



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**May 2, 2011**

**Ordinance 17075**

**Proposed No. 2011-0143.1**

**Sponsors Lambert**

1           AN ORDINANCE modifying the establishment, powers  
2           and duties of the emergency management organization of  
3           King County; and amending Ordinance 12075, Section 15,  
4           and K.C.C. 2.56.030 and Ordinance 12075, Section 16, as  
5           amended, and K.C.C. 2.56.040.

6           PREAMBLE:

7           In order to more effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from the  
8           effects of both natural and technological emergencies in our region, and in  
9           keeping with changes in state and federal regulation, King County  
10          significantly reorganized its emergency management structure in 1995.  
11          Since that time, the experience gathered by the King County office of  
12          emergency management and its partnering jurisdictions through disasters,  
13          emergencies and joint exercises has revealed the importance of a uniform  
14          and rational approach to the regional coordination of emergency planning,  
15          response and recovery efforts.

16          BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

17          SECTION 1. Ordinance 12075, Section 15, and K.C.C. 2.56.030 are hereby  
18          amended to read as follows:

19           There is established pursuant to state law ((a)) the King County office of  
20 emergency management ((division)), the operation of which shall be the responsibility of  
21 the director of the department of ((information and administrative)) executive services.  
22 The mission of the office of emergency management ((division)) shall be to provide for  
23 the effective direction, control and coordination of county government emergency  
24 services functional units, to coordinate with other governments and the private,  
25 nongovernmental sector, in compliance with ((am)) a state-approved comprehensive  
26 emergency management plan and to serve as the coordinating entity for cities, county  
27 governmental departments, and other appropriate agencies during incidents and events of  
28 regional significance.

29           SECTION 2. Ordinance 12075, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.56.040 are  
30 hereby amended to read as follows:

31           A. The executive shall have general supervision and control of the emergency  
32 management organization and shall be responsible for implementing the provisions of  
33 K.C.C. chapter 2.56 in the event of a disaster.

34           B. In performing the executive's duties pursuant to this chapter, and to effect its  
35 policy and purpose, the executive is further authorized and empowered to:

36           1. Make, amend and rescind the necessary orders, rules((;)) and regulations to  
37 implement the provisions of this chapter within the authority conferred upon him herein  
38 and in K.C.C. chapter 12.52, consistent with the provisions of state law and the plans of  
39 the state and federal government((-));

40           2. Cooperate with state governments, federal government, local governments  
41 and with other counties and with the provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and with

42 private agencies in all matters pertaining to the emergency management operations of the  
43 county((-));

44 3. Foster cooperative planning at all levels to enable a uniform and rational  
45 approach to the coordination of multi-agency and multijurisdictional actions for all  
46 regional mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts;

47 4. Prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the emergency management  
48 of the county pursuant to state law, and to submit the plan and program including but not  
49 limited to elements addressing mitigation activities, preparedness, responses to disasters  
50 and emergencies, and recovery operations to the state director of emergency management  
51 for the director's recommendations thereto and certification for consistency with the state  
52 comprehensive emergency management plan in order to ensure that local emergency  
53 operations are coordinated with the state plan and program((-));

54 ((4-)) 5. In accordance with such plan and program for county emergency  
55 management, procure supplies and equipment, institute professional and public training  
56 programs and public information and educational programs, manage and coordinate  
57 disaster drills, and take all other preparatory steps including the full or partial  
58 mobilization of the emergency management organization in advance of an actual disaster  
59 to ensure the furnishing of emergency management personnel in time of need((-));

60 ((5-)) 6. Act as the hazardous material incident coordinating agency for King  
61 County as referenced in federal Title III, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-  
62 to-Know Act of 1986, as amended((-));

63 ((6-)) 7. Coordinate preparation of disaster proclamations and the appropriate  
64 documentation thereof for the purpose of obtaining state and federal relief and assistance.

65           ~~((7-))~~ 8. Following implementation of the 800 MHz regional emergency  
66 communications system, manage and coordinate the county's internal interdepartmental  
67 radio communications system and prioritize communications in emergencies which  
68 exceed local resources;

69           ~~((8-))~~ 9. Following implementation of the 800 MHz regional emergency  
70 communications system, represent the county concerning the management of the  
71 county's share of the system consistent with any interlocal agreements with other  
72 jurisdictions.

73           ~~((9-))~~ 10. On behalf of the county, enter into mutual aid arrangements in  
74 collaboration with other public and private agencies for reciprocal emergency aid and  
75 assistance in the event of a disaster too great to be managed without assistance~~((-))~~; and

76           ~~((10-))~~ 11. Delegate any administrative authority vested in the executive  
77 pursuant to this chapter and provide for the sub delegation of any such authority.


78           SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to

79 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the  
80 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.  
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Ordinance 17075 was introduced on 4/4/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 5/2/2011, 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.  
McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 0


KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6 day of MAY, 2011.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None