



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 5, 2010

Ordinance 16943

Proposed No. 2010-0512.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing a fee for requests to
2 deactivate department of transportation trolleywire; and
3 adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 4.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5 SECTION 1. Findings:

6 A. Electric trolleybus routes are operated by King County throughout the city of
7 Seattle.

8 B. Periodic construction taking place along electric trolleybus routes requires de-
9 energizing of the trolleybus wires and substitution of diesel buses on trolleybus routes.

10 C. Neighbors notice increased levels of noise and air pollution when diesel buses
11 run on electric trolleybus routes.

12 D. While dieselization along routes is sometimes necessary to accommodate
13 construction work, minimizing unnecessary dieselization of routes can reduce the
14 negative impacts to neighbors and the environment. With sufficient advance notice that a
15 construction project will be cancelled, the transit division can avoid incurring some of the
16 costs of unnecessary dieselization of a route and can limit unnecessary negative impacts
17 to the neighborhood.

18 E. The transit division of the King County department of transportation incurs
19 administrative and technical costs resulting from trolleywire deenergizing due to
20 construction along these routes.

21 F. The transit division is facing revenue shortfalls that threaten cuts to existing
22 bus service, and in this budgetary environment cost recovery is particularly critical.

23 G. It is in the best interest of the county, and by extension taxpayers, to recover
24 these costs of dieselization of routes.

25 SECTION 2. A. Section 4 of this ordinance assesses a fee to deactivate
26 trolleybus wires for work related to construction projects taking place along electric
27 trolleybus routes.

28 B. This fee is assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

29 SECTION 3. Section 4 of this ordinance should constitute a new chapter in
30 K.C.C. Title 4.

31 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. A. The transit division shall assess a one-
32 thousand-dollar fee to process each request to deactivate trolleybus wires for work related
33 to construction projects taking place along electric trolleybus routes. The fee shall be
34 payable in advance by the applicant. One-half of the fee shall be refundable if the
35 applicant provides the department with a cancellation notice in sufficient time for the
36 department to reassign trolleybuses to the affected routes and avoid the cost to deactivate
37 the trolleywires and provide diesel substitute service. Parties may be exempt from paying
38 the fee if prior agreements with the county exist as of the effective date of this section.

39 B. In addition to the fee assessed under subsection A. of this section, the
40 applicant shall also reimburse the transit division for actual costs incurred by the transit

41 division to deactivate the trolleywires and provide diesel substitute service in excess of
42 one thousand dollars.

43 C.1. The transit division shall establish by rule a procedure for collection of the
44 fee assessed under subsection A. of this section, including provisions for advance
45 payment and refunding the fee if the department receives a cancellation notice in time to
46 avoid incurring additional actual costs to deactivate the trolleywires and provide diesel
47 substitute service.

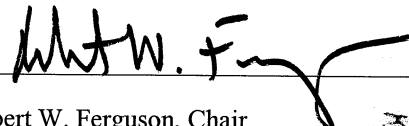
48 2. The transit division shall establish by rule a procedure for recovering the

49 actual costs incurred by the division to deactivate the trolleywires and provide diesel
50 substitute service, as authorized under subsection B. of this section.
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Ordinance 16943 was introduced on 9/13/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/4/2010, by the following vote:

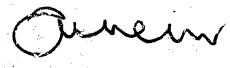
Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair


ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 15 day of October, 2010.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None