



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute a thirty-year use agreement with Hollywood Hills Saddle Club, a Washington nonprofit organization, for the operation, maintenance, programming and use of the equestrian facility located at the Woodinville Pit Park Site in King County, Washington.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County, a home rule charter county and political subdivision of the state of Washington, is the owner of the property, located at NE 15205 NE 172nd Street, Woodinville, Washington 98072, and illustrated in Exhibit A of Attachment A to this ordinance.
2. Hollywood Hills Saddle Club ("HHSC") is a not-for-profit Washington corporation that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. HHSC is a community-based, open-membership club organized to provide opportunities for equestrian recreation to the public.
3. King County has long identified equestrian facilities as a regional and rural recreation need in King County, and has determined that the equestrian facility ("the facility") located at the Woodinville Pit Park Site has a significant and unique regional and rural public recreation value.
4. King County Ordinance 14509 authorized the department of natural resources and parks to create new public recreation opportunities by empowering user groups, sports associations and community organizations, like HHSC, to operate, maintain and implement mutually agreed-upon capital improvements for public recreation facilities on King County land, and thereby address regional or rural recreation needs without incurring new tax-funded operations and

maintenance costs.

5. Allowing HHSC to operate, maintain, program, and use the facility will serve to implement the authority provided in Ordinance 14509 at no additional cost to the public. HHSC has historically provided the operational upkeep and maintenance of the Woodinville Pit Park Site as an equestrian facility and the use agreement, Attachment A to this ordinance, recognizes and formalizes HHSC's past thirty-year historical use.

6. In accordance with K.C.C. 4.56.150.E, the King County council may adopt an ordinance permitting the county to enter into agreements for the use of county property with bona fide nonprofit organizations if the property is to be used by the nonprofit organization to make improvements to the county property or to provide services that will benefit the public. The agreements are exempt from the requirement of fair market value, appraisal and notice.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to sign a use agreement, substantially the same as Attachment A to this ordinance, with Hollywood Hills Saddle Club, for the operation, maintenance, programming and use of the equestrian facility located at the Woodinville Pit Park Site in King County, Washington.