



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 9, 2015

Ordinance 18102

Proposed No. 2015-0343.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting a resolution of intention to
2 form lake management district No. 2 in the Lake Geneva
3 watershed and setting a public hearing on the formation of
4 the proposed district.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. Lake Geneva is a thirty-acre lake within a one-hundred-seventy-nine-
7 acre watershed, located within unincorporated King County.
- 8 2. Lake Geneva is within the Duwamish-Green River Resource Inventory
9 Area (WRIA) 9, and is the headwaters of an unnamed creek that
10 ultimately flows to the Green and Duwamish rivers.
- 11 3. Lake Geneva supports swimming, boating, fishing, wildlife habitat,
12 wildlife viewing and park uses.
- 13 4. The development in the watershed is predominantly single-family
14 residential and vacant residential land. The Lake Geneva park, owned by
15 King County, is adjacent to Lake Geneva. The Washington state
16 Department of Fish and Wildlife owns and operates a boat ramp on the
17 lake.
- 18 5. Lake Geneva has issues with aquatic noxious weeds and invasive plant
19 species, high water episodes due to lake outlet maintenance issues, water

20 quality and human health problems due to Canada geese and further water
21 quality decline due to increased algae growth.

22 6. Chapter 36.61 RCW authorizes the formation of lake management
23 districts for the purpose of improving the environmental, recreational and
24 aesthetic values of the lakes within Washington state.

25 7. RCW 36.61.030 authorizes the county legislative authority to initiate
26 formation of a lake management district by adopting a resolution of
27 intention.

28 8. King County has a lake stewardship program promoting lake
29 monitoring and protection activities and also assists communities in lake
30 management district formation and operation. Through the program, the
31 county and the nearby property owners have conducted plant surveys,
32 water quality monitoring and some aquatic plant removal.

33 9. King County has assisted the Lake Geneva Property Owners
34 Association in exploring the creation of a lake management district.

35 10. The Lake Geneva Property Owners Association has completed the
36 Lake Geneva Management District Plan, and desires to create a lake
37 management district as a reliable funding source to address the lake's
38 aquatic ecosystem issues. That plan is Attachment B to this ordinance.

39 11. If formed, the district would impose special assessments on lakeside
40 property owners for ten years and use the proceeds to implement the
41 improvement and maintenance activities set forth in the plan.

42 12. In accordance with RCW 36.61.160, the method of special
43 assessments for the district is proposed to be based on a combination of
44 factors, including relative impact of activities on the lake, the benefit
45 received from the activities of the lake management district, the type and
46 extent of improvements on the property and the proximity of access to the
47 district improvements.

48 13. Following the adoption of a resolution of intention, chapter 36.61
49 RCW requires public notice and a public hearing to provide opportunity
50 for the county to evaluate property owner interest in formation of a lake
51 management district.

52 14. The funding proposed to implement improvement and maintenance
53 activities is to be raised by the district, which would impose special
54 assessments for ten years on lakeside property owners.

55 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

56 SECTION 1. In accordance with RCW. 36.61.030, this resolution of
57 intention to form lake management district No. 2 for the Lake Geneva watershed,
58 as described in sections 2 through 7 of this ordinance, is hereby adopted.

59 SECTION 2. The nature of the lake improvement or maintenance activities
60 proposed to be financed by the district include:

61 A. Managing of waterfowl, such as Canada geese;

62 B. Surveying invasive aquatic plants;

63 C. Controlling or eliminating invasive aquatic plant species, including but not
64 limited to purple loosestrife, yellowflag iris, cattails, fragrant water lily and root mats
65 and pondweeds;

66 D. Distributing education materials to residents about events and best
67 management practices;

68 E. Preparing and distributing an annual newsletter;

69 F. Holding biannual public meetings with property owners; and

70 G. Managing the district by King County, including costs for the specific
71 reporting specified in this section, as well as administrative costs.

72 SECTION 3. Special assessments totaling \$14,500 shall be collected annually to
73 finance the district activities for ten years, with the total amount to be collected during the
74 life of the district being \$145,000.

75 SECTION 4. The proposed duration of the district is ten years from the date the
76 district is formed by ordinance in accordance with RCW 36.61.100.

77 SECTION 5. The proposed boundaries of the district are inclusive of all lakeside
78 parcels, as depicted in Attachment A to this ordinance.

79 SECTION 6. In accordance with RCW 36.61.030, a public hearing shall be held
80 on the proposed formation of the district:

81 Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

82 Time: 1:00 PM

83 Place: Federal Way Senior Center, 401 South 352nd Street, Auburn, WA

84 SECTION 7. A. As authorized under RCW 36.61.060, the metropolitan King
85 County council hereby delegates the responsibility for holding the public hearing

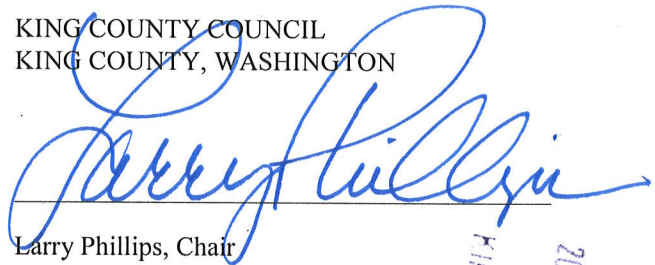
86 required under section 6 of this ordinance to the King County hearing examiner, as an
87 officer of the council. In formulating the hearing examiner's recommendation to the
88 council on the formation of the proposed district, the hearing examiner shall take
89 comment on the draft management plan, which is Attachment B to this ordinance.

