



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**October 23, 2007**

**Motion 12617**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0534.2

**Sponsors** Phillips

1                   A MOTION requiring a review of the utility and  
2                   functioning of cordless compaction waste receptacle  
3                   systems in the maintenance of parks facilities.  
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5                   WHEREAS, the parks and recreation division of the department of natural  
6                   resources and parks manages over one hundred eighty parks and trails within the King  
7                   County system of parks and recreation; and

8                   WHEREAS, these parks resources include over twenty-five thousand acres of  
9                   land which require management by the division, and

10                  WHEREAS, among the routine maintenance tasks that responsible parks  
11                  management demands is the regular collection and disposal of garbage from garbage  
12                  receptacles placed for the convenience of the visiting public, and

13                  WHEREAS, the voters of King County have recently approved a parks levy ballot  
14                  measure, with the expectation that maintenance standards at county parks facilities would  
15                  be increased, and

16                  WHEREAS, innovative devices and techniques for receiving and managing this  
17                  waste stream, utilizing solar-powered self-compacting receptacles placed to receive

18 garbage generated in the parks from the visiting public, have been developed in recent  
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, these devices are being considered by public entities elsewhere in  
21 the nation to evaluate the extent to which they can reduce the frequency with which waste  
22 receptacles need to be attended for disposal, and

23 WHEREAS, these devices may hold promise for reducing the demand on parks  
24 staff for routine waste-collection related maintenance duties, freeing staff for other parks  
25 needs, and

26 WHEREAS, costs for purchasing and operating these devices, and maintenance  
27 and management requirements, would need to be more clearly understood and evaluated  
28 in any consideration of incorporating such devices into parks maintenance strategies,

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

30 That the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and  
31 parks undertake a review of the potential for the use of the solar-powered "cordless  
32 compaction system" waste receptacle devices in its maintenance of parks and recreation  
33 facilities, and that the review include consideration of any savings in maintenance costs  
34 associated with reduced staff waste collection demands, as well as consideration of costs  
35 for purchase, maintenance and operation, and for ease of use and integration into current  
36 parks maintenance practices, and

37 That the division submit a report to the council by February, 29, 2008, on the  
38 results of its review, in the form of nine copies filed with the clerk of the council, who

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39 shall retain an original and forward copies to each member and the lead staff of the  
40 growth management and natural resources committee, or its successor.

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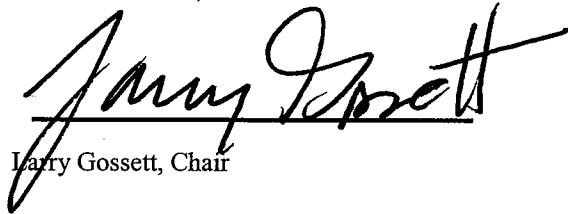
Motion 12617 was introduced on 10/8/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/22/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None