



King County

**KING COUNTY**

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**Signature Report**

**November 19, 2007**

**Ordinance 15967**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0557.1

**Sponsors** Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to duties of divisions of the  
 2 department of natural resources and parks; and amending  
 3 Ordinance 11955, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C.  
 4 2.16.045.

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 6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.045 are  
 8 each hereby amended to read as follows:

9 A. The department of natural resources and parks is responsible to manage and  
 10 be fiscally accountable for the wastewater treatment division, water and land resources  
 11 division, solid waste division and parks and recreation division. The department shall  
 12 manage, design, develop, operate, maintain and enhance the geographic information  
 13 systems for the county and other contracting agencies. The department shall administer  
 14 and implement the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, federal Endangered  
 15 Species Act and other federal and state laws and regulations related to those  
 16 requirements. The department shall perform the metropolitan water pollution abatement  
 17 function referred to in this section as "the water quality program," as set forth in chapter

18 35.58 RCW, K.C.C. Title 28 and other federal and state laws and regulations applicable  
19 to that function, although financial planning for and administration of the water quality  
20 program shall be conducted consistent with financial policies approved by the council.  
21 The department shall coordinate the county's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination  
22 System ("NPDES") municipal stormwater permit program. The department shall provide  
23 the support to the county's participation in the regional water supply planning process  
24 including the development of reclaimed water and the review of local utility district plans  
25 for conformance with county plans and policies and shall participate in the process of  
26 preparing coordinated water system plans to ensure conformance with county plans and  
27 policies. The department shall provide for the active and passive recreational needs of  
28 the region, consistent with the mission of the parks and recreation division described in  
29 subsection E.1 of this section. The department shall designate as natural resource lands  
30 those county-owned lands that serve important natural resource functions, including, but  
31 not limited to, benefiting and protecting natural drainage systems, drainage basins, flood  
32 control systems, ecosystems, water quality, ground water, fisheries and wildlife habitat  
33 and other natural resource purposes. The department shall act to ensure integration of  
34 environmental programs across utility and resource functions and to balance stewardship  
35 with economic development issues. To ensure integration and balanced stewardship  
36 through the director's office the department shall oversee strategic planning using staff  
37 resources budgeted in the department's divisions. Strategic planning may include, but not  
38 be limited to: integration of land and water resource protection; coordination of  
39 groundwater, water reuse and water supply plan approval; development of new funding  
40 approaches for resource protection; establishment of new partnerships with businesses,

41 community organizations and citizens; and better coordination of sewerage and flood  
42 control facilities to prevent water quality degradation.

43 B.1. The duties of the waste water treatment division shall include the following:

44 a. administering the functions and programs related to the operation,  
45 maintenance, construction, repair, replacement and improvement of the metropolitan  
46 sewerage system and its financing;

47 b. administering the county's sewage disposal agreements with cities and  
48 special districts;

49 c. providing planning for the water quality capital program;

50 d. providing design, engineering and construction management services related  
51 to the water quality capital programs including new facilities development and  
52 maintenance of the existing infrastructure;

53 e. providing support services such as project management, environmental  
54 review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, scheduling and project control; and

55 f. regulating industrial discharges into the metropolitan sewerage system.

56 2. The council may assign responsibility for services ancillary to and in support  
57 of the operation and maintenance of the metropolitan water pollution abatement system  
58 under chapter 35.58 RCW, including, but not limited to, human resources, accounting,  
59 budgeting, finance, engineering, fleet administration, maintenance, laboratory,  
60 monitoring, inspection and planning, as it determines appropriate.

61 C. The duties of the water and land resources division shall include the  
62 following:

63           1. Proposing or updating, or both, and implementing adopted policies, plans and  
64 programs relating to water and land resources, open space and other natural resources that  
65 protect fisheries, natural resources, water quality and ground water and that solve and  
66 prevent drainage problems;

67           2. Responding to major river floods and addressing drainage problems in  
68 unincorporated portions of the county as provided in K.C.C. Title 9, the Surface Water  
69 Management Program, in K.C.C. chapter 20.12, the King County Flood Hazard  
70 Reduction Plan Policies and other policies established by the council;

71           3. Within available resources, maintaining major river channels, and surface and  
72 storm drainage systems and lands to minimize flood hazards and protect fisheries  
73 resources, drainage systems and lands, and water quality;

74           4. Providing coordination and technical assistance within the county and other  
75 governments to assist in setting and implementing priorities for water and land resources,  
76 including sample collection, laboratory services, monitoring, analysis and other activities  
77 to protect, enhance and evaluate the quality of land, habitat and water resources in the  
78 county;

79           5. Planning the surface water management capital program, providing design,  
80 engineering and construction management services related to the surface water  
81 management capital program including new facilities development and maintenance of  
82 the existing infrastructure and providing support services such as project management,  
83 environmental review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, scheduling and project  
84 control;

85           6. Preparing standards for storm water management facilities that are  
86 constructed as part of land development;

87           7. Providing technical assistance and education to businesses and the general  
88 public to encourage environmental stewardship;

89           8. Implementing the county park, open space, trails, agriculture, forestry, and  
90 other natural resources acquisition programs, including planning, site selection,  
91 financing, acquisition, project budget management and purchasing fee and less than fee  
92 interests;

