



King County

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 13, 2007

Ordinance 15952

Proposed No. 2007-0549.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE requiring that prior to cremating  
 2 remains of decedents who came to their death in King  
 3 County the death must be reported to the King County  
 4 medical examiner's office, and an authorization from the  
 5 King County medical examiner received releasing the body  
 6 for cremation; establishing a fee under the authority of  
 7 K.C.C. 2.99.030.B. to be charged by the King County  
 8 medical examiner's office for review of reports of deaths of  
 9 persons whose remains are to be cremated; and adding a  
 10 new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.24.

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 12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:  
 13 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes a new fee for  
 14 persons reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a person whose  
 15 remains are to be cremated.

16 B. The fee is imposed under RCW 70.58.230.

17 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter

18 2.24 a new section to read as follows:

19           A person shall not cremate the body of a decedent who died in the county  
20 without first reporting the death to the medical examiner's office and receiving an  
21 authorization from the medical examiner releasing the body for cremation.

22           B.1. A person reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a  
23 person whose remains are to be cremated shall be charged a fee of fifty dollars.

24           2. The medical examiner may waive the fee if the cost of the cremation  
25 to be performed was paid before the effective date of this ordinance. The fee shall  
26 not be charged if the cost of the cremation is borne by the county.

27           3. Revenues generated by the cremation permit fee shall be expended to  
28 support the King County medical examiner's office.

29           SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its  
30 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the  
31 ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is

32 not affected.


33 SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2008.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 26 day of November 2007.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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