



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

August 15, 2011

Ordinance 17163

Proposed No. 2011-0274.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the 2006 Tacoma Water
2 Comprehensive Water System Plan.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 4 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires
5 approval of comprehensive plans for water utilities that distribute or obtain
6 water in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in
7 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,
8 being granted right-of-way franchises, and being given approval for right-
9 of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the
10 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state
11 and local planning requirements.
- 12 2. RCW 70.116.050 requires that general comprehensive plans for water
13 utilities within critical water supply service areas be submitted to, and
14 approved by, the legislative authority within whose boundaries all or a
15 portion of the water utility lies.
- 16 3. The city of Tacoma's ("the city") previous water system plan was
17 prepared in 2000 and approved by King County in 2003. Both
18 Washington state Department of Health ("the DOH") and King County
19 regulations require water system plans to be updated every six years.

20 4. The city is in Pierce county, provides direct retail water service to a
21 small number of customers in both incorporated and unincorporated areas
22 in South King County, and wholesale water service to multiple water
23 utilities in Pierce and King counties. It is a partner, with the city of Kent,
24 Lakehaven utility district and the Covington water district, in the
25 development of the second supply project that delivers water from the
26 Green river to those utilities for use in Pierce and King counties. It also
27 has an agreement to provide water supply to the members of the Cascade
28 Water Alliance. These service areas lie within the boundaries of the
29 critical water supply service areas identified in both the East King and
30 South King Coordinated Water System Plans.

31 5. The city's principal source of supply is the Green river in King County.

32 6. King County has adopted a county comprehensive plan that includes
33 water supply policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies
34 F-201 through F-244) that call for consistency with other adopted plans,
35 support for regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water,
36 water conservation and protection of water resources.

37 7. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires the utilities technical review committee
38 ("the UTRC") to review and make a recommendation to the King County
39 executive and council about the plan's consistency with requirements
40 contained in under K.C.C. chapter 13.24; and, consistency with the King
41 County Comprehensive Plan. The UTRC reviewed the planning data and
42 city's operations as outlined in the August, 2006 draft comprehensive plan

43 update, and in January 2007 conditionally approved the plan, pending
44 submittal of additional information to address questions raised by the
45 UTRC. Additional information was submitted by the city on January 9,
46 2007, and satisfactorily addressed questions that were raised by the
47 UTRC, and was incorporated into the city's July 2007 final draft plan
48 ("plan"), which the city submitted to the county and to DOH. Based upon
49 review of the plan, and additional information submitted by the city, the
50 UTRC found that:

51 a. The plan uses population and employment forecasts independently
52 developed by the city using both growth rates from the Puget Sound
53 Regional Council and historic growth patterns seen by the utility for its
54 service area, including King County. The city can meet the Growth
55 Management Planning Council adopted growth target for both the
56 incorporated (Federal Way) and unincorporated portions of King County
57 to which it provides direct retail service;

58 b. The plan uses King County land use classifications for the portion of
59 the city's service area located in unincorporated King County. The city
60 has current franchises to operate its facilities in unincorporated King
61 County;

62 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and
63 service needs;

64 d. The plan is consistent with applicable Washington state water quality
65 laws; and

66 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and
67 policies.

68 8. The DOH approved the city's plan in 2008.

69 9. The city completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and
70 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on
71 December 6, 2006.

72 10. The city's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,
73 administrative and planning standards. As the city's operations, facilities
74 and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code, and are
75 consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the UTRC
76 recommends approval of the plan.

77 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

78 SECTION 1. The 2006 Tacoma Water Comprehensive Water System Plan

79 Update, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water
80 system plan.

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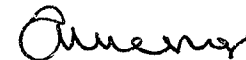
Ordinance 17163 was introduced on 6/13/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 8/15/2011, by the following vote:

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 26 day of AUGUST, 2011.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. 2006 Tacoma Water Comprehensive Water Plan Update