



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 20, 2016

Ordinance 18371

Proposed No. 2016-0316.2

Sponsors McDermott, Dunn, Dembowski,
Kohl-Welles, von Reichbauer, Balducci and
Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the naming of the aircraft
2 rescue firefighting unit building at the King County
3 International Airport in honor of Luther Dean Bonner.

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 5 1. King County International /Boeing Field is one of the busiest primary
6 nonhub airports in the nation. As such, its emergency service personnel
7 contend with unique and potentially catastrophic scenarios that can
8 endanger large numbers of people. The responsibility to mitigate and
9 manage these occurrences falls to the aircraft rescue firefighting unit.
- 10 2. The aircraft rescue firefighting unit at the airport is unique among other
11 air rescue services around the nation. The unit is staffed with king county
12 sheriff deputies who are also cross-trained and certified as Washington
13 state firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The unit provides a
14 variety of services including, law enforcement, airfield security services
15 and safety inspections for the airport.
- 16 3. The aircraft rescue firefighting headquarters building at 8190 E.
17 Marginal Way South is being replaced with a new facility that has
18 approximately 8,300 square feet, costs \$7.7 million and includes three

19 apparatus bays that support two ARFF firefighting vehicles and a
20 command vehicle. The building will have space for approximately twenty
21 firefighters and will reach full occupancy and commissioning by
22 December 31, 2016.

23 4. Mr. Luther Dean Bonner was hired by the Seattle fire department on
24 October 27, 1942, to protect the citizens of King County from the loss of
25 life and property resulting from fire or other disasters.

26 5. On February 18, 1943, the Frye and Company slaughterhouse and meat
27 packing plant at 2203 Airport Way was destroyed when a B-29 Bomber on
28 a test flight crashed into the building. The ensuing fire killed thirty-two
29 people and became the largest life-loss fire in Seattle history.

30 6. At 1:30 on the morning of February 19, 1943, Luther Bonner was
31 killed in the line of duty while operating a hose line in an effort to
32 extinguish the Frye and Company fire.

33 7. Although Luther Bonner passed away on February 19, 1943, his noble
34 sacrifice in service of the citizens of King County will remain with us.

35 8. We wish to honor Luther Bonner's sacrifice and significant service.

36 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

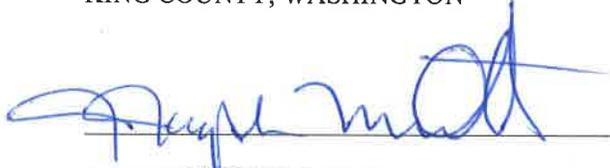
37 SECTION 1. We do hereby honor and memorialize firefighter Luther Dean
38 Bonner by naming the aircraft rescue and firefighting station at 8190 E. Marginal Way

- 39 South the King County International Airport, Luther Dean Bonner Memorial Aircraft
- 40 Rescue and Fire Fighting Station.
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Ordinance 18371 was introduced on 7/5/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/19/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 27 day of SEPTEMBER, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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