



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

October 25, 2004

Ordinance 15049

Proposed No. 2004-0497.2

Sponsors Pelz

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding the duties of county road
2 engineer; establishing the office of county road engineer;
3 delegating the authority to the county executive to assign
4 the professional engineering duties of county road
5 engineer; and amending Ordinance 11955, section 11, as
6 amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.140.

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9 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 10 1. The powers and duties of the county legislative authority in relation to
11 roads and bridges, and the qualifications and duties of the county road
12 engineer are detailed in Title 36 RCW.
- 13 2. In accordance with chapter 36.80 RCW, the county legislative authority
14 of each county shall employ a county road engineer.
- 15 3. In counties that have adopted a home rule charter, as provided for in
16 Article XI section 4 of the state Constitution, the duties and
17 responsibilities of the county road engineer set forth in chapter 36.80

18 RCW may be modified by the county legislative authority as allowed by
19 existing constitutional law, statutory law and the county charter.

20 4. King County has adopted a home rule charter that establishes the
21 county executive as the chief executive officer of the county.

22 5. The King County Charter provides the chief executive officer the
23 powers to supervise and manage all administrative offices and executive
24 offices created by the county council.

25 6. While the office of the county road engineer predates the charter it has
26 never been formally established by the King County council.

27 7. The King County council finds it now appropriate to formally establish
28 the office of county road engineer, in accordance with state statute.

29 8. The King County council has determined that it is in the best interests
30 of the citizens of the county to delegate the responsibility to assign the
31 professional engineering duties of the county road engineer to the chief
32 executive officer of the county.

33 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

34 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.140 are
35 each hereby amended to read as follows:

36 **Department of transportation – duties – divisions.**

37 A. The department of transportation is responsible to manage and be fiscally
38 accountable for the road services division, transit division, fleet administration division
39 and airport division. The department shall perform the metropolitan public transportation
40 function as authorized in chapter 35.58 RCW, K.C.C. Title 28 and other applicable laws,

41 regulations and ordinances; provided, that financial planning for and administration of the
42 public transportation function shall be conducted consistent with financial policies as
43 may be adopted by the council. The department shall administer the county roads
44 function as authorized in applicable sections of Titles 36 and 47 RCW and other laws,
45 regulations and ordinances as may apply. The department's functions include, but are not
46 limited to, the activities set forth in subsections B₂ through E₂ of this section for each
47 division, administration of grants and the coordination of transportation planning
48 activities with other county agencies and outside entities to integrate transportation
49 planning and land use planning.

50 B. The road services division is responsible to design, construct, maintain and
51 operate a comprehensive system of roadways and other transportation facilities and
52 services to support a variety of transportation modes for the safe and efficient movement
53 of people and goods and delivery of services. The duties of the division shall include the
54 following:

55 1. Designing, constructing and maintaining county roads, bridges and associated
56 drainage facilities;

57 2. Designing, installing and maintaining county traffic signs, markings and
58 signals;

59 3. Designing, installing and maintaining bicycle and pedestrian facilities;

60 4. Managing intergovernmental contracts or agreements for services related to
61 road maintenance and construction and to other transportation programs supporting the
62 transportation plan;

63 5. Inspecting utilities during construction and upon completion for compliance
64 with standards and specifications; assuring that public facilities disturbed due to
65 construction are restored;

66 6. Performing detailed project development of roads capital improvement
67 projects that are consistent with the transportation element of the county's
68 Comprehensive Plan, and coordinating such programming with other county departments
69 and divisions assigned responsibilities for Comprehensive Plan implementation;

70 7. Incorporating into the roads capital improvement program those projects
71 identified in the transportation needs report, community plans, related functional plans
72 and elsewhere consistent with the county's Comprehensive Plan;

73 8. Preparing, maintaining and administering the county road standards;

74 9. Preparing and administering multi-year roads maintenance and capital
75 construction plans and periodic updates; ~~((and))~~

76 10. Administering the transportation concurrency and mitigation payment
77 programs; and

78 11.a. Performing the duties of the office of the county road engineer, which is
79 hereby established as an administrative office of the road services division. The office of
80 the county road engineer shall be an office of record, supervised by the county road
81 engineer hired in accordance with RCW 36.80.010 and reporting to the division director
82 of the road services division. The office of the county road engineer shall be located
83 within the corporate limits of the county seat.

84 b. The county road engineer shall carry out all duties assigned to the county
85 road engineer as prescribed by state statute, except as modified by the county executive
86 as authorized in subsection B.11.c. of this section.

