



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 8, 2008**

**Ordinance 16316**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0543.1

**Sponsors** Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the city of Bellevue Water  
2 Comprehensive Plan, 2006.

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4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
6 approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that  
7 distribute or obtain water, or provide sewer collection or treatment, in  
8 unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
9 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
10 being granted right-of-way franchises, and being given approval for right-  
11 of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the  
12 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state  
13 and local planning requirements.

14 2. RCW 43.20.260 requires that water system plans for any new  
15 industrial, commercial, or residential use are to be consistent with the  
16 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations  
17 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable

18 comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by  
19 a city, town or county for the service area. King County has adopted a  
20 Comprehensive Plan that includes water supply and wastewater policies in  
21 its provisions for Facilities and Services (Policies F-225 through F-244)  
22 that, inter alia, call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for  
23 regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water  
24 conservation, and protection of water resources.

25 3. King County last approved the City of Bellevue Water Comprehensive  
26 Plan ("the plan") on April 5, 1999. Both the Washington state Department  
27 of Health ("DOH") and King County regulations require water system  
28 plans to be updated every six years.

29 4. The city of Bellevue ("the city") operates a large water supply system  
30 in the central part of King County. It provides service to over 132,000  
31 people, which is 36,800 connections, in its retail service area. The retail  
32 service area includes all of the current city limits plus some additional  
33 areas that are outside the current city limits. The annual average day  
34 demand (water consumed) by water system customers in 2003 was  
35 approximately 16.5 million gallons per day ("mgd"); the maximum day  
36 consumption of 34.2 mgd occurred in late July 2003, the hottest part of  
37 that year.

38 5. The city, based on its membership in the Cascade Water Alliance  
39 ("Cascade"), operated under a "Transition Water Conservation Program"  
40 in 2004 and 2005 that includes conservation measures similar to those the

41 city had implemented in previous years. The Transition Water  
42 Conservation Program, which was to be completed in 2006, will provide  
43 the framework for Cascade's long-range conservation plan, which will  
44 guide Cascade's, and the city's, conservation activities through 2011. The  
45 city's conservation program is comprised of both local and regional  
46 programs. The city is seeking to be proactive and is adhering to the DOH  
47 water use efficiency requirements despite the plan preceding the adoption  
48 of the final water use efficiency rule. The city anticipates that its program  
49 will meet the substantive requirements of the rule.

50 6. The plan contains elements of a six-year water capital improvement  
51 program ("CIP") and includes additional projects up to the twenty-year  
52 planning horizon. Projects in the city are scheduled and prioritized based  
53 on capacity concerns, growth, regulatory requirements, component  
54 reliability, system benefits, and financial priority. The cost of the six-year  
55 annual CIP is approximately \$4.5 million with estimated annual costs  
56 varying between \$50,000 and \$2,000,000. The city intends to fund its CIP  
57 projects by rates, public works trust fund loans or using funding from the  
58 city's renewal and replacement account, or any combination thereof. Total  
59 revenues from water service in 2005 were \$25,926,000, of which  
60 \$9,735,000, which is thirty-eight percent, was paid for wholesale water.

61 7. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of water system plans by the  
62 utilities technical review committee ("UTRC"), and a recommendation to  
63 the executive and council on the plan and the requirements under K.C.C.

64 chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan.

65 The UTRC has reviewed planning data and utility operations and

66 determined that:

67 a. The population and employment forecasts developed by the Puget

68 Sound Regional Council for service areas are appropriately used;

69 b. The plan appropriately used the King County land use classifications;

70 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility needs;

71 d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality standards

72 and reclaimed water use was evaluated; and

73 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and

74 policies.

75 8. The DOH is withholding approval of the city's plan pending approval

76 by King County.

77 9. The city completed an environmental checklist and issued a

78 determination of nonsignificance on April 12, 2007, for the plan.

79 10. The city's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,

80 administrative and planning standards for water utilities. The city's

81 operations, facilities and planning substantially meet the requirements of

82 the King County Code and are consistent with the King County

83 Comprehensive Plan. A detailed evaluation documenting these findings

84 has been provided by the executive in his transmittal of the proposed

85 ordinance approving the plan.

86 11. The UTRC recommends approval of the plan.

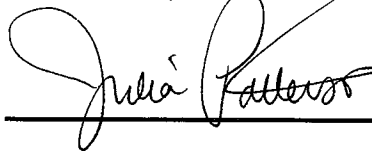
87 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

88 SECTION 1. The city of Bellevue's Water Comprehensive Plan, 2006,  
89 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system  
90 plan.

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Ordinance 16316 was introduced on 10/20/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 12/8/2008, by the following vote:

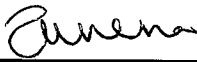
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Phillips

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 12 day of DECEMBER, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments A. City of Bellevue Water Comprehensive Plan, 2006