



**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**October 16, 2017**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2017-0324.1

**Sponsors** Balducci and von Reichbauer

1           AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement between King  
2           County and the city of Algona relating to construction of a  
3           new recycling and transfer station and authorizing the King  
4           County executive to sign and implement the agreement.

5           STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6           1. The King County solid waste system serves the unincorporated areas of  
7           King County and thirty-seven cities that have signed interlocal agreements  
8           with the county.

9           2. The solid waste system is comprised of eight transfer stations, two drop  
10          boxes, and the Cedar Hills regional landfill. Several of the original  
11          transfer stations, built in the 1960s, are still in operation today. The  
12          Algona transfer station is one of these stations.

13          3. Transfer stations are essential public facilities that are vital to  
14          communities for the safe and efficient handling of their solid waste.

15          4. Adopted in 2004, Ordinance 14971 to establishes a process for the  
16          cities to collaborate with the county in solid waste system planning,  
17          including future transfer station alternatives.

18          5. Working with the cities, the solid waste division of the department of  
19          natural resources and parks developed the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste

20 Management Plan in 2007, as required by Ordinance 14971. According to  
21 the plan, the existing Algona transfer station fails to meet five of the six  
22 level-of-service station capacity criteria, because only the hours of  
23 operation were sufficient, and did not meet goals for traffic impacts on  
24 local streets. The plan recommends replacing the aging Algona transfer  
25 station with a new recycling and transfer station. These findings were  
26 confirmed though the 2014 Transfer Plan review.

27 6. In 2012, the solid waste division began a search for potential sites on  
28 which to locate a new south county recycling and transfer station. The site  
29 search for this essential public facility was concentrated in and around the  
30 cities of Auburn, Algona, Pacific and Federal Way, which is the service  
31 area for the existing Algona transfer station.

32 7. The division conducted an in-depth search that screened sites with pre-  
33 established policy criteria. Starting with over one hundred sites, the  
34 division narrowed the list of reasonable alternatives to two potential sites.

35 8. The division prepared an environmental impact statement analyzing  
36 two action alternatives located at 901 C Street Southwest, Auburn, and  
37 35101 West Valley Highway South, Algona, which is the preferred  
38 alternative. A no-action alternative was also analyzed.

39 9. Notices that the draft environmental impact statement was available for  
40 public comment were sent to over twenty-six thousand residents and  
41 emailed to a list of agencies, residents and other interested stakeholders  
42 that had participated in other public comment periods or meetings. The

43 solid waste division received comment letters from seventy-eight  
44 stakeholders. The comments were reviewed and a response summary was  
45 incorporated in the final environmental impact statement.

46 10. The final environmental impact statement was issued on September  
47 20, 2016.

48 11. In February 2017, the executive made the decision to proceed with the  
49 new recycling and transfer station at the site in the city of Algona. The  
50 decision considered the findings from the final environmental impact  
51 statement, an equity impact review that looked at equity and social justice  
52 factors and an economic analysis that considered the potential positive and  
53 negative economic impacts of the station.

54 12. The county and the city of Algona have had discussions about the new  
55 recycling and transfer station project and desire to enter into an agreement  
56 relating to the construction of the new recycling and transfer station in the  
57 city. The agreement includes a development agreement pursuant to  
58 chapter 36.70B.170 RCW, which establishes the permitting standards and  
59 conditions, the mitigation measures and the permit process governing the  
60 construction of the new recycling and transfer station in the city as well as  
61 providing certain additional requirements for the operation of the facility.

62 13. The agreement will provide for regulatory certainty, mitigation and  
63 timely construction of the new recycling and transfer station. In  
64 accordance with chapter 36.58.080 RCW, the agreement establishes the  
65 nature and extent of future vehicular traffic impacts to the West Valley

66 Highway S within the city of Algona from the new recycling and transfer  
67 station and the extent to which the county shall compensate the city. The  
68 agreement also establishes the project mitigation options as identified in  
69 the final environmental impact statement and establishes a mechanism to  
70 resolve disputes if they arise during the city's permitting process.

71 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

72 SECTION 1. The agreement with the city of Algona, relating to the construction  
73 of a new recycling and transfer station, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this

74 ordinance, is hereby approved, and the King County executive is authorized to sign and  
75 to implement the agreement.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Agreement Between King County and the City of Algona Relating to Construction of New Transfer Station