



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 22, 2004**

**Ordinance 15074**

**Proposed No.** 2004-0502.1

**Sponsors** Pelz

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the renaming of the  
2 International District Station, located in the Downtown  
3 Seattle Transit Tunnel, to International District/Chinatown  
4 Station; making technical changes; amending Ordinance  
5 11950, Section 13, and K.C.C. 28.92.220 and Ordinance  
6 11950, Section 15 (part), and K.C.C. 28.96.040 and adding  
7 a new section to K.C.C. chapter 28.94.

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10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. Findings. The King County council makes the following findings  
12 with regard to the International District Station:

13 A. The International District Station is one of five stations located in the  
14 Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.

15 B. Located at South Jackson Street and 5th Avenue South, the International  
16 District Station is the southern terminus for the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.

17 C. Currently utilized as passenger facilities for the Metro Bus System and Sound  
18 Transit's Regional Express Bus program, the stations in the Downtown Seattle Transit  
19 Tunnel will also be used for Sound Transit's Central LINK Light Rail when it begins  
20 service.

21 D. The International District Station reflects the history and culture of the nearby  
22 International District with brightly painted steel shelters and symbols of the Chinese  
23 calendar built into the station plaza floor with cut and colored brick.

24 E. Many people in the community have expressed interest in renaming the  
25 International District Station to include a reference to Chinatown. One of the city's  
26 oldest neighborhoods, the area currently known as the International District has  
27 historically been also been referred to as Chinatown. By 1876, more than one in six  
28 residents of Seattle was of Chinese ancestry. The name International District/Chinatown  
29 more fully reflects the contributions and history of the community including both Chinese  
30 and persons of other ethnic heritages who have settled and worked there for over one  
31 hundred forty years.

32 F. In recent years there has been a push by Chinese community leaders to  
33 acknowledge the diverse roots of the International District. The City of Seattle  
34 recognized this when it opened the new International District/Chinatown Community  
35 Center in August 2004. The Seattle International District/Chinatown Public Library  
36 branch is slated to open in 2005.

37 G. It is appropriate to name the transit station to reflect the combined Chinese  
38 and other international sources of history and culture of the International  
39 District/Chinatown.

40            SECTION 2. Ordinance 11950, Section 13, and K.C.C.28.92.220 are each hereby  
41 amended to read as follows:

42            **Tunnel plaza area((f)s(t)) or plaza areas.** Tunnel plaza area((f)s(t)) or plaza  
43 area((f)s(t)) are those portions of the International District/Chinatown and Convention  
44 Place tunnel stations ((~~which~~)) that are located at the surface street level and ((~~which~~))  
45 that provide access((f)) or egress to the subsurface levels.

46            NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 28.94 a  
47 new section to read as follows:

48            **Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel stations.** The stations in the Downtown  
49 Seattle Transit Tunnel shall be known as Convention Place Station, Westlake Station,  
50 University Street Station, Pioneer Square Station and International District/Chinatown  
51 Station.

52            SECTION 4. Ordinance 11950, Section 15 (part), and K.C.C.28.96.040 are each  
53 hereby amended to read as follows:

54            **Tunnel mezzanine and plaza areas.**

55            A. Public communication activities ((~~which~~)) that are otherwise lawful are  
56 permitted in mezzanine and plaza areas subject to the prohibitions, limits, exceptions,  
57 terms and conditions of this chapter.

58            B. Signs, leaflets, posters, flyers, pamphlets, brochures and written, pictorial or  
59 graphic material of any kind, structures, banners and any other paraphernalia may not be  
60 posted or affixed to tunnel property or erected in or on tunnel property.

61            C. Signs carried by or on a person are permitted, provided the signs are not  
62 constructed of a size or material ((~~which~~)) that could inadvertently or intentionally cause

63 injury to a person or property. Signs must not be of a size that obstructs the free flow of  
64 pedestrians and must not exceed ~~((36))~~ thirty-six inches by ~~((36))~~ thirty-six inches in any  
65 case. A ~~(("))~~ sandwich board ~~(("))~~ sign must not extend significantly beyond the carrier's  
66 shoulders.

67 D. Public communication activities are not permitted within fifteen ~~((15))~~ feet  
68 of any stairway, escalator, elevator, entrance, customer service counter, ticket or  
69 automatic teller machine or authorized commercial activity. Public communications  
70 activities are not permitted within five ~~((5))~~ feet of any fire safety system component,  
71 telephone, information board or news vending machine. Additionally, public  
72 communications activities must not block normal pedestrian paths to and from the areas  
73 noted ~~((above))~~ in this subsection.

74 E. For safety and security reasons, to ensure that the free flow of pedestrians~~((;))~~  
75 and the intended transportation functions of the tunnel stations are met and to  
76 accommodate other activities competing for the limited available space, a collective  
77 maximum number of individuals allowed to engage in public communications activities  
78 at any one Downtown Seattle Transit ~~((#))~~ Tunnel location is hereby established. Because  
79 of different station configurations, the number of individuals allowed to engage in public  
80 communication activities at the same location and time shall be limited as follows:

81 <u>Station (Location)</u>	<u>Maximum ((#)) number of persons</u>
82 Convention Place (Plaza) <del>((;))</del>	8
83 Convention Place (Platforms)	0
84 Westlake (Mezzanine)	8
85 Westlake (Platforms)	0

86	University Street (N. Mezzanine)	4
87	University Street (S. Mezzanine)	4
88	University Street (Platforms)	0
89	Pioneer Square (N. Mezzanine)	4
90	Pioneer Square (S. Mezzanine)	4
91	Pioneer Square (Platforms)	0
92	International District/ <u>Chinatown</u> (Plaza)	8
93	International District/ <u>Chinatown</u> (Platform)	0

94 F. A single group whose number of participants is known in advance, or is found at  
95 the time, to consist of four ~~((4))~~ or more persons shall be required to obtain a letter of  
96 authorization in accordance with ~~((subsection E of Section))~~ K.C.C. 28.96.060E.

97 G. Individuals or groups engaged in public communication activities who desire to  
98 use a table or public address system, loudspeaker or other sound amplifying device must  
99 obtain a letter of authorization with the appropriate endorsement~~((s))~~ or endorsements in  
100 accordance with ~~((Sections))~~ K.C.C. 28.96.060, 28.96.070~~((s))~~ and 28.96.080.

101 H. Persons engaged in public communications activities in compliance with  
102 ~~((Section))~~ K.C.C. 28.96.020 may nevertheless be required to cease or to move to another  
103 specified area within the same or a different tunnel location if the number of persons  
104 engaged in public communication activities, their location or their manner of conducting  
105 the activities creates safety or security problems, interferes with the free flow of persons

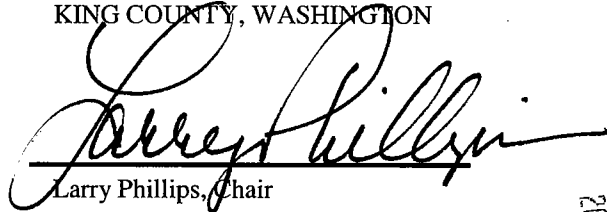
106 into, within((;)) or from a plaza or mezzanine area or interferes with the operation use and  
107 quiet enjoyment of the facility or transit service therein.

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Ordinance 15074 was introduced on 10/25/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/22/2004, by the following vote:

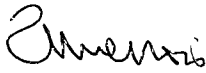
Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2 day of December, 2004.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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