



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to extending the expiration date for the ordinance designating antiprostitution emphasis areas; and amending Ordinance 15056, Section 2, and K.C.C. 12.63A.010 and Ordinance 15056, Section 4, as amended.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The county council adopted Ordinance 15056 in 2004 to establish antiprostitution emphasis areas, also known as stay-out-of-areas-of-prostitution, to discourage prostitution and prostitution-related activity in identified neighborhoods in unincorporated King County.
2. The establishment of Ordinance 15056 and the designation of these areas provided law enforcement with a useful tool to effectively improve the quality of life in these designated areas.
3. In the process of adopting Ordinance 15056, the council heard extensive testimony from neighborhood representatives, law enforcement officers, business leaders, school officials, community activists, representatives of minority communities, and the unincorporated area council about the need for this legislation.
4. The county council in designating the stay-out-of-areas-of-prostitution, established an expiration date that allowed for a review of the effectiveness of the policy.
5. In 2006, the council adopted Ordinance 15655, which extended the application of Ordinance 15056 until December 31, 2010. Thus Ordinance 15056 has been in place since 2004 and has had significant positive effect upon the community.

6. In 2009, various areas contained in Ordinance 15056 have been annexed into surrounding cities and this proposed ordinance modifies the original areas to conform to the new boundaries.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the King County council to establish in the King County Code areas that have been identified by law enforcement through a history of arrests and observation to be locales where individuals engaging in acts of prostitution congregate for purposes of solicitation as designated by state law. The following sections identify those areas that have been identified as meeting the criteria for being areas of prostitution.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 15056, Section 2, and K.C.C. 12.63A.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The following described areas of King County are designated to be antiprostitution emphasis areas and penalties shall be applied in event of conviction of unlawful acts of prostitution, prostitution loitering, permitting prostitution or pandering, or patronizing a prostitute, within the areas, in accordance with this ordinance, to ensure elimination of all prostitution and prostitution-related activity within these areas:

A. ~~((The area of Pacific Highway South between South 116th and 128th Street, Military Road South and South 140th and South 152nd, 42nd South and South 139th to South 144th, including the motels and hotels within these areas, and including the area one block to the east and west of Pacific Highway South, Military Road South and 42nd South within the boundaries;~~

~~B. Des Moines Way South from 96th Avenue South to South 128th Street and a block on either side. Military Road South from Des Moines Way South to South 128th Street and 14th Ave. S. from 96th Avenue S. to the South Park Bridge; and~~

~~C. The Southwest Roxbury from 4th Avenue SW to 17th Avenue SW and from Roxbury Avenue SW to 107th Avenue SW on 14th Avenue SW and 15th Avenue SW and 16th Avenue SW and 17th Avenue SW.))~~
Des Moines Memorial Drive S. from South 96th Street to South 108th Street and a block on either side; and

B. Southwest Roxbury from 4th Avenue SW to 17th Avenue SW and from SW Roxbury Street to SW 107th Street on 14th Avenue SW and 15th Avenue SW and 16th Avenue SW and 17th Avenue SW.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 15056, Section 4, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~((This ~~o~~))~~Ordinance 15056, as amended, expires December 31, ~~((2011))~~ 2014.