



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 17, 2015

Ordinance 18165

Proposed No. 2015-0442.1

Sponsors Dembowski, von Reichbauer,
Dunn, Lambert, Phillips and Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County Medal of
2 Distinguished Service program to be awarded annually by
3 members of the King County council.

4 PREAMBLE:

5 On February 24, 1986, in Motion 6461, the council established "the
6 historical basis for the 'renaming' of King County in honor of the
7 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man whose contributions are
8 well-documented and celebrated by millions throughout this nation and
9 the world, and embody the attributes for which the citizens of King
10 County can be proud."

11 On April 19, 2005, Governor Christine Gregoire signed Engrossed Senate
12 Bill 5332, designating Dr. King as the person after whom King County is
13 named.

14 On February 27, 2006, in Ordinance 15378, the council established the
15 official symbol of King County to be the likeness of the Reverend Dr.
16 Martin Luther King, Jr.

17 The mission statement for King County government is to provide "fiscally
18 responsible, quality-driven local and regional services for healthy, safe,
19 and vibrant communities."

20 The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a national hero, honored by
21 the federal government and the governments of all fifty states with a
22 holiday in his honor, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and an inspiring force
23 in the struggle for human rights, civil liberties and economic opportunity.

24 Community volunteers embody the spirit of service exemplified by Dr.
25 King in the contributions they make toward improving the human
26 condition.

27 King County has acknowledged the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday is an
28 important time for community service, recognizing it as "a day on, not a
29 day off."

30 Volunteers contribute to the mission of King County government by
31 providing services that advance the health, safety and vibrancy of
32 communities within the county.

33 Within the communities of King County, more than thirty thousand people
34 volunteered for United Way of King County in Fiscal Year 2014 and over
35 four thousand volunteer hours are given to the King County Library
36 System each week.

37 King County government operations benefitted from volunteers serving as
38 victims' advocates for the King County prosecutor's office, fostering
39 animals for King County's Pet Adoption Center and performing fifty-six
40 thousand hours of service stewarding King County parks and trails in
41 2014.

42 Recognizing and promoting volunteerism and community service will
43 encourage others to volunteer and serve the community.

44 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

45 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a King County Medal of Distinguished
46 Service, to be awarded annually by the King County council in conjunction with the
47 Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. The medal shall be awarded to no more than nine
48 individuals annually who have made a positive impact on the community through service.
49 Each councilmember may designate one recipient each year. The medal shall be
50 presented in council chambers or other appropriate venue by the King County council
51 with each councilmember participating in recognizing that member's medal recipient, at a
52 time designated by the council chair.

53 SECTION 2. A person is eligible to receive the medal if the person resides in
54 King County, does not hold an elected office other than that of precinct committee officer
55 and has not previously received the award. Each councilmember electing to designate a
56 medal recipient shall submit the name of an award recipient to the clerk of the council by
57 the end of the second week of December each year.

58 SECTION 3. The award shall be memorialized by an appropriate medal,

59 comprised of appropriate materials and design befitting the nature of the award, to be
60 given to each award recipient.
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Ordinance 18165 was introduced on 11/2/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/16/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Upthegrove

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Larry Phillips, Chair

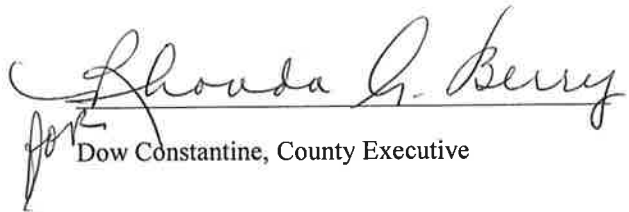
ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 25th day of November, 2015.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None