



## KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

### Signature Report

#### Ordinance 20022

**Proposed No.** 2025-0339.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the position of facilities  
2 management manager as a key subordinate unit; and  
3 amending Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and  
4 K.C.C. 2.16.100.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 6 1. Before 2002, the King County facilities management division was a  
7 county department named the department of construction and facilities  
8 management. In 2003, the department of construction and facilities  
9 management was created as a division of the department of executive  
10 services via Ordinance 14570.
- 11 2. The facilities management division contains seven sections and  
12 workgroups that collectively oversee and maintain building operations,  
13 major capital projects and planning, parking operations, real estate  
14 services, physical security, countywide printing needs, and financial  
15 tracking for all real property owned or leased by the county. The 2026-  
16 2027 proposed operating and capital budget for the facilities management  
17 division is \$354 million.
- 18 2. The nature of the programs for which the facilities management  
19 division will be responsible in the future is evolving and the public policy  
20 implications from those programs will have a long term effect on the

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21 residents of King County. For example, planning for the future of the  
22 county's downtown civic campus will intensify over the next biennium,  
23 which will have long term effect on how and where the county will  
24 deliver its services to residents. At the forefront will not only be the  
25 county's capital planning for the civic campus but for all county facilities  
26 throughout the county. The facilities management division will be the  
27 lead agency in overseeing this planning. Additionally, the real property  
28 market is in flux; where people work and live is changing. The policy  
29 implications from this will directly impact the county's infrastructure  
30 needs in the immediate and long term future, with the facilities  
31 management division as the lead agency on determining the county's  
32 needs for owning versus leasing space.

33 3. Irrespective of the title used by the executive branch regarding the  
34 position that is responsible for managing the facilities management  
35 division, under K.C.C. 2.16.020.D., divisions are headed by managers.

36 4. Having the manager of this vital division confirmed by the council  
37 will enhance the accountability and performance of King County's capital  
38 facilities programming.

39 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

40 **SECTION 1. Findings:** The county council has determined due to the nature of  
41 the programs involved and the public policy implications, appointment of the manager  
42 of the facilities management division shall be subject to confirmation by the council in  
43 accordance with K.C.C. 2.16.100.

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44            SECTION 2. Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.100 are  
 45 hereby amended to read as follows:

46            A. Exemptions from the requirements of the career service personnel system  
 47 shall be consistent with the provisions of Sections 550, 350.10, and 350.20 of the King  
 48 County Charter. Key subordinate units, as determined by the county council, and  
 49 departmental divisions shall be considered to be executive departments. Divisions of  
 50 administrative offices shall be considered to be administrative offices for the purpose of  
 51 determining the applicability of the charter provisions.

52            B. The county administrative officer, directors, chief officers, and supervisors of  
 53 departments, administrative offices, divisions, key subordinate units, and other units of  
 54 county government as required by law shall be exempt from the requirements and  
 55 provisions of the career service personnel system.

56            C.1. The following are determined by the council to be key subordinate units due  
 57 to the nature of the programs involved and their public policy implications and  
 58 appointments to these positions shall be subject to confirmation by the council:

- 59            a. the chief information officer of the administrative office of information  
 60 resource management;
- 61            b. the deputy director of the department of elections;
- 62            c. the manager of the records and licensing services division; ~~((and))~~
- 63            d. the ~~((director))~~ manager of the road services division; and
- 64            e. if appointed by the executive after January 1, 2026, the manager of the  
 65 facilities management division.

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66           2. When an ordinance is enacted designating a position as a key subordinate  
67 unit, no person then serving in the position shall continue to serve for more than ninety  
68 days after such enactment, unless reappointed by the executive and confirmed by the  
69 council.

70           D. If an administrative assistant or a confidential secretary, or both, for each  
71 director, chief officer of an administrative office, and supervisor of a key subordinate unit

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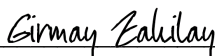
- 72 are authorized, those positions are exempt from the requirements and provisions of the
- 73 career service personnel system.

Ordinance 20022 was introduced on 10/28/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/18/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 11/25/2025, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** None

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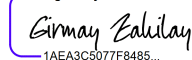
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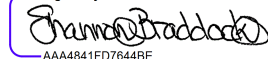
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