



King County

Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	30	Name:	Jenny Giambattista
Proposed No.:	2016-B0190 re: 2016-0489	Date:	October 25-27, 2016

SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0489 updates requirements in KCC 18.25 related to the Strategic Climate Action Plan.

SUMMARY

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0489 would make changes to King County Code sections 18.25 and 18.50 related to the Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP). The changes are in response to a proviso in the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance 17941, Section 104, Proviso P1. The changes are intended to update the planning reporting requirements in code related to climate change so they are consistent with the organization of 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan. Proposed Ordinance 2016-0489 would also change the progress report requirement from annually to biennially.

BACKGROUND

The 2015-2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance 17941, Section 17941, Section 104, Proviso P1. This proviso restricts expenditure of \$200,000 by the Department of Natural Resources Administration until a proposed ordinance amending King County Code, title 18.25 is adopted by the King County Council.

The proviso requires that “the ordinance shall include, but not be limited to: amendments to the requirements of K.C.C. chapter 18.25; legislative findings on how the King County Auditor's recommendations have been incorporated into the 2015 action plan; and establishment of objective, measurable and accountable strategies to achieve the County's greenhouse gas reduction and other action plan priorities.”

ANALYSIS

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 meets the requirements of the proviso outlined above. In addition, the ordinance proposes to change the requirement for progress reports from annually to biennially (see line 140 of Po 2016-0489).

Consistent with the proviso, Proposed Ordinance includes findings outlining the Auditor's recommendations from the 2014 SCAP performance audit as well as the Auditor's conclusions from a follow-up review. The proposed changes to K.C.C. title 18.25 reflect recommendations from the Auditor to establish explicit quantifiable connections between the overarching climate goals and specific strategies and actions and to strengthen public engagement in the development of SCAP updates. The proposed changes also reflect:

- the organization of the 2015 SCAP with two sections: reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate impacts;
- the five goal areas for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the organizing framework of goals, strategies, measures, targets, and priority actions for each of five goal areas;
- the grouping of priority actions into County services and County operations;
- additional emphasis on community engagement, equity and social justice, and partnerships with the private sector, and
- the Auditor's recommendation for assessment of cost effectiveness.

Additional changes are proposed to the reporting requirements specified under K.C.C. title 18.50, consistent with the organization of the 2015 SCAP update, including the incorporation of energy plan commitments and development of a green building goal area.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0489 also amends to K.C.C. title 18.25 highlight the need to strengthen community engagement, consider Equity and Social Justice impacts, and to be consistent with the County's Fair and Just Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would eliminate some specific reporting requirements related to Environmental Purchasing program. The Executive proposes to delete the existing reporting requirements for the environmental purchasing program and instead align the reporting requirements with the SCAP commitments.

Under the proposed ordinance, the Executive would be required to report against the SCAP targets and measures and updates on the implementation of strategies and priority actions for the consumption and materials management goal area and the environmental purchasing program. The EPP related SCAP report will include performance data on paper use; computer server virtualization; and the purchase of 100 percent recycled content copy paper. This biennial reports will also include information on implementation of SCAP EPP priority actions including (1) Updating the EPP policy by 2017; (2) Targeting Concrete Use in Construction; (3) Purchase of Desktop Work Stations; and (4) Server Virtualization. Other EPP related purchases such as the use of Alternative Fuels are included are covered through reporting in sections such as the Transportation and Land Use goal area.

AMENDMENT

No amendments

ATTACHMENTS

1. Transmittal letter for 2016-0489
2. Fiscal Note

INVITED

1. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
2. Megan Smith, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, Office of the Executive