



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 22, 2009**

**Ordinance 16562**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0289.1

**Sponsors** Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Carnation 2008  
2 Comprehensive Water System Plan.

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4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
6 approval of comprehensive plans for water utilities that distribute or obtain  
7 water in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
8 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
9 being granted right-of-way franchises and being given approval for right-  
10 of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the  
11 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state  
12 and local planning requirements.

13 2. RCW 70.116. 050 requires that water system plans developed by  
14 purveyors within the boundaries of a critical water supply service area are  
15 to be reviewed by local governments to ensure that the plan is not  
16 inconsistent with the land use plans, shoreline master programs and  
17 developmental policies of those local governments. King County has

18 adopted a Comprehensive Plan that includes water policies in its  
19 provisions for facilities and services (policies F-225 through F-244) that  
20 call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for regional water  
21 supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water conservation and  
22 protection of water resources.

23 3. The city of Carnation ("the city") is located in the Snoqualmie river  
24 valley between Snoqualmie and Duvall in the central part of King County.  
25 The city provides water service to 834 connections in its retail service  
26 area. Annual average day demand (water consumed) is approximately  
27 0.38 million gallons per day, with peak day consumption (generally during  
28 the hottest summer/fall period) approximately two and one-half times the  
29 average day demand.

30 4. The city's 2008 Comprehensive Water System Plan ("the plan")  
31 describes its intention to provide water service throughout its retail service  
32 area. The plan also proposes to reduce the overall service area assigned to  
33 the city as part of the 1990 East King County Coordinated Water System  
34 Plan ("CWSP"). Much of the area the city proposes to eliminate from its  
35 service area is not feasible for the city to serve or is designated as forestry  
36 where service is not required. The purpose of the CWSP, which includes  
37 individual water system plans, is to identify present and future water  
38 service needs, and to set forth the means for meeting those needs. The city  
39 recognizes that the CWSP will need to be modified to show where the city  
40 has determined it is not feasible to provide service. The city revised its

41 plan to acknowledge its duty to provide service within its retail service  
42 area.

43 5. The city's plan identifies measures that have historically been  
44 implemented to pursue water conservation within its boundaries, pursuant  
45 to Washington state Department of Health ("the DOH") 1994 planning  
46 guidance and consistent with the CWSP. The city is in the process of  
47 complying with the new DOH Water Use Efficiency Rule, particularly  
48 with respect to reducing distribution system losses, probably the most  
49 significant step the city can take to reduce water usage.

50 6. Pursuant to King County Comprehensive Plan policies F-208, F-211  
51 and F-212, agencies that provide service in unincorporated King County  
52 must have financing strategies to show the ability to meet projected needs  
53 for facilities and services in accordance with the Growth Management Act  
54 and the King County Comprehensive Plan. The city's plan describes a six-  
55 year capital improvement program ("CIP") costing approximately  
56 \$8,283,750 (in 2007 dollars). The city states that CIP projects will be  
57 funded by any combination of water revenues, general facilities charges,  
58 local facilities charges, grants and low-cost loans, revenue bonds and  
59 outside funding sources. Much, if not most, of the CIP funding will come  
60 from developer extensions when they create additional single-family and  
61 multifamily residential units and from utility local improvement districts.  
62 Total water sales for the city in 2003 were \$473,805. Water revenues  
63 were combined with sewer revenues in 2004 and beyond.

64 7. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 of the K.C.C. requires review of water system  
65 plans by the utilities technical review committee, and a recommendation  
66 to the King County executive and council on the plan and the requirements  
67 under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King County  
68 Comprehensive Plan. The utilities technical review committee has  
69 reviewed the planning data and city operations and hereby finds:

- 70 a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts  
71 developed by the Growth Management Planning Council for the city's  
72 service area, with a customized forecast appropriately used;
- 73 b. The plan appropriately uses King County land use classifications for  
74 unincorporated areas;
- 75 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
76 service needs;
- 77 d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality laws,  
78 including the evaluation of reclaimed water use; and
- 79 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
80 policies.

81 8. The DOH has not yet approved the city's water plan, pending approval  
82 by King County. Approval from the DOH is expected after the King  
83 County council acts.

84 9. The city did not have to complete a state Environmental Policy Act  
85 review for the plan as the system has fewer than one thousand connections  
86 and is categorically exempt from review.

87           10. The city's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,  
88           administrative and planning standards. As the city's operations, facilities  
89           and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code and are  
90           consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the utilities  
91           technical review committee recommends approval of the plan.

92           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

93           SECTION 1. The City of Carnation 2008 Comprehensive Water System Plan,  
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95 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system  
96 plan.


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Ordinance 16562 was introduced on 5/4/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 6/22/2009, by the following vote:

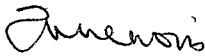
Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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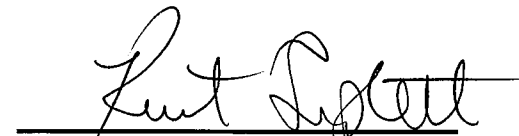
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments A. City of Carnation 2008 Comprehensive Water System Plan

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