



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 8, 2008

Ordinance 16324

Proposed No. 2008-0544.2

Sponsors Gossett and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE approving temporary additional King
2 County agency tenants to occupy the Chinook building
3 located on Fifth Avenue and Jefferson Street in Seattle;
4 expressing the intent that the executive and council be
5 collocated in the King County courthouse in the future; and
6 amending Ordinance 15390, Section 2, as amended, and
7 Ordinance 15390, Section 5, as amended.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY

10 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

11 A. The King County space plan states that the county should move from
12 dependence on short-term leased space in the downtown Seattle area to owned or long
13 term leased space when this will provide a long term cost benefit to the county and that
14 the county backfill vacated spaces in county-owned buildings by moving agencies from
15 leased space.

16 B. The office of the executive, office of management and budget, office of
17 business relations and economic development and department of executive services,
18 administration, currently lease space in the Columbia Center.

19 C. The King County executive has identified that significant cost savings will be
20 achieved by terminating the leases for space in the Columbia Center and temporarily
21 moving the office of the executive, office of management and budget and department of
22 executive services, administration, to vacant space in the county's Chinook Building and
23 moving the office of business relations and economic development to the county's Yesler
24 Building. The move of the executive and office of management and budget to the
25 Chinook Building would be a temporary measure until criminal justice planning efforts
26 and budgetary constraints allow for the colocation of the executive and council in a
27 county-owned building.

28 D. Ordinance 15390 established a list of final King County agencies authorized
29 to occupy the Chinook Building and provided that no other county agency shall be
30 located in the building unless authorized by ordinance.

31 E. Ordinance 15390 further provided that the executive shall submit a list of any
32 such proposed additional agencies.

33 F. Ordinance 15390 also indicated that certain executive offices were to remain
34 in Columbia Center until they could be relocated to the King County courthouse
35 following the completion of criminal justice planning efforts.

36 G. In response to budget shortfalls facing the county, the executive directed that a
37 comprehensive capital improvement projects prioritization analysis be completed. In
38 addition to identifying the capital projects that could be deferred to save costs, this

39 process also lead to identification of the significant savings to be achieved by terminating
40 the Columbia Center leases and moving those county agencies to other county owned
41 spaces. While the intent remains to colocate the executive with the council in a county-
42 owned building, temporarily relocating the executive and office of management and
43 budget makes economic sense now even before completion of the criminal justice
44 planning efforts that may lead to a colocation option. Given the magnitude of the county
45 budget shortfalls and the cost savings achievable by the termination of the Columbia
46 Center leases, it is in the best interests of the county for office of the executive, office of
47 management and budget and department of executive services, administration, to relocate
48 to vacant space in the Chinook Building.

49 SECTION 2. Ordinance 15390, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to
50 read as follows:

51 The final King County agency tenants authorized to occupy the Chinook Building
52 shall be:

53	Agency	Current Location
54	DES Finance	Exchange Building
55	DES ITS (not including data center)	Key Tower
56	DCHS	Exchange Building
57	DCHS Crisis and Commitment	Bank of California
58	DPH	Wells Fargo
59	DPH	Lynn Trust
60	DES/BOE	Administration Building
61	DES Office of Information Resources Management	Columbia Center

62 ~~((Office of Business Relations and Economic Development — Columbia Center))~~
63 Council Ombudsman Yesler Building
64 Department of Executive Services /Administration Columbia Center
65 Office of Management and Budget Columbia Center
66 Office of the Executive Columbia Center

67 SECTION 3. Ordinance 15390, Section 5, as amended, is hereby amended to
68 read as follows:


69 The move of the executive and office of management and budget to the Chinook
70 Building is deemed temporary. Upon completion of the law justice planning efforts
71 currently underway, the executive shall relocate his offices ~~((currently in the Columbia~~
72 ~~Center,))~~ and be ready to conduct county business, in the county courthouse. ~~((The~~
73 ~~offices currently in the Columbia Center include the executive, the office of management~~
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75 and budget ("OMB"), ~~DES/administration director, business relations and economic~~
76 ~~development ("BRED") and office of information and resource management ("OIRM").)~~
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Ordinance 16324 was introduced on 10/13/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/8/2008, by the following vote:

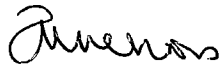
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Phillips
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 23 day of December, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None