



King County

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

April 13, 2009

Ordinance 16451

Proposed No. 2009-0182.1

Sponsors Patterson, Lambert and Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the setting of fees; and  
2 amending Ordinance 6835, Section 3, as amended, and  
3 K.C.C. 2.99.030.  
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Ordinance 6835, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.99.030 are  
7 each hereby amended to read as follows:

8 The following policies shall govern the establishment of fees and the amount of  
9 fees:

10 A. Any fee for which the amount or rate is established by state statute is exempt  
11 from this chapter.

12 B. King County may establish any fee, consistent with policies of this chapter,  
13 unless specifically prohibited by state statute.

14 C. Any fees established by the prosecuting attorney, superior court or district court  
15 at their discretion under authority granted by state statute are exempt from this chapter.

16 D. Any fees established by the county board of health under state statute are  
17 exempt from this chapter.

18 E. Any fees set by the department of natural resources and parks are exempt from  
19 this chapter.

20 F. Any fees set by the department of executive services for the 5th Avenue and  
21 Jefferson Street county parking lot are exempt from this chapter through June 30, 2005.

22 G. The following fees and the amount of fees must be established by ordinance,  
23 unless specific administrative fee-setting authority is granted by ordinance to a county  
24 agency or official or by board of health rule and regulation to the Seattle-King County  
25 department of public health or the county health officer:

- 26 1. Regulatory fees; and
- 27 2. Enterprise fund fees.

28 H. For all other fees-for-service not specified in subsections A. through G. of this  
29 section, the following policies and procedures apply:

30 1. The executive may establish changes in the existing amounts or rates of fees-  
31 for-service and may establish new fees-for-service by submitting the proposed schedule of  
32 fee changes to the county council at the time the executive proposed annual budget is  
33 submitted. The proposed schedule of fee changes shall also be filed with the clerk of the  
34 council.

35 2. The proposed schedule of fee changes shall include the following information  
36 for each proposed fee change:

37 a. fee title and description. The description should indicate whether the proposal  
38 is a change in the amount of an existing fee or a proposed new fee.

39 b. proposed amount or rate. If the proposal is a change to an existing fee, both  
40 the existing amount or rate and the proposed amount or rate should be indicated.

41 c. effective date of the change. The date should be the first day of the next  
42 calendar year.

43 d. legal authority. The information should cite this chapter or a more specific  
44 ordinance or statute, if any, granting fee-setting authority.

45 e. reason for change. The information should indicate the reason for the change  
46 and the methodology used to determine the proposed amount or rate.

47 3. Following receipt of the executive proposed schedule of fee changes, the  
48 county council may enact an ordinance adopting or modifying the proposed schedule. If  
49 council action is not taken on the proposed schedule within seventy-five days of receipt, the  
50 proposed fee changes shall become effective as submitted by the executive on the first day  
51 of the calendar year following executive submittal.

52 4. Any changes in fees-for-service amounts or any new fees-for-service proposed  
53 by the executive at times other than that specified in this section must be submitted to the  
54 county council in the form of a proposed ordinance, and the changes shall not be effective  
55 unless enacted by ordinance.

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57                   5. The fee-for-service amounts proposed by the executive under this section shall  
58 reflect all reasonable costs of providing the service.  
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Ordinance 16451 was introduced on 3/9/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 4/13/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.  
Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dunn

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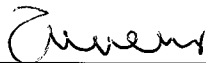
Excused: 2 - Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17 day of APRIL, 2009.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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