



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

February 27, 2018

Ordinance 18664

Proposed No. 2017-0430.1

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to assigning emergency  
2 management responsibilities to the director of the office of  
3 emergency management; and amending Ordinance 12075,  
4 Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.56.030.

5 PREAMBLE

6 The King County office of emergency management is dedicated to  
7 providing leadership and high-quality services that improve the safety of  
8 the public in King County. The office specializes in disaster mitigation,  
9 preparedness, response, and recovery. RCW 38.52.070 directs local  
10 governments to establish an emergency management program and to  
11 assign emergency management responsibilities to a specific person. In  
12 King County, those duties are currently assigned to the county  
13 administrative officer, who has a broad and varied portfolio of  
14 responsibilities. In order to ensure that the all emergency management  
15 plans, procedures and operations are conducted in as efficient a manner as  
16 possible, especially during times of crisis, the council finds it essential that  
17 this responsibility be designated within King County government to an  
18 official primarily devoted to a consistently high level of attention to  
19 emergency management issues.

20 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

21 SECTION 1. Ordinance 12075, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.56.030 are  
22 each hereby amended to read as follows:

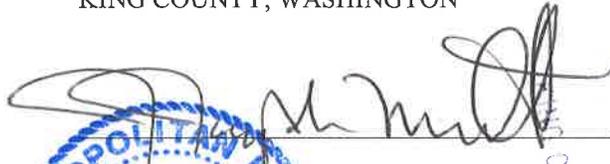
23 There is established pursuant to state law the King County office of emergency  
24 management, the operation of which shall be the responsibility of the director of the  
25 ~~((department of executive services))~~ office of emergency management. The mission of  
26 the office of emergency management shall be to provide for the effective direction,  
27 control and coordination of county government emergency services functional units, and  
28 to provide liaison with other governments and the private, nongovernmental sector, in  
29 compliance with a state-approved comprehensive emergency management plan and to

30 serve as the coordinating entity for cities, county governmental departments((;)) and other  
31 appropriate agencies, during incidents and events of regional significance.  
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Ordinance 18664 was introduced on 10/23/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 2/26/2018, 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

  
Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 8 day of MARCH, 2018.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None