



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 3, 2015

Motion 14316

Proposed No. 2015-0067.1

Sponsors Hague

1 A MOTION requesting the preparation of a fuel savings
2 report related to reduced county agency expenditures for
3 fuel use.

4 WHEREAS, fuel prices, which constitute a significant cost element of county
5 agency budgets, have declined dramatically in recent months, and

6 WHEREAS, the recent 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941,
7 included fuel price assumptions pegged to mid-2014 prices, and

8 WHEREAS, fuel price declines have occurred across the range of fuel types,
9 including gasoline, diesel, natural gas, oil and jet fuel, each of which county agencies rely
10 on to a greater or lesser extent, and

11 WHEREAS, actual fuel expenditures are likely to be substantially less than
12 approved budgeted amounts, resulting in the potential for significant savings across
13 agencies, and

14 WHEREAS, opportunities exist for utilizing more climate-friendly fuels for
15 county operations, using potential savings from fuel price declines, and

16 WHEREAS, the 2010 County Energy Plan included a table describing, by agency,
17 volumes of fuel consumption by type of fuel, and

18 WHEREAS, the council has an interest in capturing those savings to apply them
19 to rate stabilization and service needs, and

20 WHEREAS, as a result of the reduction in fuel prices, appropriation authority
21 exists in the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, in excess of actual
22 needs of agencies, and those amounts should be made available for other important
23 county purposes;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

25 A. The executive is hereby requested to create a fuel savings report. That report
26 should:

27 1. Update the 2010 County Energy Plan, table (Appendix C, P21) describing
28 2009 Fuel sources, by agency and fuel type;

29 2. Describe the potential for utilizing some portion of fuel cost savings to
30 support measures intended to reduce the carbon footprint of county government
31 operations, such as utilization of alternative fuels that are climate-friendly, support for
32 energy conservation strategies in facility construction and operation, or other such
33 strategies. The report should also describe the potential for applying some portion of
34 savings to rate stabilization and service needs;

35 3. Based on a review of fuel costs addressed the update to the County Energy
36 Plan, identify projected reduction in fuel expenditures due to lower fuel costs;

37 4. Describe the potential impact of applying savings to rate stabilization,
38 operational reserves; and

39 5. Recommend a procurement strategy, such as fuel purchasing contract
40 considerations, fuel storage potentials or other approaches that would extend and lock in
41 potential savings over an extended period, in light of potential fluctuations or reversals in
42 the current direction of fuel prices.

43 B. The report should be accompanied by proposed supplemental appropriation
44 ordinances to reduce expenditure authority consistent with identified lower fuel costs.

45 C. The executive must file the report and ordinances required by this motion by
46 May 1, 2015, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the
47 council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

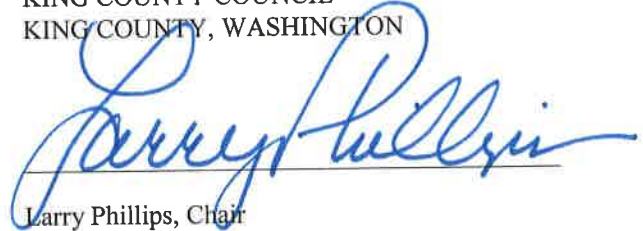
48 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for
49 the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor.

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Motion 14316 was introduced on 2/2/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/2/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.
Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None