



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

April 9, 2013

### Ordinance 17554

Proposed No. 2013-0132.1

Sponsors Dunn and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing a memorial for King  
2 County sheriff's office personnel who have lost their lives  
3 in the performance of their duty; and requiring the  
4 executive and sheriff's office develop a plan for a memorial  
5 in the King County Courthouse.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

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- 7 1. King County was established as a separate county in the Washington  
8 Territory on December 22, 1852. Soon thereafter, the King County sheriff  
9 was established, created by the Washington Territorial Legislature in its  
10 first session.
- 11 2. Since 1854, county sheriffs have been mandated by state law "to keep  
12 and preserve the peace in their respective counties, quiet and suppress all  
13 affrays, riots, unlawful assemblies and insurrections, and for apprehending  
14 or securing any person for felony or breach of the peace."
- 15 3. The sheriff's office has served King County as its first, and longest  
16 serving, law enforcement agency for one hundred sixty years and its  
17 current headquarters are in the historic King County Courthouse in Seattle.
- 18 4. Today, the King County sheriff's office provides a variety of regional  
19 and local law enforcement services. The sheriff's office is the first

20 response "police department" for all of King County's unincorporated  
21 areas. In addition, the sheriff's office, through contracts, is the "police  
22 department" for twelve King County cities, Metro Transit, Sound Transit,  
23 the King County international airport and several other federal, state, tribal  
24 and governmental agencies. The sheriff's office has several important  
25 regional responsibilities, including the operation of the county's automated  
26 fingerprint identification system (AFIS), E-911 call and dispatch, King  
27 County search and rescue, and various other regional programs.

28 Consequently, the King County sheriff's office is one of the largest law  
29 enforcement agencies in the Pacific Northwest, and only the city of Seattle  
30 and the Washington State Patrol have more commissioned officers.

31 5. Since the inception of the office, fifteen deputies have lost their lives in  
32 the line of duty, the first in 1853 and the last in 2006.

33 6. The fallen King County deputies are memorialized as part of the  
34 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., the  
35 nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line  
36 of duty. Dedicated in 1991, the memorial honors federal, state and local  
37 law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the  
38 safety and protection of our nation.

39 7. The county's deputies are also memorialized as part of the Washington  
40 State Law Enforcement Memorial, located in Olympia, which  
41 commemorates the lives, work and dedication of officers who have died in

42 service. Completed in 2005, the memorial is located on the Washington  
43 state Capitol campus.

44 9. Currently, King County has no memorial for deputies who have died in  
45 the line of duty while in service to the people of the county.

46 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

47 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the county council that a memorial to the King  
48 County sheriff's deputies who have lost their lives in the performance of their duty shall  
49 be established in the King County Courthouse.

50 SECTION 2. A. The sheriff's office shall, in cooperation with the executive and  
51 the facilities management division, develop a plan to establish a memorial in a public  
52 portion of the courthouse, preferably near the offices of the sheriff. The plan shall  
53 identify at a minimum:

- 54 1. The proposed location of the memorial;
- 55 2. The proposed method to solicit designs for the memorial that appropriately  
56 pay tribute to the sacrifice of the fallen deputies, while also conforming to the design and  
57 artwork of the adjacent courthouse space;
- 58 3. Identification of needed approvals for the installation of the memorial; and
- 59 4. The proposed schedule, budget and potential funding sources for the  
60 memorial.

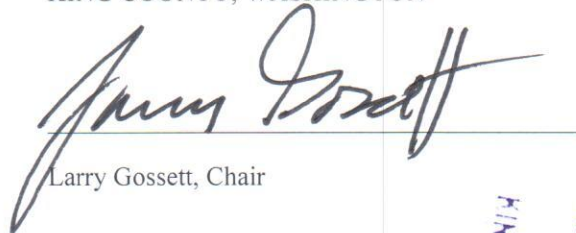
61 B. The sheriff's office and the executive shall transmit the required report and a  
62 motion that acknowledges receipt of the report. The sheriff's office and the executive  
63 must file the report and motion required by this ordinance by June 1, 2013, in the form of  
64 a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the

65 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff  
66 and the lead staff for the law, justice, health and human services committee or its  
67 successor.  
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Ordinance 17554 was introduced on 3/11/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/8/2013, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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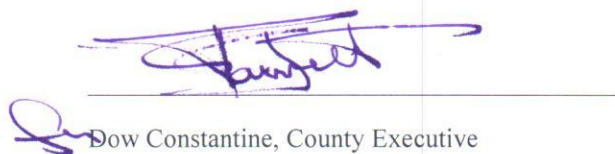
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 12 day of April, 2013.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None