



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15645

Proposed No. 2020-0208.2

Sponsors Lambert and McDermott

1 A MOTION relating to economic recovery, requesting the
2 executive to allow restaurants, personal services and retail
3 services in the unincorporated areas of King County
4 flexibility to provide additional or new outdoor dining,
5 personal service or retail opportunities during the phased
6 reopening allowed as part of the governor's Safe Start plan.

7 WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05,
8 proclaiming a state of emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a
9 result of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak in the United States and
10 confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington state, and

11 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25,
12 known as the Stay Home - Stay Healthy order, which responded to the continued
13 worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington state and the
14 high risk it poses to vulnerable populations, by requiring that all non-essential businesses
15 in Washington state cease operations effective midnight on March 25, 2020, allowing
16 restaurants and food services to operate only delivery or take-away services and limiting
17 retail to those providing essential goods after that date, and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Inslee adjusted and extended the Stay Home - Stay
19 Healthy order through Proclamation 20-25.1, which was issued on April 24, 2020, and

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20 Proclamation 20-25.2, which was issued on April 27, 2020, and

21 WHEREAS, the closures and limitations imposed on businesses, including
22 restaurants and retail services, that have resulted from the state of Washington's response
23 to the COVID-19 pandemic have caused significant disruptions and economic losses to
24 local business owners and employees, and

25 WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.3,
26 which adjusted and extended the Stay Home - Stay Healthy order and initiated a four-
27 phased approach to reopen businesses and activities in Washington state, and

28 WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.4,
29 known as the Safe Start - Stay Healthy ("Safe Start") plan, which provided for county-by-
30 county movement through the four phases of reopening based on public health
31 guidelines, and

32 WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the King County executive submitted a plan to
33 allow for limited opening of businesses in a modified phase one of the Safe Start plan,
34 and

35 WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Washington state Department of Health
36 accepted King County's modified phase one plan, and

37 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the King County executive and King County
38 council submitted a plan to allow for King County to move to phase two of the Safe Start
39 plan, and

40 WHEREAS, on June 19, 2020, the Washington state Department of Health
41 accepted King County's phase two plan, and

42 WHEREAS, the phase two plan allows restaurants and food services to operate

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43 indoor seating at fifty percent of normal capacity and outdoor seating at fifty percent of
44 outdoor capacity, with all tables and chairs maintaining six feet of distance, and with
45 additional or new outdoor seating allowed subject to maintaining six feet of distance
46 between tables and chairs and receiving needed permits, and

47 WHEREAS, the Safe Start plan anticipates that restaurants and food services
48 could operate up to seventy-five percent of indoor seating when King County enters
49 phase three and full operations when King County enters phase four, and

50 WHEREAS, the phase two plan allows non-essential retail services to operate at
51 thirty percent of capacity, and

52 WHEREAS, the Safe Start plan anticipates that nonessential retail services could
53 begin moving toward full operations with some limitations when King County enters
54 phase three and full operations when King County enters phase four, and

55 WHEREAS, the phase two plan allows personal services to operate at fifty
56 percent of capacity, with the exception of one to one services in an enclosed room, and

57 WHEREAS, the Safe Start plan anticipates that personal services could begin
58 moving toward full operations with some limitations when King County enters phase
59 three and full operations when King County enters phase four, and

60 WHEREAS, the ability to operate existing or new outdoor seating, personal
61 services or retail activities could have a significant positive impact on the viability of
62 restaurants and retail services as King County moves through the phased reopening
63 process;

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

65 A. The council requests that the executive allow restaurants, personal services

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66 and retail services in unincorporated areas of King County to use private parking areas,
67 other private property and adjacent sidewalks, alleys or other right-of-way for additional
68 or new outdoor seating or retail use during the county's movement through phases two
69 and three of the Safe Start plan, with no additional permits or fees required, with steps
70 taken as needed to ensure adequate pedestrian pathways in the right-of-way. The
71 executive is requested to consider proposals prepared by community or business
72 organizations for neighborhood or business district-wide, or portion thereof, outdoor
73 commercial activities. The executive is requested to prepare any legislation or executive
74 order necessary to implement these provisions, including, but not limited to the issuance
75 of temporary use permits or temporary changes, if needed, to K.C.C. chapter 21A.18 and
76 BOH Titles 5 and R5 of the King County Board of Health Code.

77 B. The council requests that the county's application for phase three of the Safe
78 Start plan allow restaurants, personal services and retail services to operate outdoor
79 dining, personal service or retail activities to the extent possible and in addition to the
80 indoor dining or retail activities allowed in phase three.

81 C. The council requests that the executive provide that the provisions described
82 in sections one and two of this motion should cease when King County enters phase four

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83 of the Safe Start plan or otherwise allows restaurants and retail services to return to
84 normal operations, whichever comes first.
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Motion 15645 was introduced on 6/9/2020 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/23/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

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Melani Pedroza

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None