90 B. The clerk of the council or the hearing examiner shall issue the public hearing
91 notices required by RCW 36.61.040.
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Ordinance 18102 was introduced on 8/24/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/8/2015, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

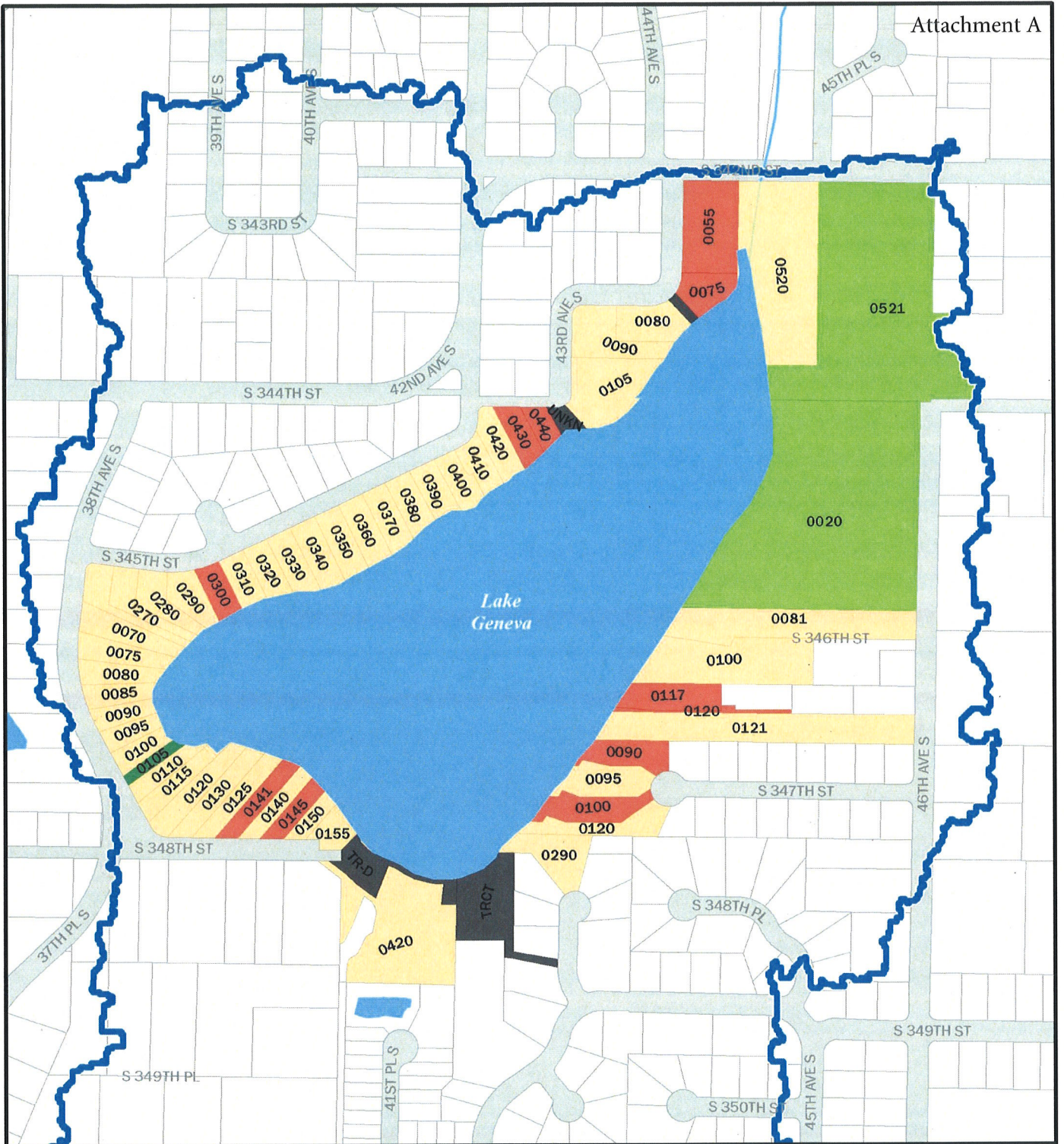
APPROVED this 10th day of September 2015.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: A. Proposed boundaries of Lake Management District No. 2, B. Draft Lake Geneva Management Plan



Legend

- Single family residence
- Vacant (SF)
- KC Park
- WDFW
- Undesignated
- Watershed
- Stream

Figure 6. Lakeside Land Use for Lake Geneva, King County, Washington.



King County, Parcels (2014)

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