



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 4, 2008

Ordinance 16284

Proposed No. 2008-0594.2

Sponsors Phillips, Hague, Ferguson and
Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE specifying eligibility for the walk and
2 bike incentive program of the King County employee
3 transportation program; and declaring an emergency.
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5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. The King County council adopted Motion 9679 on October 9, 1995,
7 approving a plan for a transportation and commute trip reduction ("CTR")
8 program for King County worksites.

9 2. The Employee Transportation Plan ("ETP") attached to Motion 9679
10 was intended to change the commute behavior of county employees and
11 maintain the county's leadership in implementing the state Commute Trip
12 Reduction Act and Growth Management Act.

13 3. Section VII of the ETP provides that "The County should provide a
14 voucher to employees who commute to work outside the Seattle CBD
15 [central business district] by carpooling, bicycling or walking. This
16 program supports compliance with CTR at County sites with limited or no

17 transit service. It is not applied in the Seattle CBD because transit service
18 is readily available to most employees."

19 4. The Seattle central business district ("CBD") consists of the area from
20 Elliott Bay on the west to the Interstate 5 freeway on the east, and from
21 Denny Way on the north south to the southerly boundary of the Pioneer
22 Square Historic District.

23 5. Section X of the ETP acknowledges that "King County is legally
24 required to bargain over benefits and conditions of employment" and
25 provides a recommended collective bargaining approach for negotiating
26 the walk and bike incentive with the unions representing King County
27 employees at worksites outside the Seattle CBD.

28 6. On September 15, 2008, the executive announced an expansion of the
29 ETP with a walk and bike incentive program for King County employees
30 at worksites in downtown Seattle, an area that includes the Seattle CBD.

31 7. According to the executive's announcement, beginning October 1,
32 2008, all King County employees, including those at downtown worksites,
33 became eligible to receive a twenty-dollar incentive for every month in
34 which they either walk or ride a non-motorized bicycle for more than fifty
35 percent of their work trips.

36 8. The executive has not reported on the results of, or proposed an update
37 to, the 1995 ETP. Also, the executive has not proposed an approach to
38 bargaining with the unions representing King County employees at

39 downtown worksites as employee commute trip reduction programs

40 evolve.

41 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

42 SECTION 1. Finding: The council finds that this ordinance must be effective
43 immediately to prevent expenditures beyond those authorized as county policy in the
44 adopted Employee Transportation Plan.

45 SECTION 2. The King County employee transportation program's carpool, bike
46 and walk incentive shall not apply to county employees who commute to worksites in the
47 Seattle central business district until the executive has transmitted proposed revisions to
48 the adopted Employee Transportation Plan that incorporate any proposed new program
49 elements to address the overall commute patterns of King County employees and any
50 revisions have been approved by ordinance. The Employee Transportation Plan update
51 shall be transmitted by January 31, 2009.

52 SECTION 3. This county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
53 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
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55 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public
56 institutions.

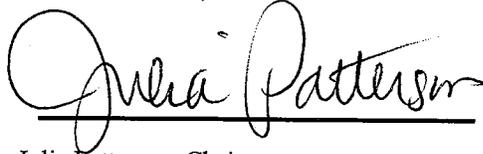
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Ordinance 16284 was introduced on 10/20/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/3/2008, by the following vote:

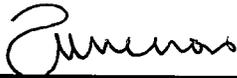
Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,
Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None