



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 15, 2008**

**Ordinance 16207**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0362.2

**Sponsors** Ferguson, Phillips and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 310  
2 of the King County Charter, Section 430 of the King County  
3 Charter and Section 550 of the King County Charter and  
4 addition of a new Section 425 to the King County Charter,  
5 requiring the establishment of the forecast council and the  
6 office of economic and financial analysis; and submitting the  
7 same to the voters of the county for their ratification or  
8 rejection at the November 2008 general election.

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10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their  
12 approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county  
13 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment  
14 to Sections 310, 430 and 550 of the King County Charter and addition of a new Section  
15 425 to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

16 **Section 310. Composition and Powers.**

17 The executive branch shall be composed of the county executive, the county

18 administrative officer, the county assessor, the officers and employees of administrative  
19 offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county  
20 council and the members of the boards and commissions, except the forecast council and  
21 office of economic and financial analysis, the board of appeals and the personnel board.

22 The executive branch shall have all executive powers of the county under this charter.

23 **Section 425. Economic and Financial Analysis.**

24 **425.10. Forecast Council and Office of Economic and Financial Analysis.**

25 The county council shall by ordinance establish the forecast council, which shall  
26 adopt official county economic and revenue forecasts that must be used as the basis for  
27 the executive's budget proposals. The county council shall by ordinance establish the  
28 office of economic and financial analysis.

29 **425.20. Oversight of Office of Economic and Financial Analysis.**

30 The forecast council shall by unanimous vote appoint the chief county economist  
31 who shall administer the office of economic and financial analysis. The forecast council  
32 shall conduct an open and competitive process to select the chief economist. The chief  
33 economist may be removed by a vote of three members of the forecast council. The chief  
34 economist shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of those employees  
35 whom he or she deems necessary to assist in the performance of the duties of the office.

36 The forecast council shall approve an annual work program for the office of  
37 economic and financial analysis and also may assign additional economic and financial  
38 studies to the office.

39 **425.30. Forecast Council Composition.**

40 The forecast council shall be composed of the executive, two county council

41 members and a county employee with knowledge of the budgeting and financial  
42 management practices of the county to be appointed by the executive. County council  
43 members shall be appointed annually by the chair of the county council. Appointments  
44 to the forecast council shall not be subject to confirmation.

45 **425.40. Revenue Forecasts.**

46 By March 1 and at least one hundred-seventy days prior to the end of each year or  
47 alternate dates approved by a majority of the forecast council of each year, the chief  
48 economist shall prepare, respectively, proposed preliminary and updated official  
49 economic and revenue forecasts for county government and submit these to the forecast  
50 council. Forecasts may be adopted or revised by a vote of the majority of the forecast  
51 council within fifteen days of their submittal by the chief economist, or the forecast shall  
52 be deemed adopted. The preliminary forecast shall be used as the basis for the  
53 executive's preliminary budget preparation including preparation of the status quo budget,  
54 budget instructions to departments, and preliminary review of departmental submittals to  
55 the executive. The updated forecast shall be used as the basis for the executive's  
56 proposed budget. The most-current forecast shall be used as the basis for budget  
57 amendments.

58 **Section 430. Contents of Budget.**

59 The budget shall include all funds, revenues and reserves; shall be divided into  
60 programs, projects and objects of expense and shall include supporting data deemed  
61 advisable by the county executive or required by ordinance; shall indicate as to each  
62 program, project or object of expense the actual expenditures of the preceding fiscal year,  
63 the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year and requested appropriations for the

64 next fiscal year; and shall include the proposed capital improvement program for the next  
65 six fiscal years. The expenditures included in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall  
66 not exceed the estimated revenues as forecast under Section 425.40 of this charter.

67 **Section 550. Career Service Positions.**

68 All county employees and officers shall be members of the career service except  
69 those in the following positions: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all  
70 other employees of the county council; the county administrative officer; the chief officer  
71 of each executive department and administrative office; the members of all boards and  
72 commissions; the chief economist and other employees of the office of economic and  
73 financial analysis; administrative assistants for the county executive and one administrative  
74 assistant each for the county administrative officer, the county auditor, the county assessor,  
75 the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office and for each board  
76 and commission; a chief deputy for the county assessor; one confidential secretary each for  
77 the county executive, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative  
78 office, and for each administrative assistant specified ((herein)) in this section; all  
79 employees of those officers who are exempted from the provisions of this charter by the  
80 state constitution; persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to conduct a  
81 special inquiry, investigation or examination; part-time and temporary employees;  
82 administrative interns; election precinct officials; all persons serving the county without  
83 compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; medical interns; and student nurses and  
84 inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of  
85 the county.

86           Part-time Employees. All part-time employees shall be exempted from career  
87           service membership except, effective January 1, 1989, all part-time employees employed at  
88           least half-time or more, as defined by ordinance, shall be members of the career service.

89           SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager  
90           of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,

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92 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

93 Shall the King County Charter be amended to require the establishment of

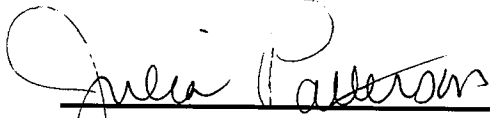
94 the forecast council and the office of economic and financial analysis?

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Ordinance 16207 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/14/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of July, 2008.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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