



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 15, 2005

Ordinance 15325

Proposed No. 2005-0491.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE related to superior court; providing for
2 an annual gathering and reception for superior court judges,
3 staff and volunteers and authorizing meal and refreshment
4 costs for such reception; and adding a new section to
5 K.C.C. chapter 2.69.

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 9 1. The mission of King County superior court is to serve the public by
10 ensuring justice through accessible and effective forums for the fair, just,
11 understandable and timely resolution of legal matters.
- 12 2. In fulfilling its mission, the superior court receives the benefit of
13 thousands of hours of volunteer services through programs such as
14 Dependency Court Appointed Special Advocate, Partnership for Youth
15 Justice and Guardianship/Probate.

16 3. Volunteers in these and other court-sponsored programs provide
17 incalculable public benefits, assisting youth, families and others as they
18 interact with the legal system.

19 4. Because they serve as volunteers, court volunteers are ineligible for
20 expense reimbursement, and any costs incurred in the performance of their
21 duties are their own responsibility.

22 5. It is in the county's interest to provide for interaction between King
23 County superior court judges, staff and volunteers to promote
24 communication and the transfer of information that will inform court
25 activities.

26 6. Therefore, it is appropriate for superior court to hold an annual
27 gathering and reception in order to provide King County's elected judges
28 and court staff with an opportunity to interact with court volunteers in a
29 setting that will provide an open forum for discussion, as well as an
30 opportunity for the county to express its appreciation for their service.

31 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

32 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.69 a
33 new section to read as follows:

34 **Annual gathering and reception for superior court volunteers.**

35 A. The presiding judge of the superior court may annually convene a gathering
36 and reception between superior court judges, staff and volunteers. The intent of
37 convening the gathering and reception shall be to:

38 1. Increase communication between superior court judges, staff and volunteers;

39 2. Provide for informal discussion between superior court judges, staff and
40 volunteers; and

41 3. Foster a spirit of cooperation in serving the public.

42 B. Costs of meals or refreshments for superior court judges, staff and volunteers
43 attending the meeting and reception are hereby authorized, subject to the availability of

44 funds in the superior court's budget and to the dollar limits specified in K.C.C. 3.24.080.

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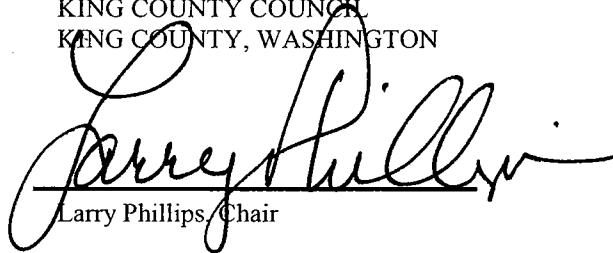
Ordinance 15325 was introduced on 11/7/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/14/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine

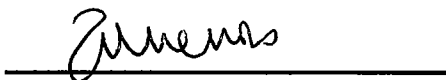
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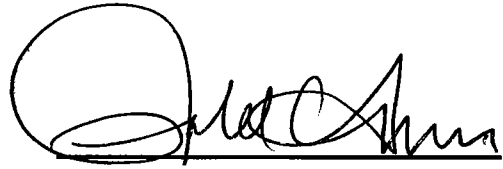

Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2005.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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