93           9. Monitoring and protecting the county's ~~((real property and))~~ development  
94 rights interests ~~((acquired through the conservation futures and other open space and  
95 natural resource programs ensuring to the greatest extent practicable that subsequent  
96 county land use policies remain compatible with the acquired interests))~~ related to  
97 agricultural lands;

98           10. ~~((Preparing and implementing the))~~ Consulting in the preparation of  
99 management plans for protection and use of the natural resource values of county owned  
100 lands, including natural resource lands, dedicated and deeded open space lands and lands  
101 acquired by the county as a condition of land development approval, and ~~((determining))~~  
102 consulting with the parks and recreation division the appropriate means to execute such  
103 management plans;

104           11. ~~((Administering, operating and maintaining those lands designated as  
105 natural resource lands, using any work forces as appropriate;~~

106           ~~12.))~~ The office of rural and resource lands shall be a distinct functional unit of  
107 the division reporting directly to the water and land resources division manager. The

108 office shall plan, manage and be responsible for administering the county's rural and  
109 resource lands programs including, but not limited to, agriculture, farmlands preservation,  
110 current use taxation programs, forestry, noxious weeds, terrestrial wildlife and habitat,  
111 rural economic development, and encouraging environmental stewardship; and

112 12. Planning, prioritizing, seeking funding for, designing and implementing  
113 restoration projects on natural resource lands, dedicated and deeded open space lands and  
114 lands acquired by the county as a condition of land development approval in coordination  
115 with the parks and recreation division.

116 D. The duties of the solid waste division shall include the following:

117 1. Managing and operating the county's comprehensive solid waste program on  
118 a self-supporting basis;

119 2. Administering the county's solid waste interlocal agreements with cities and  
120 towns;

121 3. Diverting as much material as possible from disposal in a manner that  
122 reduces the overall costs of solid waste management to county residents and businesses,  
123 conserves resources, protects the environment and strengthens the county's economy;

124 4. Managing and being accountable for all transfer station operations and  
125 landfills, as well as the transportation of waste between county facilities;

126 5. Procuring and maintaining all capital and operating equipment specific to the  
127 solid waste function;

128 6. Providing planning, design, engineering and construction management  
129 services related to the solid waste capital program including new facilities development  
130 and maintenance of existing infrastructure;

131           7. Providing support services such as project management, environmental  
132 review, permit acquisitions, scheduling and project control; and

133           8. Actively pursuing all revenue sources in an effort to maintain the lowest  
134 possible rate structure for the benefit of county residents.

135           E. The duties of the parks and recreation division shall include the following:

136           1. Carrying out the county's parks and recreation division mission, which is to  
137 provide regional trails, regional passive parks, regional resource and ecological lands and  
138 regional active recreation facilities, rural parks and local unincorporated area parks within  
139 the urban growth boundary until annexed, by employing entrepreneurial strategies that  
140 raise revenues to support park operations and facilitating agreements with other  
141 jurisdictions and entities to provide for recreational services and other activities;

142           2. Proposing and implementing adopted policies, plans and programs related to  
143 the provision of regional and rural parks and recreation facilities and programs and  
144 natural resource lands in King County and local parks in the unincorporated portion of  
145 King County within the urban growth boundary until those areas are annexed;

146           3. Within available resources, managing, operating and maintaining or  
147 facilitating the management, operation and maintenance of the county parks and  
148 recreation facilities;

149           4. Within available resources, maintaining, restoring or facilitating the  
150 maintenance of regional resource and ecological lands (~~(at the direction of)~~) in  
151 consultation with the water and land resources division;

152           5. Monitoring and protecting the county's real property and development rights  
153 interests acquired through the conservation futures and other open space and natural

154 resource programs, with the exception of development rights on agricultural lands,  
155 ensuring to the greatest extent practicable that subsequent county land use policies remain  
156 compatible with the acquired interests;

157 6. Preparing and implementing in consultation with the water and land resources  
158 division the management plans for protection and use of the natural resource values of  
159 county owned lands, including natural resource lands, dedicated and deeded open space  
160 lands and lands acquired by the county as a condition of land development approval, and  
161 determining appropriate means to execute those management plans;

162 7. Administering, operating and maintaining those lands designated as natural  
163 resource lands, using any work forces as appropriate;

164 8. Developing and maintaining an operational master plan and develop and  
165 monitoring a capital improvement plan as defined in K.C.C. chapter 4.04;

166 ~~((6-))~~ 9. Within available resources, developing and facilitating agreements for  
167 the development of specific active park and recreation facilities;

168 ~~((7-))~~ 10. Coordinating with other departments and divisions as appropriate in  
169 the preparation of grant applications for park and open space acquisition, development  
170 and operations;

171 ~~((8-))~~ 11. Developing, managing, or facilitating agreements for the provision of  
172 recreational programs;

173 ~~((9-))~~ 12. Facilitating programs that promote the safe enjoyment of county-  
174 owned swimming pools and guarded swim beaches; and



175 ((10.)) 13. Planning, organizing, scheduling and administering the annual King  
176 County fair(~~(-off season programs and use of the county fairgrounds with guidance from~~  
177 ~~the King County fairgrounds board)).~~

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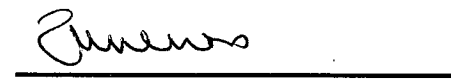
Ordinance 15967 was introduced on 10/22/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/19/2007, by the following vote:

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

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 30 day of NOVEMBER, 2007.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None