



Signature Report

March 20, 2012

Ordinance 17284

Proposed No. 2012-0110.1

Sponsors Ferguson and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE making a technical correction to the
2 process for appointing members of the citizens' committee
3 on independent oversight; and amending Ordinance 15611,
4 Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.050.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. Through Ordinance 15611, the metropolitan King County council
7 established a system of civilian oversight to monitor ongoing
8 investigations of misconduct, help resolve cases, implement methods for
9 increasing the level of public trust and transparency, and identify systemic
10 issues within sheriff's office and offer recommendations for reform.

11 2. This system of civilian oversight was subsequently modified through
12 Ordinance 16511.

13 3. Through the establishment and initial staffing of the office of law
14 enforcement oversight and specifically related to the appointment process
15 for members of the citizens' committee on independent oversight, a
16 technical issue in the form of an extraneous reference has been identified
17 for correction.

18 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

19 SECTION 1. Ordinance 15611, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.050 are
20 each hereby amended to read as follows:

21 A. ~~((Using the process prescribed in K.C.C. 2.28.0015, t))~~The executive shall
22 appoint, subject to council confirmation, a citizens' committee on independent oversight
23 to advise the director of the office of law enforcement oversight, which is created under
24 K.C.C. chapter 2.75, on policies, procedures and practices relating to officer misconduct,
25 discipline and other responsibilities of the director of the office of law enforcement
26 oversight.

27 B. The committee shall include eleven members of the public who represent the
28 geographic, ethnic and economic diversity of the sheriff's service area. The committee
29 shall consist of three members representing cities that contract with the sheriff for law
30 enforcement services, four members shall represent unincorporated King County and four
31 members shall be selected at-large. The committee members shall be appointed for three-
32 year terms, subject to reappointment for additional terms.

33 C. The committee shall make recommendations to the director regarding:

34 1. Misconduct and discipline policies, procedures and practices of the sheriff's
35 office;

36 2. Policies, procedures and practices related to other responsibilities of the
37 director of the office of law enforcement oversight; and

38 3. Public perceptions of the sheriff, the sheriff's deputies and their roles and
39 functions in the community.

40 D. The committee shall also serve as a means for the director of the office of law
41 enforcement oversight to communicate with King County's diverse communities. The

42 communication should increase accountability and public understanding of the
43 misconduct and discipline policies, procedures and practices of the sheriff's office and
44 other issues related to the director of the office of law enforcement oversight's
45 responsibilities.

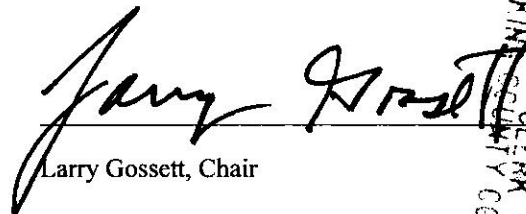
46 E. The committee shall not review or advise the director of the office of law
47 enforcement oversight on individual complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions.

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Ordinance 17284 was introduced on 3/12/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/19/2012, by the following vote:

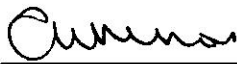
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
McDermiott
No: 0
Excused: 0

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Larry Gossett, Chair

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ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2 day of APRIL, 2012. 

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None
