



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

July 28, 2009

### Ordinance 16614

**Proposed No.** 2009-0449.1

**Sponsors** Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE limiting King County's participation in  
2 the Port Quendall Revitalization Area; and declaring an  
3 emergency.  
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

7 A. King County has received notification from the city of Renton of the city's  
8 intent to create a Revitalization Area as recently authorized under Chapter 270, Laws of  
9 Washington 2009, but has received limited written information with regard to the  
10 proposed Revitalization Area or related financial plan for debt repayment.

11 B. As set forth in Chapter 270, Laws of Washington 2009, local taxing  
12 jurisdictions that levy regular property or local sales and use taxes in the proposed  
13 Revitalization Area are automatic participants in the revitalization areas unless contrary  
14 notification is provided to the initiating jurisdiction before formal action by the initiating  
15 jurisdiction to create the Revitalization Area. The city of Renton indicates that formal  
16 action will be taken on August 17, 2009.

17 C. Automatic local jurisdiction participants pledge seventy-five percent of  
18 regular property tax increases resulting from new construction in the Revitalization Area  
19 to repayment of debt issued to fund public improvements in the area.

20 D. Due to insufficient information, the impact to King County of dedicating  
21 certain portions of the county's regular property taxes and/or sales and use taxes to  
22 support of the Port Quendall Revitalization Area is unknown at this time.

23 E. King County's general fund faces substantial budget shortfalls for the  
24 foreseeable future. Allowing the diversion of property and sales tax revenues during this  
25 budget crisis would exacerbate the current funding crisis. Given the limited time for the  
26 county to notify the city of its intent to opt out of the Port Quendall Revitalization Area a  
27 declaration of an emergency is warranted.

28 SECTION 2. Through this ordinance, King County removes itself as a  
29 participating taxing district for the Port Quendall Revitalization Area. By this action,  
30 King County removes the county regular property tax levy, the road district levy, the  
31 conservation futures levy and the emergency medical services levy from the Port  
32 Quendall Revitalization Area and will not pledge any King County local property tax  
33 allocation revenues to the Port Quendall Revitalization Area.

34 SECTION 3. Through this ordinance, King County will not participate as a local  
35 government in the Port Quendall Revitalization Area. By this action, King County will  
36 not allow the use of any local sales and use tax imposed by King County to be used for  
37 the Port Quendall Revitalization Area.

38 SECTION 4. Notification to city of Renton of withdrawal from Revitalization  
39 **Area.** The clerk of the council is hereby directed to send a notice to Ms. Bonnie Walton,

40 the Renton City Clerk, that King County has removed all King County taxing districts as  
41 participating taxing districts in the Port Quendall Revitalization Area. The notice shall  
42 also indicate that King County has removed itself as a participating local government in  
43 the Port Quendall Revitalization Area. The notice shall indicate that the county will not  
44 pledge local property tax allocation revenues or local sales and use taxes to the Port  
45 Quendall Revitalization Area. The clerk of the council shall attach a copy of this  
46 ordinance with the notice and ensure that notice is received by the Renton city clerk no  
47 later than 4:30 p.m., July 31, 2009.

48 SECTION 5. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists  
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50 and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health  
51 or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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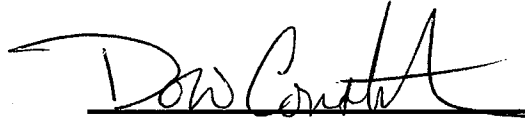
Ordinance 16614 was introduced on 7/20/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 7/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.  
Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dunn

No: 0


Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None