



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 30, 2007**

**Motion 12563**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0401.1

**Sponsors** Phillips

1           A MOTION requesting the King County executive and  
2           department of natural resources and parks assess and report  
3           on public education activities recommended to be  
4           coordinated with the state Department of Ecology and local  
5           jurisdictions to implement state-issued phase I and phase II  
6           stormwater permits.

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8           WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the 1972 Clean Water Act to set a  
9           national standard protecting all the nation's waters, and

10           WHEREAS, polluted stormwater from runoff is a major threat to Puget Sound  
11           and to the state's and King County's urban waters, and

12           WHEREAS, municipal stormwater permits are required by the federal Clean  
13           Water Act and are delegated to states to administer, and the state of Washington has just  
14           issued phase I and phase II permits to King County and its cities, and

15           WHEREAS, public outreach and education are a key components of the efforts at  
16           the state and local level to manage and control the point sources of pollution that may  
17           come from domestic, commercial and industrial functions and facilities, and

18           WHEREAS, efforts to educate the general public regarding activities as simple as  
19 car washing, disposal of household waste and landscaping to inform them of best  
20 management practices can provide significant benefits particularly when multiplied over  
21 the number of households in King County, and

22           WHEREAS, best management practices related to car washing are already known  
23 and have been shown to be effective in reducing the pollution and harmful surfactants  
24 affecting human, plant, fish and other species as they are released to local streams, lakes  
25 and other waterways via stormwater, and

26           WHEREAS, the activities and means to coordinate such messages regarding use  
27 of commercial car washing facilities; washing cars on gravel, grass or other permeable  
28 surfaces and utilizing car wash kits and block off storm drains during car wash events  
29 have been shown to be practical and beneficial;

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

31           A. The executive and department of natural resources and parks are requested to  
32 assess and report on public education activities recommended to be coordinated with the  
33 state Department of Ecology and local jurisdictions to implement state-issued phase I and  
34 phase II stormwater permits;

35           B. The executive and department of natural resources and parks are requested to  
36 in particular work with local jurisdictions to evaluate public education opportunities and  
37 explore potential incentives and disincentives for adhering to best management practices  
38 for domestic and commercial car washing activities and provide recommendations to the

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39 council regarding coordination and consistency in public education around these  
40 activities.

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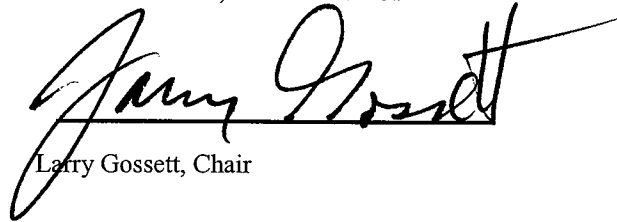
Motion 12563 was introduced on 7/23/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/30/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

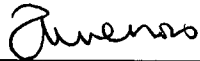
Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None