



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 22, 2003

Ordinance 14614

Proposed No. 2003-0167.2

Sponsors Sullivan, Phillips, Hague, Gossett,
Edmonds, Constantine, Pelz,
McKenna, Irons, von Reichbauer,
Patterson and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county to enter into an
2 agreement with Fremont Public Association, allowing the
3 county to participate in the Working Wheels program and
4 to provide up to fifty surplus vehicles to the Working
5 Wheels program each year.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Findings:

10 A. King County auctions off approximately two hundred fifty surplus county
11 vehicles each year.

12 B. Many low-income individuals are barred from getting or keeping good jobs
13 because these individuals lack reliable personal transportation.

14 C. The Working Wheels program provides low-cost vehicles to low-income
15 workers and job-seekers residing within King County who need personal vehicles in
16 order get or maintain employment.

17 D. Working Wheels clients are referred by a network of community
18 organizations and government programs whose purpose it is to help low-income job
19 seekers get and keep employment.

20 E. King County, through K.C.C. 4.56.100, Motion 10186 and other programs,
21 has a demonstrated commitment to helping low-income citizens get out of poverty by
22 providing them with training, support services and job placement assistance.

23 F. The Office of Port JOBS, a nonprofit corporation, has worked with the
24 Washington state Department of Employment Security to create the Working Wheels
25 program.

26 G. Working Wheels is operated by the Fremont Public Association, a nonprofit
27 community-based organization.

28 H. The Fremont Public Association was selected to operate Working Wheels
29 through an open, competitive request for qualifications (RFQ) process conducted by the
30 Office of Port JOBS.

31 I. Working Wheels has already sold over seventy-five vehicles to qualified low-
32 income applicants.

33 J. The council determines, pursuant to K.C.C. 4.56.100A.2 and 9, that the unique
34 circumstances delineated above make a negotiated direct sale of surplus vehicles to the
35 Fremont Public Association for the Working Wheels program, as bona fide nonprofit
36 organizations providing services to the poor and infirm, to be in the best interests of the
37 public.

38 SECTION 2. The executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on
39 behalf of the King County with Fremont Public Association whereby the county shall

40 transfer up to fifty surplus vehicles each year to Fremont Public Association for use in the
41 Working Wheels program. In exchange, Fremont Public Association shall provide the
42 following valuable consideration to the county: reconditioning these vehicles for use in
43 the Working Wheels program; screening program applicants and determining their
44 eligibility; providing program participants with financial management and other
45 necessary training; indemnification to King County and vehicle liability insurance; and
46 assuming all responsibilities for transferring these vehicles to qualified low-income King
47 County residents who need private automobiles either to get or keep employment. King
48 County may also negotiate to sell vehicles to Fremont Public Association for use in the
49 Working Wheels program for a mutually agreeable price. The number of vehicles
50 distributed by Working Wheels to eligible low-income King County residents each year
51 shall at least equal the number of vehicles provided to Working Wheels by King County
52 and the city of Seattle.

53 SECTION 3. Fremont Public Association and the Office of Port JOBS shall
54 furnish a report to the metropolitan King County council annually, during the first quarter

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55 of each year for the preceding calendar year, describing the outcomes of the Working
56 Wheels program.

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Ordinance 14614 was introduced on 4/7/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/21/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2 day of May, 2003.


Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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