



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 9, 2009**

**Ordinance 16379**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0111.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, Lambert and Phillips

1 An ORDINANCE directing the water and land resources  
2 division to identify locations for the stockpiling of  
3 materials and equipment for sandbags to be provided free  
4 of charge to the public and to increase public awareness of  
5 these locations in the event of flooding.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Findings:

9 A. King County has experienced numerous destructive flooding events over the  
10 past several decades, causing significant damage to homes and properties.

11 B. Sandbags are often relied upon to provide the last line of defense against the  
12 impacts of flood waters on properties, residences and businesses.

13 C. The King County water and land resources division is the agency relied upon  
14 by county residents to assist them during flood events.

15 D. The water and land resources division has recognized the value of using  
16 sandbags for protection of properties and structures and has begun:

17           1. Seeking to stockpile sand and bags at various locations that would be  
18 accessible to residents during a flood event; and

19           2. Creation of a means to communicate the locations of these stockpiles to  
20 county residents.

21           E. This effort benefits both residents and the county by reducing the chance of  
22 flooding damage, but may have a detrimental fiscal impact on the water and land  
23 resources division.

24           SECTION 2. To increase the ability to reduce flood damage, the King County  
25 council directs the water and land resources division to:

26           A. Create stockpiles of materials for sandbags to be made available at multiple  
27 locations in each major watershed in King County free of charge during the flood season;

28           B. Communicate the availability of these sandbags to the public; and

29           C. Provide a report to the council detailing the plan for providing this service and  
30 the fiscal impacts of these efforts by May 31, 2009.

31           The report must be filed in the form of eleven copies with the clerk of the council,

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33 who shall retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the  
34 committee coordinator of the physical environment committee.

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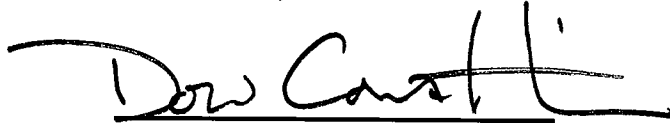
Ordinance 16379 was introduced on 2/23/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 3/9/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips and Ms.  
Patterson

No: 0

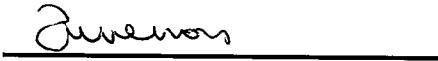
Excused: 4 - Mr. Ferguson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Dunn

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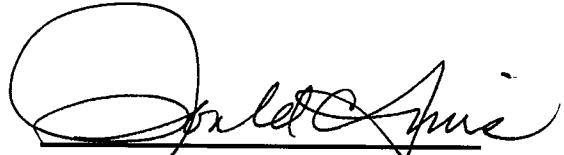
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17 day of MARCH, 2009.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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