



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

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Ordinance 16579

Proposed No. 2009-0118.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County historic
2 preservation and historical programs advisory task force.

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4 **PREAMBLE:**

5 In 2005, the Washington state Legislature enacted legislation to establish a
6 permanent surcharge on the recording of county documents. RCW
7 36.22.170 provides that a portion of the revenue generated by the
8 surcharge be "used at the discretion of the county commissioners to
9 promote historic preservation or historical programs, which may include
10 preservation of historic documents." Counties around the state are now
11 examining how to use the new source of funding to promote historic
12 preservation and historical programs. The creation of this dedicated
13 funding source presents an opportunity to ensure that funding of historic
14 preservation and historical programs is appropriately and thoughtfully
15 distributed in King County. Ensuring the appropriate and thoughtful
16 distribution of these funds requires an understanding of the current
17 funding and governance structures for historic preservation and historical

18 programs in King County. In December 2008, the King County auditor's
19 office completed a compliance audit of the county's use of historic
20 preservation and historical programs funding authorized by the
21 Washington state Legislature in House Bill 1386, and identified
22 opportunities for improved accountability and transparency in the use of
23 the surcharge revenues by establishing formal policies and procedures to
24 guide their use. The metropolitan King County council is committed to
25 the county policy of promoting historic preservation and historical
26 programs and the general policy of using its resources in the most
27 effective and efficient way possible. Therefore, the council finds that the
28 establishment of an historic preservation and historical programs advisory
29 committee is necessary to explore how to use the surcharge and make
30 other recommendations on how best to promote historic preservation and
31 historical programs in King County. It is the intent of the council that the
32 committee makes recommendations to the council on the short-term and
33 long-term allocation of available revenue from the surcharge.

34 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

35 SECTION 1. The King County historic preservation and historical programs
36 advisory task force is hereby established.

37 SECTION 2.

38 A. The purpose of the task force shall be to make short-term and long-term
39 recommendations to the council on how to allocate the recording fee surcharge in order to
40 best support and promote historic preservation and historical programs in King County.

41 To achieve this purpose, the task force shall study the funding and governance structures
42 for historic preservation and historical programs in King County, including the King
43 County historic preservation program, the King County landmarks commission, the
44 cultural development authority of King County's preservation and heritage programs, and
45 local preservation and heritage organizations within King County.

46 B. The task force's allocation recommendation shall include:

47 1. Methods and mechanisms for the distribution of funds generated by the
48 surcharge;

49 2. Guiding principles for the distribution of the funds generated by the
50 surcharge;

51 3. Appropriate accounting methods for the funds available for historic
52 preservation and historical programs; and

53 4. Additional recommendations to promote historic preservation and historical
54 programs in King County including, but not limited to, alternative funding sources,
55 governance structures and options for new and expanded programs.

56 C. The task force shall convene and develop a work program by August 1, 2009.
57 The task force shall make an interim recommendation in regards to the 2010 budget by
58 November 1, 2009, with a final report due to the council by March 1, 2010. Eleven
59 copies of the report shall be filed with the clerk of the council for distribution to all
60 councilmembers.

61 SECTION 3.

62 A. The task force shall be comprised of eight members.

63 1. Five members shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the
64 council as follows:

65 a. One shall be a member of the King County landmarks commission and
66 nominated by the King County landmarks commission;

67 b. One shall be a member of the 4Culture's heritage committee or preservation
68 advisory committee and nominated by the 4Culture's heritage committee or preservation
69 advisory committee;

70 c. One shall be a member of the Association of King County Historical
71 Organizations and nominated by the Association of King County Historical
72 Organizations;

73 d. One shall be a member of the city of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation
74 Board or Historic Districts and nominated by the city of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation
75 Board or Historic Districts; and

76 e. One shall be a member representative from a suburban city that has an
77 interlocal agreement with King County for historic preservation services; and

78 2. Three members, one of whom shall serve as chair of the task force, shall be
79 appointed by the task force members listed in subsection A.1.a. through e. of this section.
80 The three members shall not be currently employed by, or serving on the board of, an
81 organization that is represented on the task force, and should be chosen to enhance the
82 diversity of perspectives and experiences represented on the task force.

83 B. Members shall live in King County and should have an interest and expertise
84 in historic preservation or historical programs, knowledge of government operations and
85 financing, a history of collaborative work to find solutions to complex problems and a

86 willingness to commit the time necessary to attend meetings and actively support
87 progress of the task force. Members should reflect the county's geographic and ethnic
88 diversity.

89 SECTION 4. The task force shall be dissolved on December 31, 2010, unless the
90 council takes action to extend its service.

91 SECTION 5.

92 A. The council shall provide for appropriate staffing of the task force.

93 B. County staff in all departments related to historic preservation and historical
94 programs shall provide information requested by the task force in a timely manner.

95 SECTION 6. The records and licensing services division shall reimburse task
96 force members for mileage at the standard county reimbursement rate for travel within
97 the county to and from scheduled task force meetings. The records and licensing services
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99 division shall reimburse task force members for parking in the county garage while
100 attending meetings where task force business is conducted.

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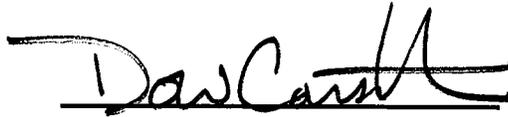
Ordinance 16579 was introduced on 2/23/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/29/2009, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10th day of July, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments None

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