



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

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516 Third Avenue  
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**September 3, 2014**

**Ordinance 17884**

**Proposed No. 2014-0352.2**

**Sponsors McDermott**

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding regional planning; and  
2 amending Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and  
3 K.C.C. 2.16.025 and Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as  
4 amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. Under the Washington state Growth Management Act, long-range planning is  
8 mandated at the multicounty, county and local levels.

9 B. Counties are the level of government responsible for leading growth  
10 management planning and for ensuring close coordination with cities and towns.

11 C. After the successful annexation of most urban unincorporated areas to cities,  
12 the county's focus is transitioning to regional and rural planning.

13 D. The county's planning function has become decentralized over the years,  
14 making it challenging to coordinate the county's involvement in the increasing number of  
15 regional forums.

16 E. Regional and local planning benefits from a coordinated approach across  
17 executive branch agencies and from good communication between the executive's office  
18 and the council.

19 F. While the remaining urban unincorporated areas will continue to need services  
20 and planning prior to annexation, the long-term focus of the department of permitting and  
21 environmental review is unincorporated areas.

22 G. A newly created regional planning section within the office of performance,  
23 strategy and budget will focus on coordinating and integrating long range planning and  
24 will work across King County government to advance regional initiatives that support  
25 resilient, diverse and sustainable communities.

26 H. In accordance with the King County Charter, the King County council is the  
27 policy determining body of the county. All long-range planning must be consistent with  
28 the adopted policy of the county.

29 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025 are  
30 hereby amended to read as follows:

31 A. The county executive shall manage and be fiscally accountable for the office  
32 of performance, strategy and budget and the office of labor relations.

33 B. The office of performance, strategy and budget functions and responsibilities  
34 shall include, but not be limited to:

35 1. Planning, preparing and managing, with emphasis on fiscal management and  
36 control aspects, the annual operating and capital improvement budgets;

37 2. Preparing forecasts of and monitor revenues;

38 3. Monitoring expenditures and work programs in accordance with Section 475  
39 of the King County Charter;

40           4. Developing and preparing expenditure plans and ordinances to manage the  
41 implementation of the operating and capital improvement budgets throughout the fiscal  
42 year;

43           5. Formulating and implementing financial policies regarding revenues and  
44 expenditures for the county and other applicable agencies;

45           6. Performing program analysis, and contract and performance evaluation  
46 review;

47           7. Developing and transmitting to the council, concurrent with the annual  
48 proposed budget, supporting materials consistent with K.C.C. 4.04.030;

49           8. Performance management and accountability:

50           a. providing leadership and coordination of the performance management and  
51 accountability system countywide;

52           b. overseeing the development of strategic plans and business plans for each  
53 executive branch department and office;

54           c. providing technical assistance on the development of strategic plans and  
55 business plans for agencies;

56           d. developing and using community-level indicators and agency performance  
57 measures to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of county agencies;

58           e. overseeing the production of an annual performance report for the executive  
59 branch;

60           f. coordinating performance review process of executive branch departments  
61 and offices;

62 g. collecting and analyzing land development, population, housing, natural  
63 resource enhancement, transportation and economic activity data to aid decision making  
64 and to support implementation of county plans and programs, including benchmarks;

65 h. leading public engagement and working in support of county performance  
66 management, budget and strategic planning; and

67 i. developing and transmitting to the council an annual report on April 30  
68 about the benefits achieved from technology projects. The report shall include  
69 information about the benefits obtained from completed projects and a comparison with  
70 benefits that were projected during different stages of the project. The report shall also  
71 include a description of the expected benefits from those projects not yet completed. The  
72 report shall be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk  
73 of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all  
74 councilmembers;

75 9. Strategic planning and interagency coordination:

76 a. coordinating and staffing executive initiatives across departments and  
77 agencies;

78 b. facilitating interdepartmental, interagency and interbranch teams on  
79 multidisciplinary issues; and

