



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 19, 2010

Ordinance 16885

Proposed No. 2009-0496.2

Sponsors Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 690
2 of the King County Charter, to specify that timely filing of
3 a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the
4 Washington state Public Disclosure Commission in
5 accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing
6 obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter;
7 making technical corrections; and submitting the same to
8 the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at
9 the November 2010 general election.

10 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 11 1. Section 690 of the King County Charter is redundant with requirements
12 in the RCW chapter 42.17 regarding the timely filing of statements of
13 campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public
14 Disclosure Commission.
- 15 2. The redundant filing of statements of campaign receipts and
16 expenditures is inefficient and not in the public interest.
- 17 3. Technological advances make records universally accessible
18 electronically, and it is more valuable and a better use of resources to have
19 records available electronically than in duplicate hard-copy format.

20 4. The county and the state have been performing the same function in
21 reporting campaign receipts and expenditures, but duplicating efforts is
22 not the most efficient use of public finances.

23 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

24 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their
25 approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county
26 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment
27 to Section 690 of the King County Charter as set forth herein:

28 **Section 690 Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.**

29 Every candidate for nomination or election to an elective county office shall,
30 within ten days after the primary, general or special election as the case may be, file an
31 itemized statement with the executive department responsible for conducting elections
32 showing all campaign contributions and pledges of manpower and material made to
33 ~~((him))~~ the candidate or on ~~((his))~~ the candidate's behalf and all campaign expenditures
34 and obligations incurred by ~~((him))~~ the candidate or on ~~((his))~~ the candidate's behalf.

35 Such statement when filed shall be a public record. The county council shall by
36 ordinance prescribe the form of such statement. Timely filing of a statement of campaign
37 receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in
38 accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of this section. A
39 willful violation of this section shall disqualify the candidate from holding county
40 elective office.

41 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county
42 elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or
43 modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

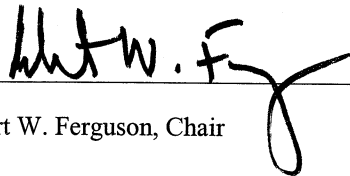
44 Shall Section 690 of the King County Charter be amended to specify that
45 timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the
46 Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with
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48 chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the
49 King County Charter?
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Ordinance 16885 was introduced on 8/17/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/19/2010, by the following vote:

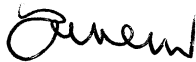
Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None