



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

October 23, 2007

### Ordinance 15930

**Proposed No.** 2007-0330.2

**Sponsors** Ferguson and Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE naming the new county office building.

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3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. King County is nearing the end of construction of a new King County  
5 office building in downtown Seattle in close proximity to the King County  
6 Courthouse and adjacent to the King County Administrative Building.

7 2. The new office building will house critical county functions including  
8 the Seattle-King County department of public health, the King County  
9 finance and business operations division and the King County office of  
10 information resource management.

11 3. King County citizens will visit the new office building to access county  
12 services and conduct business with county officials and employees.

13 4. King County citizens and taxpayers should, whenever possible, be  
14 provided with opportunities to feel a greater sense of connection and  
15 relation with their King County government, its functions and its public  
16 facilities.

17           5. Citizens of King County have paid for the construction of the new  
18           office building and should therefore have a role in the naming of that  
19           building.

20           6. The name of the office building should reflect broad citizen values as  
21           well as any one or more of county issues, persons and symbols.

22           7. The metropolitan King County council passed Motion 12336 in  
23           September 2006, which laid out the process encouraging young King  
24           County residents to participate in naming the building by writing essays  
25           proposing the building name.

26           8. Among the one hundred forty names generated by the request for  
27           essays was "The Chinook Building," which was submitted by King  
28           County resident Megan Drews.

29           9. In her submittal essay Megan Drews described how the Chinook name  
30           would make honorable cultural references to both the Chinook Indian  
31           Nation and to the species of salmon that is a valuable resource to our state  
32           and community.

33           10. In one submittal essay a student offered the idea to name "certain  
34           rooms or wings [of the building] for individuals, groups or symbolic  
35           logos." This idea could be developed and implemented by naming the  
36           thirteen individual floors of the new building.

37           11. The current Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Chinook Indian  
38           Nation have recently expressed their support in naming the new county  
39           office "The Chinook Building."

40           12. We wish to honor and recognize the Chinook name and to allow for  
41           the individual floors of the building to honor such individuals, groups or  
42           symbolic logos as recommended by the county council and the county  
43           executive.

44           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

45           SECTION 1. A. The Chinook Building is hereby approved as the name of the  
46           new county office building.

47           B. The county executive will work in collaboration with the county council to  
48           name the thirteen individual floors of the Chinook Building. Each council member will  
49           select a name for the building floor number that corresponds to the respective council  
50           district number, allowing for the naming of floors one through nine. Each council  
51           member and the executive shall file with the clerk of the council a letter designating each

52 name. The county executive will select the names for the remaining four floors of the  
53 building.

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Ordinance 15930 was introduced on 5/21/2007 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/22/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2 day of NOVEMBER 2007.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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