



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 7, 2005

Ordinance 15314

Proposed No. 2005-0472.1

Sponsors Phillips, Pelz, von Reichbauer,
Dunn and Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE related to county boards and
2 commissions; providing for an annual gathering and
3 reception for board and commission members and
4 authorizing meal and refreshment costs for such reception;
5 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.28.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

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1. King County has established over fifty boards and commissions
10 ranging in subject matter from agriculture to the arts. The boards and
11 commissions are designed to give county residents a voice in their
12 government and to provide a means of influencing the decisions that shape
13 our communities.

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2. Every year, hundreds of volunteer board and commission members
15 contribute their energy, their expertise, and thousands of hours of their
16 time. This unique form of civic engagement informs the development of

17 county policies, adds value to county programs, and helps county
18 government provide better service to the public.

19 3. King County board and commission members provide to the county
20 valuable management, oversight and advisory services, as well as
21 professional and technical expertise, at little or no public expense.

22 4. Because they serve as volunteers, most board and commission
23 members are ineligible for expense reimbursement, and any costs incurred
24 in the performance of their duties is their own responsibility.

25 5. It is in the county's interest to provide for interaction between board
26 and commission members and county elected officials to promote
27 communication and the transfer of information that will inform future
28 public policy decisions.

29 6. Therefore, it is appropriate for the council to hold an annual gathering
30 and reception in order to provide King County elected officials and staff
31 with an opportunity to interact with board and commission members in a
32 setting that will provide an open forum for discussion, as well as an
33 opportunity for the county to express its appreciation for their service.

34 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

35 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.28 a
36 new section to read as follows:

37 **Annual gathering and reception for county board and commission members.**

38 A. The chair of the King County council may annually convene a gathering and
39 reception between King County's elected officials and county board and commission
40 members. The intent of convening the gathering and reception shall be to:

41 1. Increase communication between King County elected officials and county
42 board and commission members;

43 2. Provide for informal discussion between King County elected officials,
44 county board and commission members and staff; and

45 3. Foster a spirit of cooperation in serving the public.

46 B. Costs of meals or refreshments for King County elected officials, county
47 board and commission members and staff attending the meeting and reception are hereby

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48 authorized, subject to availability of funds in the council's budget and to the dollar limits
49 specified in K.C.C. 3.24.080.

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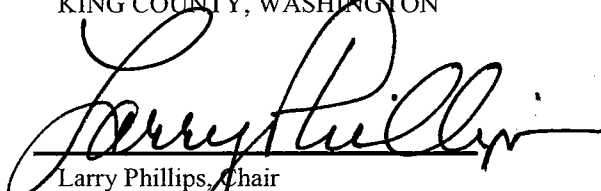
Ordinance 15314 was introduced on 10/31/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/7/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine

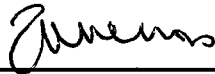
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Excused: 2 - Ms. Edmonds and Mr. Ferguson

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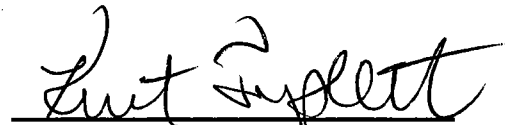

Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2005.


Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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