



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 14, 2009**

**Motion 12913**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0037.2

**Sponsors** Constantine, Lambert and Dunn

1                   A MOTION authorizing temporary free disposal of flood-  
2                   related debris resulting from the January 2009 flood event.

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4                   WHEREAS, King County experienced unusually destructive rain, flooding and  
5                   other secondary hazards ("flood") beginning early January 2009, causing significant  
6                   damage to homes and other property, and

7                   WHEREAS, the executive, on January 8, 2009, declared a flood emergency for  
8                   King County, and

9                   WHEREAS, disposal of solid waste material resulting from the flood at normal  
10                  disposal fees would cause financial hardship for many property owners and could delay  
11                  the cleanup of debris, and

12                  WHEREAS, all of King County will benefit from the prompt cleanup of debris  
13                  caused by the flood, and

14                  WHEREAS, the executive, on January 8, 2009, called for a temporary waiver of  
15                  solid waste fees for the disposal of flood-related debris at county disposal sites beginning  
16                  January 10, 2009, ending January 26, 2009, and

17                  WHEREAS, pursuant to K.C.C. 10.12.050.B, actions taken by the executive to

18 temporarily waive solid waste disposal fees that continue beyond the date of the next  
19 regularly scheduled council meeting require council approval by motion, and

20 WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue resulting from the temporary solid  
21 waste disposal fee waiver is approximately \$100,000, and

22 WHEREAS, the executive reserves the option to return to the council with a  
23 detailed accounting of the actual revenue lost and related expenses incurred as a result of  
24 the temporary solid waste disposal fee waiver for the purpose of obtaining a  
25 supplemental appropriation;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

27 A. The King County council hereby authorizes the executive to temporarily  
28 suspend solid waste disposal fees for flood-related debris related to damage from the  
29 flood of January 2009;

30 B. Loads of flood-related debris from commercial haulers will not be accepted at  
31 no charge without prior authorization by the division director of the King County solid  
32 waste division;

33 C. This temporary fee suspension is only authorized from January 10, 2009  
34 through January 26, 2009; and

35 D. The following special conditions apply to the temporary suspension of the  
36 disposal fee for flood-related debris:

37 1. All King County residents are eligible, except those who live in the cities of  
38 Seattle and Milton, which are not part of King County's solid waste handling system;

39 2. King County residents must provide acceptable proof of residence such as a  
40 current utility bill or other piece of mail containing the resident's current address;

- 41           3. All loads must be properly secured; unsecured loads will be subject to  
42 unsecured load fees per K.C.C. 10.12.040;
- 43           4. Loads of flood-related debris may be inspected by King County solid waste  
44 division staff, and division staff reserve the right to limit quantities disposed without  
45 charge;
- 46           5. Only flood-related debris may be disposed at no charge; split loads of mixed  
47 flood-related debris and regular solid waste will be charged at the regular solid waste  
48 disposal rate;
- 49           6. All standard King County waste acceptance policies apply (see K.C.C. Title  
50 10 and King County Public Rules and Regulations: Waste Acceptance Rule for King  
51 County Solid Waste Division Solid Waste Handling Facilities  
52 <http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/archives/policies/put715pr.htm>); and
- 53           7. Eligibility to participate in this emergency flood-debris disposal opportunity  
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55 is conditioned upon strict compliance with the solid waste handling procedures provided  
56 by the King County solid waste division.

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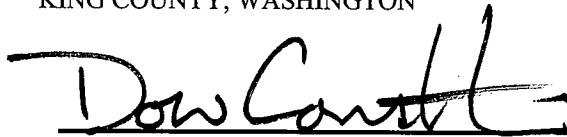
Motion 12913 was introduced on 1/12/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/12/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None