



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

May 5, 2015

Motion 14349

Proposed No. 2015-0111.3

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION requesting the executive consider specific
2 climate action activities and policies for inclusion into the
3 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan.

4 WHEREAS, King County is engaged in many activities to reduce climate
5 pollution and address its impacts, related to both county operations and the community as
6 a whole, and

7 WHEREAS, long-term and significant reductions in climate pollution and
8 effective preparation for the effects of climate change will only be achieved through a
9 strategic approach involving clearly prioritizing actions, identifying specific performance
10 measures for implementation and effectiveness, and measuring our progress against these
11 performance measures, and

12 WHEREAS, as required by K.C.C. 18.25.010, the executive developed an initial
13 strategic climate action plan and it was adopted by Motion 13777 on December 12, 2012,
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15 WHEREAS, the 2012 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan was one of the
16 first county-level climate actions plans in the United States, and

17 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 18.25.010 requires the executive to transmit an update to the
18 plan by June 29, 2015, for adoption by motion, and

19 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 18.25.010 requires the executive to review climate change-
20 related plans developed by other municipalities and identify any activities that could be
21 incorporated as part of the county's Strategic Climate Action Plan, and

22 WHEREAS, in 2014 the King County auditor completed an audit on the
23 effectiveness of the 2012 Strategic Climate Action Plan in order to inform the scheduled
24 update in June 2015, and

25 WHEREAS, the King County auditor identified fourteen other local governments'
26 climate action plans it used to assess best practices for climate action planning, and

27 WHEREAS, because those plans are now available, the scheduled 2015 update
28 presents an important opportunity to strengthen the Strategic Climate Action Plan and
29 provide a more robust roadmap to define the county's overall climate strategy, inform
30 decisions and promote community-wide participation, and

31 WHEREAS; Attachment A to this motion lists selected climate-related activities
32 and policies from other local governments' climate action plans. These activities and
33 policies are not currently addressed in the 2012 King County Strategic Climate Action
34 Plan;

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

36 The executive is requested to include a goal and a proposed timeline in the 2015
37 Strategic Climate Action Plan for eliminating coal power from the county's operational
38 energy portfolio in consultation with the county's energy service providers. The
39 executive is also to consider each of the climate-related activities and policies in
40 Attachment A to this motion for inclusion all or in part in the 2015 Strategic Climate
41 Action Plan. The executive is also requested to identify for inclusion in the 2015

42 Strategic Climate Action Plan the five largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions within
43 King County and identify five specific objectives, strategies and priority actions to reduce
44 the emissions from these sources. The executive may choose any priority actions from
45 the list included in Attachment A to this motion or from other sources. For those
46 activities or policies that the executive considers reasonable for inclusion in a modified

47 form or not reasonable for inclusion in the 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan, an
48 explanation should be included as an appendix to the plan.
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Motion 14349 was introduced on 3/9/2015 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/4/2015, by the following vote:

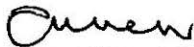
Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. List of Selected Climate Related Activities and Policies from Other Jurisdictions,
dated April 22, 2015

List of Selected Climate Related Activities and Policies from Other Jurisdictions for Consideration as part of the 2015 King County Strategic Climate Action Plan
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Buildings

- Require publicly accessible energy efficiency ratings for buildings. (City of Boston; City of Seattle)
- Require “cool roofs,” light colored or vegetated roofs. (City of Boston)
- Require “daylight harvesting” lighting controls which are tied into daylight coming in from outside a building. (Miami-Dade County)
- Install solar panels on all county buildings. (Miami-Dade County)
- Develop district, solar, and geothermal energy in the public right of way. (City of Seattle)
- Develop financing tools for property owners including loans for property owners who opt-in to finance energy efficiency or renewable energy projects; in California, authorized by AB811 (Financing Initiative for Renewable and Solar Technology). (Sonoma County)

Transportation

- Enact anti-idling laws and enforce; expand public education on idling. (City of Boston; Miami-Dade County)
- Enact bicycle parking requirements for businesses that also mandates showers and lockers for employees. (Miami-Dade County)
- Explore tax-incentives for bicycle commuting. (Miami-Dade County)
- Implement “Safe Routes to School” program so kids can bike or walk to school. (Portland-Multnomah County)
- Pilot and consider changing to every other week garbage collection from single family homes. (City of Seattle)

Human Health

- Identify “hot spots,” neighborhoods with especially elevated temperatures and risk of heat stroke; focus street tree planting efforts in those areas. (City of Chicago; City of Seattle)

Economic development in the community

- Provide small businesses subsidies and assessment/advice for projects that reduce energy/light use. (City of Berkeley; City of Boulder)
- Develop green workforce opportunities (City of Berkeley; City of Boston)

Public outreach and involvement in plan development

- Send greenhouse gas reduction targets to voters for approval. (City of Berkeley)
- Public workshops and a website survey which provide a forum for public participation in climate action plan development. (City of Berkeley)
- Partner with an outside non-profit to create and develop the plan. (City of Berkeley)
- Involve technical advisory groups (TAG) of sector experts to provide recommendations. (City of Seattle)
- Create a Green Ribbon Commission of community, environmental, and business leaders to consider draft of Strategic Climate Action Plan and refine it. (City of Seattle)
- Use the media to inform residents of ways to reduce GHG emissions. (Skagit County)

Overall policy

- Include explicit statements about removing carbon from atmosphere, not just reducing GHG emissions. For example, assess opportunities for carbon sequestration projects on county property such as wetlands, salt ponds. (Alameda County)
- Ensure that the costs and benefits of climate action are shared fairly throughout community and do not exacerbate existing inequalities. (City of Boston)
- Establish an Energy Savings Account to pay for energy conservation modifications and renewable energy projects in county facilities; will be funded by dollars accumulated from energy savings and conservation measures. (Skagit County).