87 c. The county executive may assign professional engineering duties of the
88 county road engineer to someone other than the county road engineer, except as
89 otherwise assigned by King County Code, and only if the individual assigned those duties
90 shall be qualified as required under RCW 36.80.020. The executive shall provide to the
91 county council and the Washington State County Road Administration Board, in writing,
92 those specific professional engineering duties not assigned to the county road engineer,
93 the name and position of each person responsible for carrying out those assigned duties,
94 the specific reporting and working relationships with the county road engineer and the
95 duration for which those duties have been assigned.

96 C.1 The transit division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a
97 comprehensive system of public transportation services in King County. The duties of
98 the division shall include the following:

99 a. providing all necessary customer services including telephone and other
100 customer information and support systems; managing sales and distribution of fare
101 media, research, market strategies and marketing functions;

102 b. implementing programs, policies and strategies for the public transit in King
103 County; developing and scheduling new products and service and managing contract
104 services;

105 c. developing and implementing transportation programs under the Americans
106 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) including preparing policy recommendations and
107 service models and contracting for the delivery of service;

108 d. delivering and managing transit service in the county including service
109 quality and service communication functions;

110 e. managing and maintaining the transit system infrastructure, including trolley
111 power distribution and overhead systems, bases, customer facilities, and the radio
112 communication and data system;

113 f. maintaining transit rolling stock including all revenue vehicle fleets and
114 those vehicles required to support the operation of the transit system, except such
115 vehicles as may be included in the motor pool; managing a central stores function, unit
116 repair facilities and all purchasing activities relative to the procurement of the revenue
117 vehicle fleet;

118 g. managing the design, engineering and construction management functions
119 related to the transit capital program including new facilities development and
120 maintenance of existing infrastructure; providing support services such as project
121 management, environmental review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, schedule and
122 project control functions;

123 h. managing rideshare operations functions including vanpool, carpool, and
124 regional ride matching programs; and

125 i. preparing and administering public transportation service and supporting
126 capital facility plans and periodic updates.

127 2. The council may assign responsibility for services ancillary to and in support
128 of the operation and maintenance of the metropolitan public transportation system under
129 chapter 35.58 RCW, including, but not limited to, human resources, accounting,
130 budgeting, finance, engineering, fleet administration, maintenance, laboratory,
131 monitoring, inspection and planning, as it determines appropriate.

132 D. The duties of the fleet administration division shall include the following:

133 1. Acquiring, maintaining and managing the motor pool and equipment
134 revolving fund for fleet vehicles and equipment including, but not limited to, vehicles for
135 the department of natural resources and parks, facilities management division, and
136 transportation nonrevenue vehicles. Transportation department vehicles determined by
137 the director to be intricately involved in or related to providing public transportation
138 services shall not be part of the motor pool;

139 2. Establishing rates for the rental of equipment and vehicles;

140 3. Establishing terms and charges for the sale of any material or supplies which
141 have been purchased, maintained or manufactured with money from the equipment
142 revolving fund;

143 4. Managing training programs, stores function and vehicle repair facilities;

144 5. Administering the county alternative fuel program and take-home assignment
145 of county vehicles policy; and

146 6. Inventorying, monitoring losses and disposing of county personal property in
147 accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.56.

148 E. The airport division is responsible for managing the maintenance and
149 operations of the King County international airport. The duties of the division shall
150 include the following:

- 151 1. Developing and implementing airport programs under state and federal law
152 including preparing policy recommendations and service models;
- 153 2. Managing and maintaining the airport system infrastructure;
- 154 3. Managing, or securing services from other divisions, departments or entities
155 to perform, the design, engineering and construction management functions related to the
156 airport capital program including new facilities development and maintenance of existing
157 infrastructure; providing support services such as project management, environmental
158 review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, schedule and project control functions; and

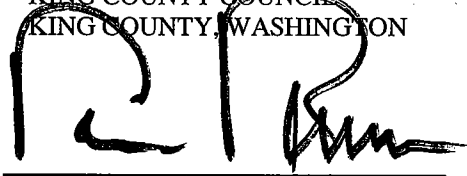
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159 4. Preparing and administering airport service and supporting capital facility
160 plans and periodic updates.
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Ordinance 15049 was introduced on 10/18/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/25/2004, by the following vote:

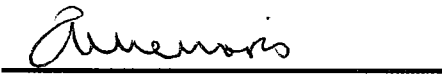
Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 5 day of November, 2004.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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