



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 6, 2011**

**Ordinance 17014**

**Proposed No. 2010-0562.1**

**Sponsors Phillips**

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the Ronald Wastewater

2 District Comprehensive Sewer Plan, January 2010.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for  
5 sewer utilities as a prerequisite to granting right-of-way franchises and  
6 approval for right-of-way construction permits. Such plans or their  
7 updates must be submitted to the county at least once every six years, and  
8 more frequently if circumstances call for an earlier submittal. Approval of  
9 the plan is also required under K.C.C. chapter 28.84 if the utility is a  
10 component agency of the regional system.

11 2. K.C.C. 13.24.060 requires that such plans be consistent with the  
12 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations  
13 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable  
14 comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by  
15 a city, town, or county for the service area. The King County  
16 Comprehensive Plan, which includes wastewater policies in its provisions  
17 for facilities and services (policies F-245 through F-254), also calls for  
18 consistency with other adopted plans, pursuit of reclaimed water and water  
19 conservation, and protection of water resources.

20 3. Washington state law, RCW 57.16.010(7), requires that any general  
21 comprehensive plan of any sewer district be approved, conditionally  
22 approved, or rejected by the legislative authority of every county within  
23 whose boundaries all or a portion of the district lies. The county  
24 legislative authority must make its determination based on: a. whether  
25 the actions outlined in the plan comply with the development program  
26 outlined in the county's comprehensive plan; b. whether the actions  
27 outlined in the plan comply with any approved basin-wide water or  
28 sewerage plan; and c. whether the actions outlined in the plan comply  
29 with the policies expressed in any county plan for water or sewage  
30 facilities, or both. The actions proposed in the plan are consistent with  
31 RCW 57.16.010(7).

32 4. Both Washington state Department of Ecology ("DOE") and King  
33 County regulations require sewer plans to be approved prior to the  
34 construction of new facilities.

35 5. The Ronald Wastewater District ("the district") provides sewer service  
36 to a population of over fifty-six thousand in a service area of ten square  
37 miles in the northwest corner of King County. Its service area includes the  
38 city of Shoreline and a portion of Snohomish county and is a mixture of  
39 residential and commercial properties. The majority of the district's  
40 wastewater is treated at King County's West Point facility with a small  
41 amount being sent to the city of Edmond's treatment system.

42           6. The district's service area is largely developed. Its anticipated growth  
43           through 2030 will largely involve redevelopment to higher density land  
44           use. By 2030, it expects to be serving a residential population of  
45           approximately seventy-five thousand.

46           7. The principal operational issues facing the district include extending  
47           service to the few remaining pockets of existing development without  
48           sewer service, and inflow and infiltration into the district's facilities during  
49           rain events. The district has a reasonable plan to address inflow and  
50           infiltration when cost effective. Capacity issues related to growth will be  
51           addressed when development proposals are approved through rates and  
52           developer extension agreements.

53           8. The county's most recent approval of the district's sewer plan occurred  
54           in November 1991, although a district name change was approved in  
55           2000, and the plan was updated in 2003.

56           9. The King County utilities technical review committee ("UTRC")  
57           reviewed the district's plan in June 2010 and recommends approval.  
58           K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of wastewater plans by the UTRC,  
59           and a recommendation to the King County executive and council on the  
60           plan, its meeting the requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24, and its  
61           consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan. The planning  
62           data and proposed operations were reviewed by the UTRC, and the UTRC  
63           found:

- 64           a. The infrastructure system for the existing service area and for the area  
65           anticipated to be served in the future is based on the appropriate adopted  
66           land use maps. The population and employment forecasts developed for  
67           the service area are appropriately used;
- 68           b. The plan has information sufficient to demonstrate the ability to  
69           provide service consistent with the requirements of all applicable statutes,  
70           codes, rules and regulations;
- 71           c. The DOE has determined the plan is consistent with WAC 173-240-  
72           050 and approved the plan;
- 73           d. There are no areas of concern with respect to corrosion and odor  
74           control;
- 75           f. The district evaluated opportunities for reclaimed water;
- 76           g. The district works with the cities and other special purpose districts to  
77           ensure the elimination or prevention of duplicate facilities;
- 78           h. The district provides service at a reasonable cost and maximizes the  
79           use of the existing public facilities;
- 80           i. The plan is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and  
81           other pertinent county adopted plans and policies; and
- 82           j. The district meets applicable state water quality and waste management  
83           standards.
- 84           10. The UTRC recommends that the King County council approve the  
85           plan.

86           11. The district completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and  
87           issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on  
88           October 7, 2009, and there were no appeals.

89           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

90           SECTION 1. The Ronald Wastewater District Comprehensive Sewer Plan,

91 January 2010, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a general sewer and  
92 facilities plan.

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Ordinance 17014 was introduced on 11/1/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 1/3/2011, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 12 day of January 2011, 2010.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Ronald Wastewater District Comprehensive Sewer Plan--January 2010--Updated  
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