



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 22, 2015

Ordinance 18115

Proposed No. 2015-0348.1

Sponsors Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to road names; providing for
2 the honorary designation of county roads; and amending
3 Ordinance 8766, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C.
4 16.08.060.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. The Department of Veterans Affairs maintains the Tahoma National
7 Cemetery in Kent, Washington, to serve the nation's veterans and their
8 families.
- 9 2. Entrance to the Tahoma National Cemetery is via Southeast 240th
10 Street.
- 11 3. In 2002, the North Pacific Chapter of the Destroyer Escort Sailors
12 Association, a group of naval veterans who served in World War II, Korea
13 and Vietnam, contacted Tahoma National Cemetery director Mary Ann
14 Gillispie and King County executive Ron Sims to request commemorative
15 street signs near the Tahoma National Cemetery to honor veterans at their
16 final resting place.
- 17 4. At the direction of Ron Sims, the King County road services division
18 manufactured commemorative street signs designating Southeast 240th
19 Street as King County's "Street of Heroes," which were mounted on

20 signposts in front of the cemetery at nearby key intersections and unveiled
21 November 8, 2002.

22 5. Since their installation, the commemorative street signs have been
23 included as assets to be maintained by the road services division.

24 6. On August 19, 2013, the King County council passed Ordinance 17640
25 establishing a process by which a member of the public could request an
26 honorary street designation and included council approval by ordinance.

27 7. Ordinance 17640 does not recognize honorary street designations in
28 existence before August 19, 2013.

29 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

30 SECTION 1. Findings: The council finds honorary street designations made by
31 the county before August 19, 2013, are to be formally recognized.

32 SECTION 2. Ordinance 8766, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.08.060 are
33 each hereby amended to read as follows:

34 A.1. Notwithstanding K.C.C. 16.08.010 and 16.08.020, the council reserves the
35 option of changing street names or changing numbered streets to named streets.

36 2. An application to the council for street renaming shall contain the signatures
37 of the majority of persons having ownership in properties addressed on the street to be
38 renamed.

39 3. The council shall mail notice of a proposed name change to all property
40 owners whose addresses would be changed at least twenty days before council action. A
41 change of street name shall be accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance.

42 B. The council shall consider technical input from the department, locational and
43 development characteristics relative to the street, and the impact of the change on existing
44 businesses and residences, as well as on emergency vehicle responsiveness, in
45 determining whether the change should be made. Only entire street lengths or distinct
46 major portions of streets shall be separately renamed by the county. For purposes of this
47 chapter, "distinct major portions" shall mean a separate portion of a street identifiable by
48 either a directional shift of a least forty-five degrees or an interrupted interval of at least
49 one quarter mile.

50 C.1. An honorary street designation is a secondary name for a street or a portion
51 of a street that does not replace the legal name of the street. The honorary street
52 designation shall be denoted by signage that augments but does not replace signage for
53 the legal street name required for emergency service access. If a street or a portion of a
54 street, except intersecting streets, has been designated with an honorary street name, no
55 other honorary name shall be given to the street or section of a street. The signs shall
56 meet the standard street sign criteria for size and shape with a brown background and
57 white lettering, and shall be placed underneath signs designating the legal street name.

58 2. The council may make an honorary designation of a street or portion of a
59 street by the adoption of an ordinance. Honorary street name designation shall be limited
60 to individuals, organizations, entities and events of local significance to the county as
61 determined by the county council. The actual costs of manufacturing, designing and
62 installation of signage or any replacement signs due to damage, theft or vandalism shall
63 be paid to the road services division by the applicant requesting the honorary designation
64 before the signage is manufactured and installed.

65 3. An application to the council for honorary street renaming shall contain a list
66 of all persons having ownership in properties addressed on the street to be given the
67 honorary designation and the signatures of the majority of those persons indicating
68 acquiescence in the honorary street designation. The application shall include a
69 statement recognizing that costs defined in subsection C.2. of this section shall be borne
70 by the applicant and noting that the legal name of the street will not change.

71 4. The council shall mail notice of a proposed honorary name designation to all
72 property owners on the affected street at least twenty days before council action.

73 5. Honorary street designations made by the executive before August 19, 2013,
74 and street signs installed to effectuate such honorary street designations are hereby
75 approved. The road services division shall maintain, repair or replace the signs as
76 necessary or due to damage,

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78 theft or vandalism. Signage for honorary street designations referenced in this section
79 may be modified at the discretion of the director.
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Ordinance 18115 was introduced on 8/31/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/21/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

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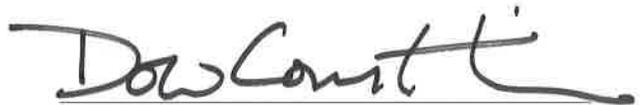
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2015.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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