



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 30, 2007

Motion 12563

Proposed No. 2007-0401.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION requesting the King County executive and
2 department of natural resources and parks assess and report
3 on public education activities recommended to be
4 coordinated with the state Department of Ecology and local
5 jurisdictions to implement state-issued phase I and phase II
6 stormwater permits.

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8 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the 1972 Clean Water Act to set a
9 national standard protecting all the nation's waters, and

10 WHEREAS, polluted stormwater from runoff is a major threat to Puget Sound
11 and to the state's and King County's urban waters, and

12 WHEREAS, municipal stormwater permits are required by the federal Clean
13 Water Act and are delegated to states to administer, and the state of Washington has just
14 issued phase I and phase II permits to King County and its cities, and

15 WHEREAS, public outreach and education are a key components of the efforts at
16 the state and local level to manage and control the point sources of pollution that may
17 come from domestic, commercial and industrial functions and facilities, and

18 WHEREAS, efforts to educate the general public regarding activities as simple as
19 car washing, disposal of household waste and landscaping to inform them of best
20 management practices can provide significant benefits particularly when multiplied over
21 the number of households in King County, and

22 WHEREAS, best management practices related to car washing are already known
23 and have been shown to be effective in reducing the pollution and harmful surfactants
24 affecting human, plant, fish and other species as they are released to local streams, lakes
25 and other waterways via stormwater, and

26 WHEREAS, the activities and means to coordinate such messages regarding use
27 of commercial car washing facilities; washing cars on gravel, grass or other permeable
28 surfaces and utilizing car wash kits and block off storm drains during car wash events
29 have been shown to be practical and beneficial;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

31 A. The executive and department of natural resources and parks are requested to
32 assess and report on public education activities recommended to be coordinated with the
33 state Department of Ecology and local jurisdictions to implement state-issued phase I and
34 phase II stormwater permits;

35 B. The executive and department of natural resources and parks are requested to
36 in particular work with local jurisdictions to evaluate public education opportunities and
37 explore potential incentives and disincentives for adhering to best management practices
38 for domestic and commercial car washing activities and provide recommendations to the

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39 council regarding coordination and consistency in public education around these
40 activities.

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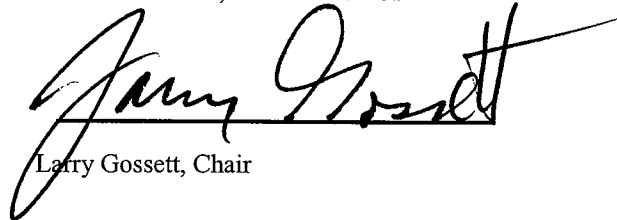
Motion 12563 was introduced on 7/23/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/30/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None