



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**May 15, 2001**

**Ordinance 14106**

**Proposed No.** 2001-0199.3

**Sponsors** Hague and McKenna

1 AN ORDINANCE directing council staff to develop an  
2 assessment of county owned real properties by fund;  
3 establishing a properties expert review task force and  
4 providing for reimbursement of expenses.

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7 **PREAMBLE:**

8 The King County budget office has projected a \$36,000,000 imbalance in  
9 2002 between ongoing current expense revenues and ongoing base  
10 expenditures, a need to backfill \$14,000,000 of one time revenues that will  
11 unavailable in 2002, and an additional \$22,000,000 shortfall due to annual  
12 growth in expenditures such as wages and benefits that exceeds annual  
13 growth in revenues.

14 The metropolitan King County council supports a thorough review and  
15 cost-benefit analysis of all possible efficiencies to provide resources  
16 necessary to provide county services and make the best use of county  
17 revenues and resources. The budget and fiscal management committee of

18 the council, through its annual budget deliberations, committee debates  
19 and analysis, and focused study and examination of budget development  
20 and capital expenditures continues to search for savings in administrative  
21 and overhead expenses.

22 The substantial shortfalls projected in the next fiscal year require broad  
23 analysis of alternatives to inform and prepare the council for policy  
24 deliberation, particularly for the 2002 budget process. In addition to  
25 examining county operations and expenditures, the council intent is to  
26 evaluate real property resources to ensure that county assets are being put  
27 to highest and best use. The changing responsibilities of King County  
28 government and the rising value of real estate within the county warrant a  
29 reconsideration of asset utility. To assist the county in its policy  
30 consideration, the council finds it prudent to seek the counsel of  
31 community experts to critique current criteria for evaluating the holding of  
32 county real property assets.

33 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

34 SECTION 1. Assessment of properties by fund. The council committee staff  
35 shall prepare an assessment of county owned property by fund. This data will provide the  
36 basis for the task force analysis to be conducted as provided in section 2 of this  
37 ordinance.

38 SECTION 2. Creating a properties expert review task force. The council shall  
39 convene a properties expert review task force (PERT). The PERT shall propose criteria  
40 for decision making to assist the council. The criteria shall include not only disposal and

41 sale of properties but also consideration of the public benefits of county ownership  
42 including, but not limited to: benefits to taxpayers; affordable housing development;  
43 protection of resource lands and open space used for either active recreation or passive  
44 recreation, or both; fish and wildlife habitat protection; surface water management;  
45 groundwater and aquifer infiltration; and the establishment of urban separators. The  
46 PERT analysis should focus first on properties owned with current expense funds;  
47 secondly, on criminal justice funds; and, thirdly, on enterprise funds. The members of  
48 the PERT are to be nominated by members of the council's budget and fiscal  
49 management committee and will be composed of experts in real estate development,  
50 financing, real estate sales, or local economic development and one at-large community  
51 representative. Nominees to the PERT shall file with the division of records and  
52 elections a code of ethics statement in compliance with K.C.C. 3.04.050. Nominations  
53 are to be forwarded to the chair and vice-chairs of the BFM committee by May 16, 2001.  
54 The PERT shall consist of four members. A council committee comprised of the chair  
55 and vice-chairs of the budget and fiscal management committee and council staff shall  
56 review nominations and select the members of the PERT by May 23, 2001. The PERT  
57 shall issue a report with findings to the council by August 10, 2001. The PERT shall  
58 report to the budget and fiscal management committee.

59       SECTION 3. Reimbursement of PERT members. A. Each member of the  
60 properties expert review task force created under section 2 of this ordinance shall receive  
61 reimbursement for direct expenses, including mileage at the standard county rate, parking  
62 for off-site meetings, and meals if such services are not otherwise provided.

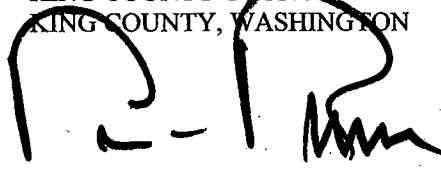
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B. Members of the task force and task force staff shall be provided courtesy parking in the county garage for official task force meetings.

Ordinance 14106 was introduced on 4/2/01 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/14/01, by the following vote:

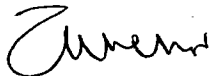
Yes: 12 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Fimia

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18 day of May, 2001.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None