



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 31, 2006

Motion 12378

Proposed No. 2006-0524.1

Sponsors Constantine, Phillips, Gossett,
Patterson, Ferguson, Hague,
Lambert, Dunn and von
Reichbauer

1 A MOTION establishing county policy to pay extra postage
2 due on mail ballot envelopes for the November 7, 2006,
3 general election if voters fail to affix sufficient postage and
4 asking the executive to study options for postage on mail
5 ballots.

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8 WHEREAS, voting is perhaps the most important of all democratic rights of
9 citizens guaranteed by the United States and Washington state constitutions, and

10 WHEREAS, voters normally expect to use a single first class stamp on their
11 return envelope when voting by mail, and

12 WHEREAS, due to the large number of ballot issues on the November 7, 2006,
13 general election the ballot is longer than normal and thus exceeds one ounce in weight,
14 requiring extra postage, and

15 WHEREAS, King County practice is to arrange with the United States Postal
16 Service to have all ballots mailed in by voters to the King County Elections Section

17 delivered regardless of whether they bear adequate postage, and to pay any postage due,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, a long-term solution should be found to avoid situations in the future
20 whereby return envelopes for mail ballots require extra postage;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

22 A. Official King County policy is hereby established that the county will pay any
23 additional postage due on mail ballot envelopes for the November 7, 2006, general
24 election and future elections;

25 B. The executive is requested to study the feasibility and advisability of asking
26 mail ballot voters to affix only the amount of a single first class stamp for postage
27 regardless of ballot weight; and

28 C. The executive is further requested to study and consider whether new vote-

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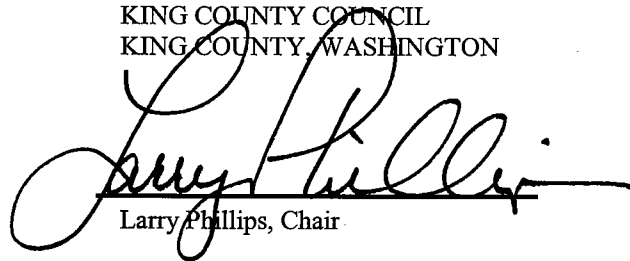
29 tabulating equipment might allow for the use of a lighter grade of paper, reducing the
30 likelihood that future ballots will require extra postage.

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Motion 12378 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/30/2006, by the following vote:

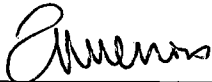
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None