



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 17, 2009

Ordinance 16700

Proposed No. 2009-0566.2

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the county regular property
2 tax levies for collection in 2010; implementing RCW
3 84.55.0101, finding substantial need and providing for a
4 limit factor of one hundred and one percent in accordance
5 with RCW 84.55.0101.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

9 A. RCW 84.55.0101 allows the county council to set limit factors for regular
10 property tax levies to a maximum of one hundred one percent upon a finding of
11 substantial need.

12 B. The King County executive has proposed a total budget for 2010 of \$4.8
13 billion, and a 2010 General Fund budget of \$621 million.

14 C. The General Fund and other funds are continuing to experience a fiscal
15 shortfall that is the result of declining revenue growth and increasing costs of providing
16 services.

17 D. This fiscal shortfall is expected to continue into 2011 and thereafter.

18 E. King County has aggressively reviewed all expenditures in the General Fund
19 and other property-tax-supported funds for reductions and has reviewed possibilities for
20 enhanced revenues.

21 F. King County has reduced the General Fund budget and other property-tax-
22 supported budgets below the amounts necessary to sustain current service levels.

23 G. To fund operations of the various county programs requires an increase in
24 property taxes above the 2009 levels.

25 H. Because of the findings in subsections A. through G. of this section, the King
26 County council finds that a substantial need exists for the use of property tax limit factors
27 up to the maximum of one hundred one percent.

28 SECTION 2. The limit factors to be used for county property tax levies for taxes
29 to be collected in 2010 shall be as follows:

30 Levy	Limit Factor
31 Current Expense	One hundred one percent
32 Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)	One hundred one percent
33 Veterans and Human Services	One hundred one percent
34 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	One hundred one percent
35 County Road District	One hundred one percent
36 Conservation Futures	One hundred one percent

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38	Parks Operating	One hundred one percent
39	Parks Expansion	One hundred one percent
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Ordinance 16700 was introduced on 10/12/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/16/2009, 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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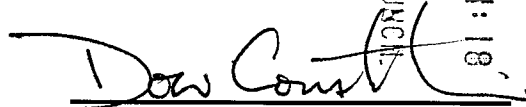
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30th day of NOVEMBER, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

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Attachments None