to add a new subsection "8" to read as follows:

23.76.06 Master Use Permit Required

A Master Use Permit is required for each of the following Department approvals:

 Establishments of greenhelt preserves and restored greenhelt preserves.

Section 5. Subsection E of Section 23,76,14 is assended to coad as follows:

### 23.76.14 Motice of Application

- E. No notice of application is required for a temporary
  three week use or for the following Master Ose
  Permit approvals if they are determined to be
  exempt from SEPA
  - Satablishment or change of use permitted outright.
  - Curn cits; landscaping associated with development proposals; additional on-street parsing; street and alley improvements.
  - 3. Con boundary adjustments.

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Section 6. Section 23.90,38 is amended to add a new subsection B and to renumber the present subsection B as subsection C, to read as follows:

23.40.24 CIVIL PENALTY

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- 5. In addition to the penalties imposed by subsection A, the penalty for violations of the Greenbeit Overlay District standards and requirements shall be a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars per occurrence.
- ((8r))C. The penalty imposed by this Section shall be collected by civil action brought in the name of the City and commenced in the Municipal Court. The Director shall motify the City Attorney in writing of the name of any person subject to the penalty and the amount of the penalty and the City Attorney shall, with the assistance of the Director, take appropriate action to collect the penalty.

The violator may show as full or partial mitigation of limbility:

- That the violation giving rise to the action was caused by the willful act, or neglect, or abuse of another; or
- 2. That correction of the violation was commenced promptly upon receipt of notice thereof, but that full compliance within the time specified was prevented by inability to obtain necessary materials or labor, inability to gain access to the subject structure, or other condition or circumstance beyond the control of the defendant.

Section 7. Chapter 13.68 of Title 23 establishing the lateria Greenbelt Overlay District, is repealed subject to the automatic ravival provisions of Section 8.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY AND REVIVAL

The Greenbelt Overlay District regulations are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other portion or any part adopted by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisidiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of the Greenbelt Overlay District. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or any portion is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional as applied to a particular property, use, building, or other structure, the application of such portion of the Greenbelt Overlay District to other property, use or structure shall not be affected.

In the event that all or substantially all of these regulations are for any reason adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the affected property within the Greenbelt Overlay District shall then be regulated by the Interim Greenbelt Overlay District regulations of Ch. 23.68 (Ordinance No. 11098), without further action by the City Council, and

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Section 9. This City-initiated test and map amendment to the Land lise Code implementing the policies of Resolution 25670 is not a "defined phase" in the enactment of the Land Use Code as that term is used in Section 23, 34,18(B), as the Greenbelt Plan was adopted prior to the identification of such phases. Notwithstanding such distinction, this ordinance contains new provisions of city-wide application and the Council itself should conduct the public hearing on the amendment and it should be considered in the same manner as are defined phases. Accordingly, the notice and hearing taquirements of Section 23,34,18(B) shall be applicable and the requirements of Section 23,34,18(B) shall be applicable and the requirements of Section 23,34,18(B) are hereby superseded for purgoses of this ordinance.

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