



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**October 27, 2009**

**Ordinance 16682**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0558.3

**Sponsors** Constantine, Gossett, Patterson,  
Ferguson, Hague, Phillips and von  
Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the establishment of a Seattle-  
2 King County taxicab advisory commission; authorizing the  
3 executive to enter into an interlocal agreement related  
4 thereto; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 2.

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6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. The city of Seattle has authority to issue taxicab licenses and to  
8 regulate taxicabs and drivers for the city.
- 9 2. King County has the authority to issue taxicab licenses and to regulate  
10 taxicabs and drivers for unincorporated King County, and through  
11 interlocal agreements, for some cities within King County.
- 12 3. In recent years, the city of Seattle and King County have changed their  
13 codes to modify how taxicab licenses are issued and modified regulations  
14 regarding taxicabs and drivers.
- 15 4. It is in the public interest that an advisory commission be formed to  
16 advise elected officials with the city of Seattle and King County regarding  
17 the rational provision of taxicab services throughout the county, and to

18 help ensure the provision of high-quality taxicab service while ensuring  
19 the economic viability of owning and driving taxicabs.

20 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

21 SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this ordinance should constitute a new  
22 chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.

23 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is established a Seattle-King County  
24 taxicab advisory commission. The purpose of the commission is to study regulations,  
25 rules, policies and issues relevant to the provision of high-quality taxicab service in the  
26 city of Seattle and King County while ensuring the economic viability owning and  
27 driving taxicabs, and to make recommendations to the city of Seattle and King County on  
28 these matters. Recommendations to those jurisdictions shall include, but not be limited  
29 to, the following:

- 30 A. Changes in governmental taxicab regulations;
- 31 B. Changes in administrative rules;
- 32 C. Changes to the city of Seattle and King County taxicab codes and legislation  
33 that would affect the taxicab industry;
- 34 D. The setting of taxicab fares;
- 35 E. Taxicab licensing;
- 36 F. Ways to increase the availability of taxicab service in Seattle and King  
37 County. Recommendations on this subject shall be included in the commission's first  
38 annual report to King County and the city of Seattle; and
- 39 G. Evaluating current taxicab regulations, including making recommendations to  
40 each jurisdiction's respective executive and legislative bodies.

41           NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. The Seattle-King County taxicab advisory

42 commission shall have the following members:

43           A. Three who represent taxicab license owners, which shall be positions one, two  
44 and ten;

45           B. Three who represent taxicab drivers but are not taxicab license owners, and  
46 who have not been a license owner within the previous five years, which shall be  
47 positions three, four and nine;

48           C. Three from the hospitality industry, tourism industry or medical facilities,  
49 representing patrons who use taxicabs, which shall be positions five, six and eleven;

50           D. One who is a person with a disability or a person who represents persons with  
51 disabilities, which shall be position eight; and

52           E. One who is a person who represents individuals over the age of sixty, which  
53 shall be position seven.

54           NEW SECTION. SECTION 4.

55           A. Individuals shall be appointed specifically into each of the numbered  
56 positions. Members in odd-numbered positions from position one to position nine shall  
57 be appointed by the city of Seattle. Individuals in even-numbered positions from position  
58 two to position ten shall be appointed by the King County executive and confirmed by  
59 the King County council. Position eleven shall be appointed by the other members of  
60 the commission.

61           B.1. Initial terms for the each appointment to the positions shall be as follows:

62           a. Positions one, two and five shall serve one-year terms that begin January 1,  
63 2010;

64           b. Positions three, four, nine and ten shall serve two-year terms that begin  
65           January 1, 2010; and

66           c. Positions six, seven, eight and eleven shall serve three-year terms that begin  
67           January 1, 2010.

68           2. At the conclusion of the initial term of each appointment, all subsequent  
69           terms of each position shall be for three years. A commission member whose term has  
70           expired may continue to serve into the following term until a successor has been  
71           appointed by the appropriate authority to complete the term. A member shall not serve  
72           more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy for an unexpired term shall be filled by the  
73           appropriate appointing authority.

74           NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. King County shall provide written notice to the  
75           Seattle-King County taxicab advisory commission, no more than fifteen days following  
76           any proposed changes to county ordinances or rules that pertain to the setting of taxicab  
77           fares, taxicab licensing and other legislation regarding the taxicab industry or its  
78           customers. Such written notice shall also occur no less than thirty days in advance of  
79           adoption of proposed ordinances, rules or other legislation so that the commission will  
80           have sufficient time to review proposed changes and report its recommendations to King  
81           County and the city of Seattle. The commission shall issue and deliver an annual report  
82           to the city of Seattle and King County that outlines the work of the commission during  
83           the prior calendar year as well as its anticipated work program for the following calendar  
84           year. The report shall be filed with the executive and clerk of the council, in the form of  
85           eleven copies for distribution to all councilmembers, by February 15 of each year.

86           NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. The Seattle-King County taxicab advisory  
87 commission shall convene as necessary, but at least quarterly, to perform the duties  
88 outlined in section 2 of this ordinance. The county shall provide an executive department  
89 employee to staff the committee. The appropriate appointing authority may remove any  
90 member who is absent without excuse from three consecutive commission meetings.  
91 Commission meeting locations shall rotate between city of Seattle and King County  
92 facilities. Commission members shall serve without compensation.

93           SECTION 7. The executive is authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement  
94 with the city of Seattle to implement commission responsibilities and procedures as set  
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96 forth in this ordinance.

97 SECTION 8. Section 5 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2010.

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Ordinance 16682 was introduced on 9/21/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/26/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 0

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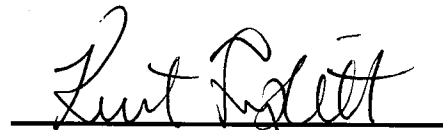
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 3 day of November, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments None

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