



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 28, 2010

Ordinance 16937

Proposed No. 2010-0455.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Auburn
2 Comprehensive Sewer Plan, September 2009.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4 1. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for
5 sewer utilities as a prerequisite to granting right-of-way franchises and
6 approval for right-of-way construction permits. Such plans or their
7 updates must be submitted to the county at least once every six years, and
8 more frequently if circumstances call for an earlier submittal.

9 2. K.C.C. 13.24.060 requires that such plans be consistent with the
10 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations
11 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable
12 comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by
13 a city, town, or county for the service area. The King County
14 Comprehensive Plan, which includes wastewater policies in its provisions
15 for facilities and services (policies F-245 through F-254), also calls for
16 consistency with other adopted plans, support for regional water supply
17 planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water conservation, and
18 protection of water resources.

19 3. Both Washington state Department of Ecology ("DOE") and King
20 County regulations require sewer plans to be approved prior to
21 construction of new facilities.

22 4. The city of Auburn ("the city") provides sewer service to a 2007
23 population of over forty-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-four and an
24 employment base of thirty thousand two hundred seventy-nine in the city,
25 which is in the southern portion of King County. Its service area includes
26 the entire city and a small part of unincorporated King County. Its service
27 area is a mixture of residential, commercial and roadway properties, with
28 no major industrial customers, and includes a small portion of park and
29 open spaces. The city's facilities discharge to the regional wastewater
30 system operated by King County.

31 5. The city's service area is largely built out except for the Lea Hill area.
32 Its anticipated growth through 2028 will be largely mixed-use
33 development and redevelopment construction. In addition, the city
34 expects to accommodate additional flows as a result from providing
35 sewers to a portion of its service area that does not currently have service.
36 By 2028, it expects to be serving a residential population of approximately
37 seventy thousand four hundred forty people as a result of both growth and
38 annexations. The city is proposing with this plan to expand the service
39 area to cover a portion of the area near the southwest corner of the city and
40 outside the city proper, the Jovita Heights area.

41 6. The city's principal operational issue, aside from extending service to
42 certain small areas without service, is inflow and infiltration into the city's
43 facilities during rain events. The city participated with the county in the
44 regional investigation of the origins and magnitude of those flows from
45 different portions of its service area, using a series of tests and metering of
46 wastewater flows into the city's system. It anticipates developing a
47 strategy for reducing those flows in concert with the county.

48 7. The county's most recent approval of the city's sewer plan occurred in
49 2002.

50 8. The King County utilities technical review committee ("UTRC")
51 reviewed the city's 2009 plan update ("the plan") in May 2010. K.C.C.
52 chapter 13.24 requires review of wastewater plans by the UTRC, and a
53 recommendation to the King County executive and council on the plan
54 and the requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the
55 King County Comprehensive Plan. The planning data and proposed
56 operations were reviewed by the UTRC, and the plan was found to be
57 consistent with:

- 58 a. the population and employment forecasts developed for the service
- 59 area were appropriately used;
- 60 b. King County land use classifications;
- 61 c. WAC 173-240-050; and
- 62 d. pertinent county adopted plans and policies.

63 9. The UTRC also found that, with revisions and additional information
64 supplied by the city, the plan sufficiently addresses the specific issues
65 required to be addressed under K.C.C. 13.24.010.H, including
66 opportunities for the use of reclaimed water. The UTRC recommends that
67 the King County council approve the plan.

68 10. The DOE has reviewed but not yet approved the plan as consistent
69 with RCW 90.48.110 and chapter 173-240 WAC.

70 11. The city completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and
71 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on
72 September 17, 2009. There was no appeal of the determination.

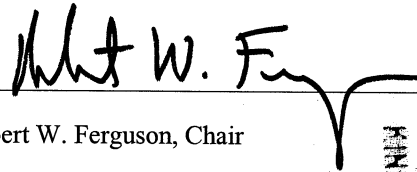
73 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

74 SECTION 1. The City of Auburn Comprehensive Sewer Plan, September
75 2009, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a general sewer and
76 facilities plan.
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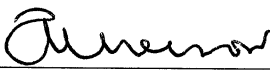
Ordinance 16937 was introduced on 8/23/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/27/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

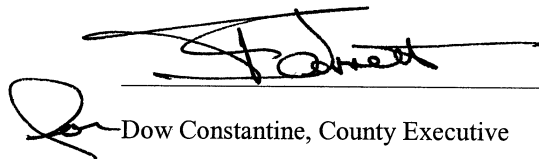
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30th day of September, _____.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: A. City of Auburn Comprehensive Sewer Plan--December 2009