80 ~~c. ((leading governance transition efforts for the urban area consistent with the~~  
81 ~~Growth Management Act;~~

82 ~~d. providing technical assistance in the update of regional growth management~~  
83 ~~planning efforts including the Countywide Planning Policies and distribution of~~  
84 ~~jurisdictional population and employment growth targets;~~

85 e.)) providing assistance in the development of agency and system planning  
86 efforts such as operational master plans;

87 ~~((f. negotiating interlocal agreements as designated by the executive; and~~  
88 ~~g. serving as the liaison to the boundary review board for King County; and))~~

89 10. Business relations and economic development:

90 a. developing proposed policies to address regional, unincorporated urban, and  
91 rural economic development;

92 b. establishing, fostering and maintaining healthy relations with business and  
93 industry;

94 c. implementing strategies and developing opportunities that include partnering  
95 with, cities, the Port of Seattle and other economic entities on regional and subregional  
96 economic development projects;

97 d. developing and implementing strategies to promote economic revitalization  
98 and equitable development in urban unincorporated areas including the possible assembly  
99 of property for the purpose of redevelopment;

100 e. refining and implementing strategies in the county's rural economic  
101 strategies to preserve and enhance the rural economic base so that the rural area can be a  
102 place to both live and work; and

103 f. assisting communities and businesses in creating economic opportunities,  
104 promoting a diversified economy and promoting job creation with the emphasis on  
105 family-wage jobs; and

106 11. Regional planning:

107           a. coordinating the county's participation in multicounty planning at the Puget  
108 Sound Regional Council, including serving on the Puget Sound Regional Council's  
109 regional staff committee;

110           b. coordinating countywide planning at the Growth Management Planning  
111 Council consistent with the Washington state Growth Management Act, including  
112 leading the Growth Management Planning Council's interjurisdictional staff team in  
113 accordance with the interlocal agreement authorized by King County Motion 8495;

114           c. managing updates to the county's Comprehensive Plan in coordination with  
115 the department of permitting and environmental review, in accordance with K.C.C. Title  
116 20;

117           d. coordinating the development of demographic and growth forecasting data  
118 and information including census data, growth targets and buildable lands;

119           e. facilitating annexations and joint planning with cities, including developing  
120 annexation proposals, drafting interlocal agreements, and serving as the liaison to the  
121 boundary review board for King County; and

122           f. coleading with the department of permitting and environmental review an  
123 interbranch regional planning team that supports the council and executive through the  
124 provision of information and data, development of policy proposals and options for  
125 regional issues related to growth management, economic development and transportation.  
126 Participation in the interbranch regional planning team shall include executive,  
127 department and council staff as designated by the respective branches.

128           C. The office of labor relations functions and responsibilities shall include, but  
129 not be limited to:

130           1. Representing county agencies in the collective bargaining process as required  
131 by chapter 41.56 RCW;

132           2. Developing and maintaining databases of information relevant to the  
133 collective bargaining process;

134           3. Representing county agencies in labor arbitrations, appeals, and hearings  
135 including those in chapter 41.56 RCW and required by K.C.C. Title 3, in collaboration  
136 with the human resources management division;

137           4. Administering labor contracts and providing consultation to county agencies  
138 regarding the terms and implementation of negotiated labor agreements, in collaboration  
139 with the human resources management division;

140           5. Advising the executive and council on overall county labor policies; and

141           6. Providing resources for labor relations training for county agencies, the  
142 executive, the council and others, in collaboration with the human resources management  
143 division.

144           D.1. The county council hereby delegates to the executive or the executive's  
145 designee authority to request a hearing before the Washington state Liquor Control Board  
146 and make written recommendations and objections regarding applications relating to:

147               a. liquor licenses under chapter 66.20 RCW; and

148               b. licenses for marijuana producers, processors or retailers under chapter 69.50  
149 RCW.

