



Signature Report

July 28, 2008

Ordinance 16222

Proposed No. 2008-0407.2

Sponsors Constantine, Phillips, Gossett,
Ferguson and Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE implementing proposed new Section
2 800.20 of the King County Charter as set forth in Proposed
3 Ordinance 2008-0361; establishing deadlines and
4 procedures for charter amendments by citizen initiative; and
5 amending Ordinance 159, Section 2, as amended, and
6 K.C.C. 1.16.020 and Ordinance 159, Section 3, as amended,
7 and K.C.C. 1.16.030.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. Findings:

11 A. The King County Charter was adopted by the voters at the November 1968
12 general election and became effective May 1, 1969. Ordinance 159, enacted in
13 September 1969, implemented citizen initiative rights established in the charter. The
14 ordinance set requirements for the form and procedures for submittal of initiative
15 petitions. It established a sixty-day deadline for submittal of sufficient signatures after
16 approval of a proposed initiative petition form by the clerk of the council. Ordinance

17 13074, enacted in April 1998, extended that deadline to the current ninety-day period
18 found in K.C.C. 1.16.030.

19 B. Proposed Ordinance 2008-0361 would submit to the voters for their approval
20 or rejection at the November 2008 general election an amendment to the King County
21 Charter establishing a process for citizen initiatives to amend the charter, which would
22 require only one election to approve a charter amendment and would also establish a
23 higher signature threshold than is presently required for initiatives under the charter.

24 C. This ordinance would extend the period for gathering signatures for citizen
25 initiatives to amend the charter to one hundred twenty days, an increase from the current
26 ninety days. One hundred twenty days is commensurate with the time allowed in four of
27 the other five Washington home rule counties.

28 SECTION 2. Ordinance 159, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.16.020 are
29 each hereby amended to read as follows:

30 If any individual, or committee of individuals, desires to petition the council to
31 enact a proposed measure or to order that a charter amendment by citizen initiative or a
32 referendum of any ordinance passed by the council be submitted to the electorate, ((he))
33 the petitioner shall file in the office of the clerk of the council five printed or typewritten
34 copies of the ~~((measure proposed))~~ initiative or referendum petition, accompanied by the
35 name and post office address of the proposer.

36 SECTION 3. Ordinance 159, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.16.030 are
37 each hereby amended to read as follows:

38 A. Initiative petitions containing the required signatures of registered voters of
39 the county as provided in Section 230.50 of the King County Charter, must be filed

40 within ninety days from the date of approval of such form by the clerk of the council. If
41 petitioner fails to file such petition within the prescribed time limit, it shall have no
42 validity and the petition ((will)) shall not be considered by the council as an initiative
43 petition.

44 B. Referendum petitions containing the required signatures of registered voters of
45 the county, as provided in Section 230.40 of the King County Charter, must be filed
46 within forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance to be referred to the voters. If
47 the petitioner fails to file such petition within the prescribed time limit, it shall have no
48 validity and ((will)) shall not be referred to the voters.

49 C. Initiative petitions proposing amendment of the King County Charter
50 containing the required signatures of registered voters of the county as provided in
51 Section 800.20 of the King County Charter must be filed within one hundred twenty days
52 from the date of approval of the form by the clerk of the council. If petitioner fails to file
53 such a petition within the prescribed time limit, the petition shall have no validity and the
54 petition shall not be referred to the voters.

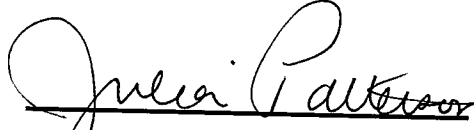
55 SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon certification by the elections

56 division manager of voter approval of the amendment to Section 800 of the King County
57 Charter proposed by King County Ordinance --- (Proposed Ordinance 2008-0361.1).
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Ordinance 16222 was introduced on 7/21/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/28/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of August, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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