



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 11, 2007

Ordinance 15986

Proposed No. 2007-0168.1

Sponsors Phillips, Hague, Patterson,
Ferguson, Lambert, von
Reichbauer, Constantine and Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting King County's Pandemic
2 Influenza Response Plan, Updated March 2007, as required
3 by Ordinance 15597.
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5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. Recognizing the need for the county to be prepared for the possibility
7 of an influenza pandemic, the King County executive transmitted in
8 October 2005 an ordinance proposing \$5, 960,000 to support pandemic flu
9 preparedness.

10 2. In December 2005, the King County council adopted Ordinance 15348
11 appropriating the funds proposed by the executive for the purchase of
12 antiviral medications, the development of public information and outreach
13 campaigns and the development of a medical surge plan.

14 3. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a statement of facts regarding
15 pandemic influenza, the current pandemic concern, and the county's
16 responsibilities in preparing for a possible influenza pandemic.

17 4. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a proviso requiring that the
18 executive, in collaboration with the office of emergency management and
19 the Seattle-King County department of public health, transmit for the
20 council's review and approval by ordinance a cohesive and detailed
21 pandemic influenza response plan for the county, including continuity of
22 operations planning for essential government services and preparedness
23 plans for county employees.

24 5. In September 2006, the council adopted Ordinance 15597, which
25 provided the carryover and concurrent transfer into grant funds from 2005
26 of \$5,960,000 in expenditure authority to support King County's Pandemic
27 Influenza Response Plan.

28 6. In Ordinance 15597, the council included a proviso requiring the
29 executive to provide an update to King County's Pandemic Influenza
30 Response Plan to reflect the next significant steps in the planning process.

31 Three major elements were identified for inclusion:

32 (a) Updated plans for medical surge, the Health Care Coalition,
33 Vulnerable Populations Action Team, social distancing measures and
34 cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions;

35 (b) Updated continuity of operations plans for the provision of public
36 services the county government provides reflecting additional analysis of
37 essential services and interdependencies, plans for training employees and
38 maintaining critical technology infrastructure and support services,

39 exercises to test preparedness, plans to identify and report operational
40 impacts during a pandemic, and related actions; and

41 (3) An updated pandemic influenza emergency response manual from
42 the human resources division outlining protocols for the preparedness and
43 protection of county employees.

44 7. Attachment A to this ordinance, King County's Pandemic Influenza
45 Response Plan, Updated March 2007 ,fulfills the requirements of
46 Ordinance 15597, Section 2, Proviso P2, represents the work of all county
47 agencies and branches of government, and is the another major milestone
48 in the county's ongoing pandemic flu planning and preparation process.

49 7. King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March
50 2007, and the supporting appropriations keep the county at the forefront of
51 regional pandemic flu disaster planning among local jurisdictions across
52 the nation.

53 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

54 SECTION 1. King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March
55 2007, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted and approved.

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Ordinance 15986 was introduced on 3/12/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/10/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of DECEMBER 2007.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments A. King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March 2007

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