



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 14, 2017

Ordinance 18457

Proposed No. 2017-0031.2

Sponsors Dunn and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE renaming parcels 2521059081,
2 2521059007, 252159018 and 2521059075 within the Green
3 River natural area in honor of Doreen Johnson, to recognize
4 her service, dedication and profound influence in southeast
5 King County.

6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. Doreen Davis Johnson was born in 1929. She attended Puyallup High
8 School, graduated from the University of Washington and married
9 Howard Johnson in 1949.
- 10 2. Doreen and Howard Johnson lived in Auburn, then the Enumclaw
11 plateau and raised three daughters, Jerene, Colleen and Nora. In addition
12 to raising her family, Doreen Johnson dedicated her life to education and
13 the environment.
- 14 3. Doreen Johnson was an expert in rhododendrons and enjoyed teaching
15 people about them. She worked at Lake Tapps Rhododendrons and wrote
16 for the Tacoma Rhododendron Society newsletter.
- 17 4. Beginning in 2003, Doreen Johnson donated the use of her family's
18 property to the Pierce County Emergency Food Network to be used as

19 Mother Earth Farm, supplying one hundred thousand pounds of
20 organically grown food annually for community food banks.

21 5. From 1990 to 1994, Doreen Johnson was instrumental in the
22 establishment of King County's first growth management comprehensive
23 plan that designated the county's urban growth area, agricultural
24 production districts and mineral resource lands. She served on the rural
25 area task force to identify and designate the rural area of King County.

26 6. For fifteen years, Doreen Johnson reviewed all forest practice
27 applications in King County for the Washington Environmental Council,
28 working with timber interests to protect stream and wildlife habitat.

29 7. From 1998 through 2004, Doreen Johnson served on committees for
30 Water Resource Inventory Area 9 and Water Resource Inventory Area 10,
31 helping develop salmon habitat plans for recovering the threatened
32 chinook salmon population of the Green/Duwamish and White rivers. She
33 was instrumental in leveraging millions of dollars to protect salmon
34 habitat in the Middle Green river, including leading the preservation of the
35 headwaters of Icy creek, the acquisition of the Kanaskat, O'Grady and
36 Metzler reaches, and the creation of the one-thousand-acre Green River
37 natural area.

38 8. In 2007, the King County executive awarded Doreen Johnson a Green
39 Globe Award for her work to protect and improve King County's
40 environment.

41 9. The King County community owes Doreen Johnson a great amount of
42 gratitude for her service to King County and her leadership in protecting
43 critical habitat and preserving valuable open spaces.

44 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

45 SECTION 1. Doreen Johnson is honored and memorialized by renaming parcels
46 2521059081, 2521059007, 252159018 and 2521059075 within the Green River natural
47 area as the Doreen Johnson conservation area.

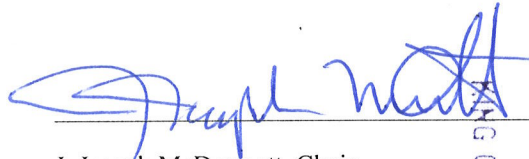
48 SECTION 2. The executive shall include the Doreen Johnson conservation area
49 designation in the King County geographic information system and on printed maps, as

50 these are updated over time. Doreen Johnson conservation area signage shall be provided
51 at trailheads, parking areas and entry points, where appropriate.
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Ordinance 18457 was introduced on 1/30/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/13/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

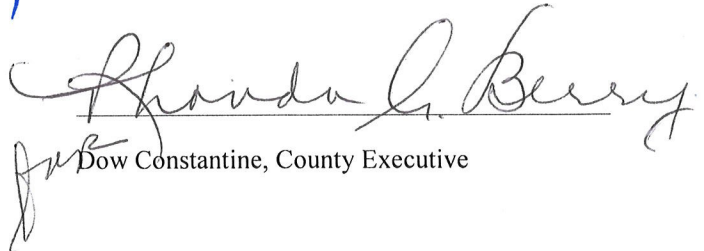
ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2017.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None