



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 10, 2007

Ordinance 15979

Proposed No. 2006-0450.2

Sponsors Hague and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to approval of the Solid
2 Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan and
3 findings of the independent, third party review.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

7 A. Ordinance 14236 adopted the Final 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste
8 Management Plan on October 26, 2001.

9 B. Ordinance 14236 directed the county executive to begin to implement the
10 policy to export the county's waste by developing a waste export coordination and
11 implementation plan.

12 C. Ordinance 14971 was adopted August 2, 2004, to provide further direction
13 related to the upgrade of the regional transfer system; and timing and process for
14 planning for waste export. The process included establishment of a metropolitan solid
15 waste management advisory committee consisting of representatives of those cities that
16 have signed solid waste interlocal agreements with the county to review and make

17 recommendations on the waste export system plan before transmittal to the county
18 council.

19 D. Pursuant to Ordinance 14971, the county and cities formed the
20 interjurisdictional technical staff group ("ITSG") and the metropolitan solid waste
21 management advisory committee ("MSWMAC") to develop the Solid Waste Transfer
22 and Waste Management Plan.

23 E. In accordance with Ordinance 14971, the county has worked closely with
24 ITSG, MSWMAC, the solid waste advisory committee ("SWAC") and other potentially
25 affected jurisdictions and other interested parties (collectively referred to as
26 "stakeholders") to develop the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan that
27 contains agreed upon recommendations for solid waste export.

28 F. The county and its stakeholders strictly adhered to the established criteria
29 contained in Ordinance 14971 that relate to performance of a comprehensive evaluation
30 of transfer system capacity, public and private alternatives for transfer capacity and waste
31 export, site evaluation criteria and siting, as appropriate.

32 G. The Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan is based on the results
33 of four milestone reports required by Ordinance 14971, Section 6.B.

34 H. In accordance with Ordinance 14971, all four milestone reports have been
35 submitted to the county council for its review and approval, which are Motions 12055,
36 12134, 12182 and 12283.

37 I. The Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan received conditional
38 approval by all stakeholders, including SWAC and MSWMAC pending the results of the
39 third-party review.

40 J. Having completed their review of the third-party review report submitted by
41 the independent consultant, SWAC and MSWMAC have re-affirmed their approval of
42 the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan, now including the findings of the
43 third-party review process.

44 K. The findings of the independent, third party review process addressed ten
45 questions raised by stakeholders and approved by the council for consultant analysis.
46 The independent, third party consultant further broadened the scope of waste
47 management system review by offering advice on three additional topics of commentary,
48 based upon their observations of the county system. Once completed, the independent,
49 third party review addressed issues pertaining to transfer station configuration and needs,
50 recycling, utilization of the Cedar Hills landfill, development of an intermodal plan and
51 options for disposal, and cost analysis of solid waste facilities and activities.

52 L. The recommendations in the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management
53 Plan are consistent with the policies set forth in the 2001 Final Comprehensive Solid
54 Waste Management Plan, as adopted by Ordinance 14236.

55 M. Nothing in the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan affects the
56 ability of the county to consider other waste management alternatives to waste export,
57 such as a waste-to-energy system, or expansion of landfill capacity at Cedar Hills. The
58 alternative technologies are to be thoroughly analyzed and evaluated during the update
59 process of the 2001 Final Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

60 N. The Determination of Significance issued on April 7, 2006, and related Final
61 Environmental Impact Statement for the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management
62 Plan for King County, Washington issued September 1, 2006, are adequate for purposes

63 of complying with the state Environmental Policy Act and for making the decision to
64 adopt the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan for King County,
65 Washington.

66 SECTION 2. The council hereby accepts and approves the Solid Waste Transfer
67 and Waste Management Plan, dated August 4, 2006, which is Attachment A to this
68 ordinance. The council also hereby accepts and approves the Independent, Third Party
69 Review of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan, dated July 31, 2007,
70 which is Attachment B to this ordinance. The recommendations contained in the Solid
71 Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan and the Independent, Third Party Review of
72 the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan shall inform the update of the

73 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan that is anticipated to be completed
74 in 2008.

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Ordinance 15979 was introduced on 10/2/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/10/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

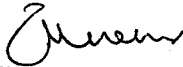
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of December, 2007.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments A. Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan, dated October, 2007, B.
Independent, Third Party Review of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management
Plan - dated October, 2007

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