



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 10, 2008**

**Ordinance 16286**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0605.1

**Sponsors** Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to no shooting areas; and  
2 amending Ordinance 1454, Sections 1 through 3, and  
3 K.C.C. 12.68.010.  
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5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. In the unincorporated areas of King County that are not designated by  
7 ordinance as "no shooting areas," residents may discharge firearms on  
8 their own property or with the permission of the owner of the property.

9 While the discharge of firearms is generally allowed, the King County  
10 Code places certain restrictions related to potential for harm from the  
11 discharge of weapons.

12 2. Nevertheless, eighty-nine separate locations within the county have  
13 been established as no shooting areas.

14 3. The King County Code delineates the process for establishing a no  
15 shooting area. The code contains three steps.

16 4. First, the residents seeking to establish a no shooting area must develop  
17 a petition, map, and legal definition of the area to that would be defined as

18 the no shooting area. The residents then must seek at least ten signatures  
19 on the petition from "elector-residents" in the area. When the petitioners  
20 have sufficient signatures, they are required to submit the petition to the  
21 clerk of the King County council.

22 5. The second step requires the certification of the petition and the  
23 elector-resident signatures from the King County elections division.

24 6. Finally, the county is required to advertise the ordinance for the  
25 potential establishment of the no shooting area for at least ten days prior to  
26 the hearing of the ordinance. The council may then establish the no  
27 shooting area by ordinance.

28 7. The King County Code has traditionally identified each no shooting  
29 area by its voter precinct name.

30 8. State statute requires that the county regularly review voter precinct  
31 boundaries and redistrict areas when necessary. As result, many voter  
32 precincts boundaries have changed and no longer conform to the legal  
33 descriptions identified as no shooting areas.

34 9. The council uses the voter precinct as the means for the petition  
35 process to ensure acceptance of a no shooting area, but designates the area  
36 using maps and legal descriptions other than voting precincts. Therefore,  
37 the no shooting area is based on the geographic description in code, not  
38 the name of the voter precinct. This ordinance clarifies this issue.

39 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

40           SECTION 1. Ordinance 1454, Sections 1 through 3, and K.C.C. 12.68.010 are  
41 each hereby amended to read as follows:

42           A. Petitions requesting the council to create a no shooting area or dissolve an  
43 existing (~~no shooting~~) no shooting area shall be filed with the clerk of the council.  
44 Petitions shall contain the signatures of at least ten elector-residents of each voting  
45 precinct in the area under consideration. A map and legal description of the area shall be  
46 included with the petitions.

47           B. After petition signatures have been verified by the (~~records and licensing~~  
48 ~~services~~) elections division, the council shall set a date of hearing. Legal notice of the  
49 hearing shall be published once in the official county newspaper and once in a newspaper  
50 of general circulation within the proposed area, at least ten days prior to the hearing.

51           C. If the council finds the formation or dissolution of the petitioned area to be  
52 beneficial to the public health, safety and general welfare, it shall establish such a no  
53 shooting area by ordinance. The council shall consider, but is not limited to, the location,  
54 terrain and surrounding (~~land use~~) land use of the petitioned area.

55           D. It is the intent of the council that the geographic description of no shooting  
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57 areas as defined in this chapter remain in effect even after voter precinct boundaries  
58 change.

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Ordinance 16286 was introduced on 11/3/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/10/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

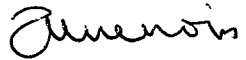
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Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn


KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2008.

  
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for Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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