150           2. Before making a recommendation under subsection D.1. of this section, the  
151 executive or the executive's designee shall solicit comments from county departments and  
152 agencies, including, but not limited to, the department of permitting and environmental

153 review, public health - Seattle & King County, the sheriff's office and the prosecuting  
154 attorney's office.

155           3. For each application reviewed under subsection D.1.b. of this section, the  
156 executive shall transmit to the county council a copy of the application received with the  
157 applicant's name and proposed license application location, a copy of all comments  
158 received under subsection D.2. of this section and the executive's recommendation to the  
159 Washington state Liquor Control board.

160           E. The executive may assign or delegate budgeting, performance management  
161 and accountability, economic development and strategic planning and interagency  
162 coordination functions to employees in the office of the executive but shall not assign or  
163 delegate those functions to any departments.

164           SECTION 3. Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055 are  
165 hereby amended to read as follows:

166           A. The department of permitting and environmental review is responsible for:

167           1. Ensuring consistent and efficient administration of environmental, building  
168 and land use codes and regulations for commercial and residential projects by means of  
169 permit review and approval, construction inspections and public information;

170           2. Managing ~~((and coordinating))~~ the development and implementation of ~~((the~~  
171 ~~county's Comprehensive Plan))~~ unincorporated subarea plans in coordination with the  
172 regional planning function in K.C.C. 2.16.025 and in accordance with the King County  
173 Comprehensive Plan and state Growth Management Act requirements;

174           3. Participating on the interbranch regional planning team as specified in K.C.C.  
175 2.16.025;



176           4. Administering the state Environmental Policy Act and acting as lead agency,  
177 including making the threshold determinations, determining the amount of environmental  
178 impact and reasonable mitigation measures and coordinating with other departments and  
179 divisions in the preparation of county environmental documents or in response to  
180 environmental documents from other agencies;

181           ~~((4.))~~ 5. Effective processing and timely review of land development proposals,  
182 including zoning variance and reclassification, master drainage plans, variances from the  
183 surface water design manual and the King County road standards, critical area,  
184 subdivision, right-of-way use, urban planned development, clearing and grading,  
185 shoreline, special use and conditional use applications;

186           ~~((5.))~~ 6. Pursuing and resolving code violations, including preparing for  
187 administrative or legal actions, evaluating the department's success in obtaining  
188 compliance with King County rules and regulations and designing measures to improve  
189 compliance;

190           ~~((6.))~~ 7. Regulating the operation, maintenance and conduct of county-licensed  
191 businesses, except taxicab and for-hire drivers and vehicles; and

192           ~~((7.))~~ 8. Developing and implementing an inspection program to identify fire  
193 hazards and require conformance with K.C.C. Title 17, reviewing building plans and  
194 applications for compliance with K.C.C. Title 17 and conducting inspections, including  
195 inspections of new construction, for compliance with K.C.C. Title 17.

196           B.1. The director of the department shall be the:

197                 a. county planning director;

198                 b. zoning adjuster;

199 c. responsible official for purposes of administering the state Environmental  
200 Policy Act;

201 d. county building official; and

202 e. county fire marshal.

203 2. The director may delegate the functions in subsection B.1. of this section to  
204 qualified subordinates.

205 SECTION 4. During the first quarter of 2015, the executive shall meet with the  
206 chair of the council and with three councilmembers serving on regional bodies and in  
207 total representing at least thirty percent of the unincorporated area population, as  
208 designated by the chair of the council, to discuss the county's 2015 priorities for  
209 participating in regional forums.

210 SECTION 5. Within one year of the adoption of this ordinance, the executive  
211 shall meet with the chair of the council and with three councilmembers serving on

212 regional bodies, as designated by the chair of the council, to discuss implementation of  
213 this ordinance and to make adjustments as necessary.  
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Ordinance 17884 was introduced on 8/18/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/2/2014, by the following vote:


Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert,  
Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 11 day of SEPTEMBER 2014.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None