



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 7, 2017**

**Ordinance 18471**

**Proposed No. 2017-0030.1**

**Sponsors Dembowski**

1                   AN ORDINANCE approving the Highline Water District  
2                   Water System Plan, Final August 2016.

3                   STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4                   1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
5                   approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that provide  
6                   service in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
7                   unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
8                   being granted right-of-way franchises and being given approval for right-  
9                   of-way construction permits. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 prescribes the  
10                  requirements for approval of those plans, including consistency with state  
11                  and local planning requirements.

12                  2. RCW 57.16.010 requires that general comprehensive plans by special  
13                  purpose districts be submitted to, and approved by, the legislative  
14                  authority within whose boundaries all or a portion of a utility lies.

15                  3. Highline Water District's last general water facility plan was approved  
16                  in 2009. Washington state Department of Health and King County  
17                  regulations require water system plans to be updated every six years.

18                  4. The district has a service area within King County and has adopted a  
19                  water system plan update ("the plan").

20 5. King County has adopted a Comprehensive Plan that includes policies  
21 F-101 through F-254, the applicable portions of which address water  
22 policies for facilities and services; these water policies call for consistency  
23 with other adopted plans, pursuit of reclaimed water, water conservation  
24 and protection of water resources.

25 6. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires the utilities technical review committee  
26 to review and make a recommendation to the King County executive and  
27 council on the plan, the requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and  
28 consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan. The utilities  
29 technical review committee has reviewed the planning data and system  
30 operations and has found:

31 a. The plan uses population and employment forecasts developed by the  
32 Puget Sound Regional Council;

33 b. The district's service area is within King County;

34 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
35 service needs;

36 d. The plan is consistent with applicable Washington state water quality  
37 laws; and

38 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
39 policies.

40 7. Washington state Department of Health approval is pending upon King  
41 County's approval of the plan.

42           8. Under the state Environmental Policy Act the district completed an  
43           environmental check list and the district issued a determination of  
44           nonsignificance for the plan approval on March 9, 2016. There were no  
45           appeals.

46           9. The district's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,  
47           administrative and planning standards. As the district's operations,  
48           facilities and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code  
49           and are consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the utilities  
50           technical review committee has recommended approval of the plan.

51           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

52            SECTION 1. The Highline Water District Water System Plan, Final August  
53 2016, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water  
54 system plan.  
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Ordinance 18471 was introduced on 1/30/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 3/6/2017, by the following vote:

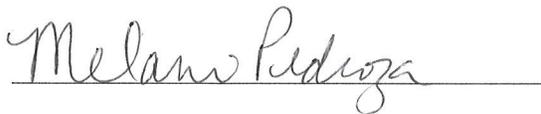
Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Highline Water District Water System Plan