



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 27, 2018**

**Ordinance 18659**

**Proposed No. 2018-0064.1**

**Sponsors Lambert**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the establishment of a  
2 gateway sign for the unincorporated community of Preston;  
3 amending Ordinance 10870, Section 421, and K.C.C.  
4 21A.20.030 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter  
5 21A.06.

6 **PREAMBLE:**

7 King County serves as the local government for unincorporated  
8 communities throughout the county, including the unincorporated  
9 community of Preston. Each of those communities have distinct identities  
10 derived from their history, culture and location. Such communities  
11 sometimes desire to express their civic pride and community identification  
12 through gateway signs welcoming persons to their communities. The  
13 purpose of this ordinance is to allow King County, acting as the general  
14 government for Preston and exercising its government-speech authority, to  
15 erect a gateway sign reflective of the Preston community.

16 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

17 SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 21A.06 a new section to  
18 read as follows:

19 Gateway sign: A sign or fixed display where the content is adopted by ordinance

20 as government speech with King County acting in its capacity as the general government  
21 for unincorporated King County.

22 SECTION 2. Ordinance 10870, Section 421, and K.C.C. 21A.20.030 are hereby  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 The following signs or displays are exempted from the regulations under this  
25 chapter:

26 A. Historic site markers or plaques, gravestones, and address numbers;

27 B. Signs required by law, including but not limited to:

28 1. Official or legal notices issued and posted by any public agency or court; or

29 2. Traffic directional or warning signs((-);

30 C. Plaques, tablets or inscriptions indicating the name of a building, date of  
31 erection, or other commemorative information, which are an integral part of the building  
32 structure or are attached flat to the face of the building, which are nonilluminated, and  
33 which do not exceed four square feet in surface area;

34 D. Incidental signs, which shall not exceed two square feet in surface area,  
35 ~~((provided that said))~~ though the size limitation shall not apply to signs providing  
36 directions, warnings or information when established and maintained by a public agency;

37 E. State or ~~((F))~~ federal flags;

38 F. Religious symbols; ~~((and))~~

39 G. The flag of a commercial institution, provided no more than one flag is  
40 permitted per business premises, and further provided the flag does not exceed ~~((20))~~

41 twenty square feet in surface area; and

42 H. Gateway signs, as adopted by ordinance.

43            SECTION 3. The department of transportation, roads services division, shall  
44 design, erect and maintain a properly engineered gateway sign outside the clear zone, but  
45 within the King County right of way, at the existing gabion wall that is located  
46 approximately five hundred seventy-five feet north of SE 85th Place along the Preston-  
47 Fall City Road. The final design and location of the gateway sign shall be approved by  
48 the roads division director of the department of transportation, substantially in this form:  
49 single-sided and displaying up to five American flags, properly displayed under the

50 United States Flag Code, 4 U.S.C. Sec. 1 et seq., with a banner containing the words,  
51 "Peace," "Justice" and "Liberty."  
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Ordinance 18659 was introduced on 1/16/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/26/2018, 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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
J. Joseph McDermott, Chair


ATTEST:

  
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 8 day of MARCH, 2018.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None