



Signature Report

March 9, 2009

Motion 12936

Proposed No. 2009-0113.2

Sponsors Dunn, Phillips and Constantine

1 A MOTION directing the executive to review King
2 County, state and federal regulations that delay or
3 discourage the removal of flood debris and to recommend
4 steps to streamline the process of flood debris removal.

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6 WHEREAS, King County has experienced numerous destructive flooding events
7 over the past several decades, causing significant damage to homes and properties, and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to homes and properties, these flood events leave
9 significant amounts of flood debris, which can be unsightly and result in decreased land
10 values, and

11 WHEREAS, flood debris can pose a heightened risk of physical injury from logs
12 and other form of downed vegetation that:

- 13 1. Create an attractive nuisance;
- 14 2. Act as a source of potential fires; or
- 15 3. Affect the flow of water in future flood events in a manner that significantly
16 increases the risks to structures, and

17 WHEREAS, flood debris can pose a heightened risk of serious health risks from
18 unsanitary or toxic materials, such as effluent from damaged on-site sewage systems,
19 farm animal wastes or heavy metals from road surfaces, that can promote the spread or be
20 the cause of disease and environmental damage, and

21 WHEREAS, King County recognizes the benefits of the quick removal of flood
22 debris and in the past has used disposal fee waivers to help facilitate the prompt cleanup
23 and proper disposal of storm debris following major storms and flooding, and

24 WHEREAS, the benefits of the prompt removal of flood debris may not be
25 realized if county, state or federal regulatory requirements serve to delay or stand in the
26 way of the removal of flood debris, and

27 WHEREAS, an effort to streamline the regulatory process to allow for prompt
28 cleanup of properties with flood debris will be a benefit to all the residents of King
29 County;

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

31 The King County executive shall convene a review of county, state or federal
32 regulatory requirements that serve as barriers to the prompt removal of flood debris and
33 to provide recommendations to the council, by May 31, 2009, for steps that can be taken
34 to remove such barriers.

35 The recommendations must be filed in the form of eleven copies with the clerk of
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37 the council, who shall retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember
38 and to the committee coordinator of the physical environment committee.

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Motion 12936 was introduced on 2/23/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/9/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips,
Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

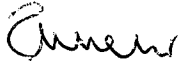
Excused: 2 - Mr. Ferguson and Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None