



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE adopting a resolution submitting the question of creating lake management district No. 2 in the Lake Geneva watershed to the owners of land within the proposed district and adopting a lake management plan.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

1. Ordinance 18102 adopted a resolution of intention to form lake management district No. 2 in the Lake Geneva watershed and set a public hearing on the formation of the proposed district.
2. The King County hearing examiner held the public hearing on November 4, 2015, and issued a recommendation on the formation of the district and adoption of the lake management plan on December 14, 2015.
3. RCW 36.61.070 authorizes the council to submit the question of creating the district to the property owners within the proposed boundaries of the district.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

**SECTION 1. Findings:** The council finds that creation of the lake management district is in the public interest and that the financing of the proposed lake improvement and maintenance activities is feasible. This finding is based upon the King County hearing examiner's recommendation, dated December 14, 2015, which is Attachment A to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** In accordance with RCW 36.61.070, this resolution submitting the question of creating lake management district No. 2 in the Lake Geneva watershed as described in sections 3 through 7 of this ordinance is hereby adopted.

SECTION 3. A. The Lake Geneva management plan prepared by Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. dated August 7, 2015, which is Attachment B to this ordinance, is hereby adopted as the lake management plan for Lake Geneva. The plan describes the proposed lake improvement and maintenance activities, which avoid adverse impacts on fish and wildlife and provide for appropriate measures to protect and enhance fish and wildlife, and includes:

1. Managing of waterfowl, such as Canada geese;
2. Surveying invasive aquatic plants;
3. Controlling or eliminating invasive aquatic plant species, including but not limited to purple loosestrife, yellowflag iris, cattails, fragrant water lily and root mats and pondweeds;
4. Distributing education materials to residents about events and best management practices;
5. Preparing and distributing an annual newsletter; and
6. Holding biannual public meetings with property owners.

B. The district shall be managed by King County, which shall be reimbursed for the costs for the specific reporting specified in this section, as well as administrative costs.

SECTION 4. The proposed duration of the district is ten years from the date the district is formed in accordance with RCW 36.61.100.

SECTION 5. Special assessments estimated to be \$14,500 shall be collected annually to finance the district activities for ten years, with the total amount to be collected during the life of the district being \$145,000. The estimated assessments charged are based on the land use of the property, the impact of that land use on the lake and the benefit of the proposed district to that property. The estimated assessments are: single-family residential property \$145 per year; vacant parcels \$45 per year; King County-owned park parcels \$1,785 per year; and the Washington state-owned boat launch parcel \$4,345 per year.

SECTION 6. The proposed boundaries of the district include all lakeside parcels, as set forth in Attachment C to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. The formation of lake management district No. 2 shall be referred to a vote of the property owners within the proposed district. The clerk of the council shall prepare the ballot, based on the requirements of RCW 36.61.080, calling for a vote on the formation of the district. The clerk shall prepare ballot instructions based on the requirements of RCW 36.61.090. Ballots shall be mailed to each property owner in the proposed district by March 1, 2016, and the ballots shall be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2016.