



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute a thirty-year use agreement with the Seattle Preparatory School for the use, maintenance and improvements related to Mel Olson Stadium at Steve Cox Memorial park.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

- A. The Parks Business Plan provides direction for the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks to work in partnership with organizations to provide new recreational facilities.
- B. The Seattle Preparatory School has been an anchor user of Mel Olson Stadium and has held baseball programs there for nearly twenty years.
- C. The Seattle Preparatory School desires to continue using the Mel Olson Stadium as the primary location or "home field" for its high school baseball program.
- D. King County and the Seattle Preparatory School desire to formalize Seattle Preparatory School's status as first-priority user of the Mel Olson Stadium.
- E. The Seattle Preparatory School played a pivotal role in the 2008 renovation of the Mel Olson Stadium by providing volunteer project management and labor, raising substantial funds and making significant in-kind donations.
- F. The renovated Mel Olson Stadium at Steve Cox Memorial park has significant public recreation value.
- G. The Seattle Preparatory School will ensure that these improvements are available and accessible to

the public as required by Forward Thrust.

H. The Seattle Preparatory School will perform certain, mutually agreed upon supplemental maintenance at Mel Olson Stadium at no additional cost to King County taxpayers.

I. King County Ordinance 14509 authorizes the department of natural resources and parks to create new public recreational opportunities by empowering user groups, sports associations and community organizations to operate, maintain and program mutually agreed-upon capital improvements for public recreation facilities on King County land, and thereby address recreation needs without encumbering new tax-funded operations and maintenance costs.

J. 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 to make improvements to county property or to provide services that will benefit the public. The agreements are exempt from the requirements of fair market value, appraisal and notice.

SECTION 2. The King County executive is hereby authorized to sign a use agreement, substantially the same as that attached to this ordinance, with the Seattle Preparatory School for the use, maintenance and improvements related to Mel Olson Stadium at Steve Cox Memorial park.