



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

July 8, 2008

Ordinance 16200

Proposed No. 2008-0322.2

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

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to regional jail services;
2 requesting reopening of the interlocal agreement between
3 King County and the contract cities for jail services
4 originally executed in 2002; and establishing criteria for the
5 negotiation of new long term contract for jail services.

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

8 1. The King County department of adult and juvenile detention operates
9 one of the largest detention systems in the Pacific Northwest. The
10 department's annual budget for 2008 is \$120 million; \$147 million when
11 the costs of jail health services are included.

12 2. The council adopted the current city jail services agreement in
13 Ordinance 14573, covering the time period 2001 through 2012.

14 3. Cities have identified a need for more than one thousand four hundred
15 jail beds for city inmates through 2026, and have developed a variety of
16 options for building new misdemeanor detention capacity. The council

17 acknowledges a long-term need for additional detention and community
18 corrections capacity in the region over the next twenty years.

19 4. Since 2000, the county has worked to manage criminal justice system
20 costs through the implementation of the Adult Justice Operational Master
21 Plan (AJOMP) and the creation of the community corrections division,
22 both of which have been supported by the Criminal Justice Initiative.

23 These initiatives have resulted in reductions in county jail populations that
24 are well below historic projections.

25 5. The council finds that the principal regional county responsibility of
26 maintaining public safety is best served through the integration of criminal
27 justice services as exemplified through the county's adult justice and other
28 operational master planning policies. As a consequence, it is the intent of
29 the council that the county should continue to be the primary regional
30 provider of secure detention and community corrections programs.

31 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

32 SECTION 1. Recognizing capacity requirements for felons and county
33 misdemeanants, the King County executive is requested to immediately begin
34 negotiations with cities for the extension of the jail services agreement, providing at least
35 two years beyond its current December 31, 2012, termination. Furthermore, it is the
36 intent of the council that the executive increase the average daily population limits
37 contained in the existing agreement, to the extent possible.

38 SECTION 2. The executive shall prepare a proposal which would result in the
39 rapid development of additional detention capacity at the Maleng Regional Justice Center

40 ("RJC"). This proposal shall include the Maleng RJC Site Master Plan and a 2009 capital
41 improvement project request. The 2009 capital project request shall combine the pre-
42 design analysis recommended by the council auditor for major projects and a preliminary
43 design. The proposal shall be submitted to the council by October 1, 2008, for council
44 review and consideration in the 2009 budget process. Eleven copies of the proposal to
45 the council shall be filed with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and
46 will forward copies to each councilmember and to the lead staff the committee of the
47 whole, or its successor.

48 SECTION 3. It is the intent of the council that the executive also negotiate with
49 both the state and the cities seeking their immediate participation in capital planning and
50 construction of additional capacity for both secure detention and community corrections
51 programs.

52 SECTION 4. The council requests that the executive negotiate a new long-term
53 jail services agreement with the cities upon completion of the contract extension
54 described above. These negotiations are encouraged to consider a new governance
55 structure in the interest of building a strong and fair partnership for jail services between
56 the county and cities, capital funding for additional detention capacity, allocation of
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58 operating costs and county and city utilization of criminal justice efficiencies and best
59 practices to benefit the system.

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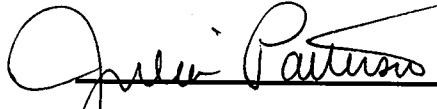
Ordinance 16200 was introduced on 6/9/2008 and passed as amended by the
Metropolitan King County Council on 7/7/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von
Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18th day of July, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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The Honorable Julia Patterson
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Patterson:

I have signed Ordinance 16200 regarding regional jail capacity. I appreciate the Council's unanimous statement, via this ordinance, acknowledging the need for new regional jail capacity and the potential benefits of a partnership among the county and cities. As the council knows, executive staff members have been working towards these ends for some time. A report highlighting the results of their efforts will be forwarded to you shortly, which will address the status and future of regional jail planning in much greater detail.

With regard to the ordinance itself, the striker bill approved by Council incorporated many of the changes suggested by executive staff and addressed most of our concerns with the ordinance as proposed. However, I wish to highlight two issues that will be of importance to the regional jail planning effort as we move forward.

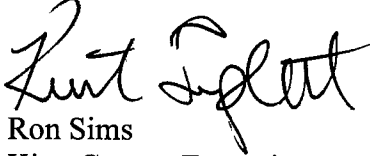
First, the county must ensure adequate jail space to house county-responsible misdemeanants and felons. This is an issue of public safety and maintaining safe and humane detention facilities. As the county-responsible inmate population grows and begins to fill up existing capacity at the King County Correctional Facility and the Maleng Regional Justice Center, we will have a reduced number of beds available to provide to cities and other jurisdictions that contract beds from us for their inmates. This issue is acknowledged in the ordinance, but I wish to underscore that we continue to face a real hurdle in our ability to successfully extend the jail services agreement with cities beyond the year 2012. We will work with cities on this issue as we engage with them regarding joint regional jail capacity planning.

Second, in light of the county's budget challenges, it is important to be clear that such agreements must not exacerbate our financial problems and funding for the construction and operation of future jail capacity which remains a difficult issue to be resolved. Any regional partnership that emerges from our current efforts will have to share capital and operating costs and identify appropriate cost-sharing mechanisms on a full cost recovery basis.

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Overall, your strong statements of support for the continuing regional jail planning process are appreciated. We look forward to working together with you and with the cities as we meet the significant challenges ahead in jail planning.

Sincerely,



for
Ron Sims
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Ross Baker, Chief of Staff
Saroja Reddy, Policy Staff Director
Anne Noris, Clerk of Council
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Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Reed Holtgeerts, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD)
Claudia Balducci, Regional Jail Systems Coordinator, DAJD
Kathy Brown, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Executive Services