



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 1, 2003**

**Ordinance 14594**

**Proposed No.** 2003-0106.1

**Sponsors** McKenna, Lambert and Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing an additional unclassified  
2 position in the King County sheriff's office from the state  
3 civil service system for county sheriff's employees.  
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6 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 7 1. In 1958, the people of this state approved by initiative a civil service  
8 system for county sheriffs' employees. The system provides for  
9 competitive hiring procedures and terminations only for just cause.  
10 Terminations are reviewable by a locally appointed civil service  
11 commission.
- 12 2. State law allows a sheriff with a staff of five hundred one or more  
13 employees to have ten positions designated as unclassified service or  
14 exempt from the civil service system.
- 15 3. By the power granted in RCW 41.14.070(4), the county legislative authority  
16 may grant a sheriff up to twenty additional unclassified positions.

17           4. The King County sheriff's office currently has thirteen unclassified positions,  
18           which are exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's  
19           employees.

20           5. The position of chief financial officer in the sheriff's office has a close  
21           relationship to the sheriff and manages the budget for the office. While this is the  
22           type of position that is typically exempt from civil service rules, it is not currently  
23           included in the positions designated as unclassified and exempt from civil service  
24           rules.

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

26           SECTION 1. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in  
27           RCW 41.14.070, the position of chief financial officer – sheriff's office in the King  
28           County's sheriff's office is hereby designated as unclassified and exempt from the state  
29           civil service system for county sheriff's employees.

30           SECTION 2. RCW 41.14.070 grants the sheriff the ability to designate ten  
31           unclassified positions that are exempt from the state civil service system for sheriff's  
32           employees. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW  
33           41.14.070(4), with the addition of the chief financial officer – sheriff's office position,

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34 the King County sheriff's office is now authorized four additional unclassified positions  
35 for a total of fourteen unclassified positions.

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Ordinance 14594 was introduced on 3/10/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 3/31/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Sullivan, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Phillips, Mr. McKenna, Mr.  
Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson

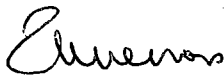
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Excused: 4 - Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz and Mr. Pullen

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10 day of April, 2003.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None