



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

October 27, 2009

Ordinance 16682

Proposed No. 2009-0558.3

Sponsors Constantine, Gossett, Patterson,
Ferguson, Hague, Phillips and von
Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the establishment of a Seattle-
2 King County taxicab advisory commission; authorizing the
3 executive to enter into an interlocal agreement related
4 thereto; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 2.

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6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. The city of Seattle has authority to issue taxicab licenses and to
8 regulate taxicabs and drivers for the city.
- 9 2. King County has the authority to issue taxicab licenses and to regulate
10 taxicabs and drivers for unincorporated King County, and through
11 interlocal agreements, for some cities within King County.
- 12 3. In recent years, the city of Seattle and King County have changed their
13 codes to modify how taxicab licenses are issued and modified regulations
14 regarding taxicabs and drivers.
- 15 4. It is in the public interest that an advisory commission be formed to
16 advise elected officials with the city of Seattle and King County regarding
17 the rational provision of taxicab services throughout the county, and to

18 help ensure the provision of high-quality taxicab service while ensuring
19 the economic viability of owning and driving taxicabs.

20 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

21 SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this ordinance should constitute a new
22 chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.

23 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is established a Seattle-King County
24 taxicab advisory commission. The purpose of the commission is to study regulations,
25 rules, policies and issues relevant to the provision of high-quality taxicab service in the
26 city of Seattle and King County while ensuring the economic viability owning and
27 driving taxicabs, and to make recommendations to the city of Seattle and King County on
28 these matters. Recommendations to those jurisdictions shall include, but not be limited
29 to, the following:

30 A. Changes in governmental taxicab regulations;
31 B. Changes in administrative rules;
32 C. Changes to the city of Seattle and King County taxicab codes and legislation
33 that would affect the taxicab industry;

34 D. The setting of taxicab fares;

35 E. Taxicab licensing;

36 F. Ways to increase the availability of taxicab service in Seattle and King
37 County. Recommendations on this subject shall be included in the commission's first
38 annual report to King County and the city of Seattle; and

39 G. Evaluating current taxicab regulations, including making recommendations to
40 each jurisdiction's respective executive and legislative bodies.

41 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. The Seattle-King County taxicab advisory

42 commission shall have the following members:

43 A. Three who represent taxicab license owners, which shall be positions one, two
44 and ten;

45 B. Three who represent taxicab drivers but are not taxicab license owners, and
46 who have not been a license owner within the previous five years, which shall be
47 positions three, four and nine;

48 C. Three from the hospitality industry, tourism industry or medical facilities,
49 representing patrons who use taxicabs, which shall be positions five, six and eleven;

50 D. One who is a person with a disability or a person who represents persons with
51 disabilities, which shall be position eight; and

52 E. One who is a person who represents individuals over the age of sixty, which
53 shall be position seven.

54 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4.

55 A. Individuals shall be appointed specifically into each of the numbered
56 positions. Members in odd-numbered positions from position one to position nine shall
57 be appointed by the city of Seattle. Individuals in even-numbered positions from position
58 two to position ten shall be appointed by the King County executive and confirmed by
59 the King County council. Position eleven shall be appointed by the other members of
60 the commission.

61 B.1. Initial terms for the each appointment to the positions shall be as follows:

62 a. Positions one, two and five shall serve one-year terms that begin January 1,
63 2010;

64 b. Positions three, four, nine and ten shall serve two-year terms that begin
65 January 1, 2010; and

66 c. Positions six, seven, eight and eleven shall serve three-year terms that begin
67 January 1, 2010.

68 2. At the conclusion of the initial term of each appointment, all subsequent
69 terms of each position shall be for three years. A commission member whose term has
70 expired may continue to serve into the following term until a successor has been
71 appointed by the appropriate authority to complete the term. A member shall not serve
72 more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy for an unexpired term shall be filled by the
73 appropriate appointing authority.

74 NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. King County shall provide written notice to the
75 Seattle-King County taxicab advisory commission, no more than fifteen days following
76 any proposed changes to county ordinances or rules that pertain to the setting of taxicab
77 fares, taxicab licensing and other legislation regarding the taxicab industry or its
78 customers. Such written notice shall also occur no less than thirty days in advance of
79 adoption of proposed ordinances, rules or other legislation so that the commission will
80 have sufficient time to review proposed changes and report its recommendations to King
81 County and the city of Seattle. The commission shall issue and deliver an annual report
82 to the city of Seattle and King County that outlines the work of the commission during
83 the prior calendar year as well as its anticipated work program for the following calendar
84 year. The report shall be filed with the executive and clerk of the council, in the form of
85 eleven copies for distribution to all councilmembers, by February 15 of each year.

86 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. The Seattle-King County taxicab advisory
87 commission shall convene as necessary, but at least quarterly, to perform the duties
88 outlined in section 2 of this ordinance. The county shall provide an executive department
89 employee to staff the committee. The appropriate appointing authority may remove any
90 member who is absent without excuse from three consecutive commission meetings.
91 Commission meeting locations shall rotate between city of Seattle and King County
92 facilities. Commission members shall serve without compensation.

93 SECTION 7. The executive is authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement
94 with the city of Seattle to implement commission responsibilities and procedures as set
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96 forth in this ordinance.

97 SECTION 8. Section 5 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2010.

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Ordinance 16682 was introduced on 9/21/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/26/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

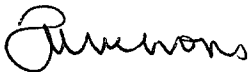
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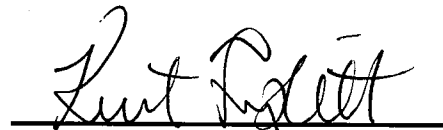
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 3 day of November, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments None

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