



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**July 31, 2012**

**Ordinance 17392**

**Proposed No. 2012-0258.2**

**Sponsors Phillips**

1           AN ORDINANCE relating to improvements in parks,  
2           requiring approval by ordinance for the construction or  
3           installation by private persons of certain improvements to  
4           county parks.

5           STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6           1. King County encourages collaborative development of parks facilities  
7           with private not-for-profit organizations and others. Severe funding  
8           constraints have limited the availability of public funds for parks  
9           development, particularly athletic fields.
- 10          2. It is important that the county's policy-makers have the opportunity to  
11          determine the appropriateness of specific major improvements to parks  
12          before they are constructed, as well as the terms and conditions under  
13          which they are provided.

14          BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

15          NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. A new section is added to K.C.C. chapter 7.08 to  
16          read as follows:

17           No improvement or construction in any county park with a fair market value in  
18 excess of fifty thousand dollars shall be made unless authorized in advance by ordinance.

19           SECTION 2. A. The parks and recreation division of the department of natural  
20 resources and parks shall prepare a report setting forth recommendations for  
21 modifications to policies, procedures and code that implement the community  
22 partnerships and grant program, use agreements and permits for effectiveness and  
23 transparency. The report should demonstrate how the proposed modifications  
24 sufficiently notify the council before any improvement or construction with a fair market  
25 value of fifty thousand dollars or more and funded by private contributions in a county  
26 park is initiated.

27           B. The report required by this section shall be transmitted to the council by  
28 January 15, 2013 with an ordinance, which acknowledges receipt of the report and  
29 repeals this ordinance. The report must be filed in the form of a paper original and an  
30 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an  
31 electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the lead staff for the transportation,

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33 economy and environment committee, or its successor.

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Ordinance 17392 was introduced on 7/16/2012 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/30/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 10 day of AUGUST, 2012.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None