



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 27, 2010

Ordinance 16900

Proposed No. 2009-0396.2

Sponsors Lambert and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend Section 890 of the
2 King County Charter and to add a new Section 897 of the
3 King County Charter, to designate the county sheriff as the
4 county's bargaining agent on all department of public safety
5 issues except for compensation and benefits; submitting the
6 same to the voters of the county for their ratification or
7 rejection at the November 2010 general election; and
8 requiring the executive and the sheriff to submit a joint
9 proposal to the council for legislation to facilitate
10 implementation of the charter amendment if it is approved
11 by the voters.

12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

13 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

14 A. Section 890 of the King County Charter specifies the county executive as the
15 bargaining agent of the county. The county executive has authority over collective
16 bargaining for department of public safety and other departments on all issues, including
17 contract terms related to wages, hours, benefits and working conditions.

18 B. The county sheriff, a separately elected official, currently has input, but no
19 authority to bargain contract provisions with represented employees of the department of
20 public safety.

21 SECTION 2. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
22 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this
23 county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an
24 amendment to Section 890 of the King County Charter and the addition of a new Section
25 897 to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

26 **Section 890. Employee Representation.**

27 The county council may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the
28 county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for
29 collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive;
30 and, except with respect to bargaining by the county with employees of the department of public
31 safety pursuant to Section 897 of this charter, it shall designate the county executive as the
32 bargaining agent of the county. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county
33 bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by
34 ordinance.

35 **Section 897. Department of Public Safety Employee Collective Bargaining.**

36 The county council may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the
37 county with employees of the department of public safety. The county executive shall not have
38 veto power over this ordinance. If such an ordinance is enacted, it shall designate the county
39 sheriff as the bargaining agent of the county on all department of public safety matters except for
40 compensation and benefits, which shall be negotiated by the county executive as provided in
41 Section 890 of this charter. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county

42 sheriff or the county executive with employees of the department of public safety shall not have
43 the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

44 SECTION 3. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
45 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
46 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

47 Shall the King County Charter be amended to allow the King County
48 Sheriff to serve as the county's collective bargaining agent for all
49 department of public safety issues except for compensation and benefits,
50 which would continue to be bargained by the county executive?

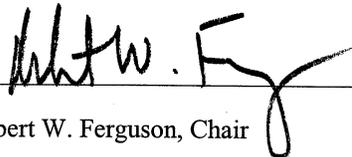
51 SECTION 4. Within ninety days after certification that the charter amendment in
52 section 2 of this ordinance has been approved by the voters, the county executive and the
53 county sheriff shall submit to the county council a joint proposal for legislation
54 establishing a process of consultation and collaboration between the executive and the
55 sheriff in advance of collective bargaining negotiations concerning employees of the
56 department of public safety. The process shall be designed to promote successful
57 implementation of the charter amendment by identifying and resolving any disagreements
58 between the county executive and the county sheriff concerning the division of
59 bargaining authority, the positions to be taken on issues expected to arise during
60 collective bargaining or other matters that have the potential to interfere with collective
61 bargaining. The process shall provide that the county executive and the county sheriff
62 shall promptly submit a confidential, detailed, written report to the chair of the county
63 council and the chair of the council's labor policy committee describing any such
64 disagreement that the executive and the sheriff are unable to resolve. The process shall

65 further provide that neither the county executive nor the county sheriff shall propose or
66 agree to the inclusion of language in any collective bargaining agreement concerning
67 employees of the department of public safety without conferring with one another, except
68 in regards to compensation and benefits.
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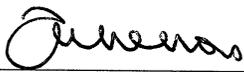
Ordinance 16900 was introduced on 6/29/2009 and passed as amended by the
Metropolitan King County Council on 7/26/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 3 - Ms. Drago, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None