



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

October 23, 2007

Ordinance 15939

Proposed No. 2007-0481.2

Sponsors Phillips, Lambert, Ferguson,
Patterson, Gossett, Hague, Dunn,
von Reichbauer and Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to reorganization of the
2 department of public safety; amending Ordinance 1438,
3 Section 3(c), as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.060 and adding
4 a new section to K.C.C. chapter 3.16.

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6 PREAMBLE:

7 State law allows a sheriff with a staff of five hundred one or more
8 employees to have ten positions designated as unclassified service or
9 exempt from the civil service system.

10 By the power granted in RCW 41.14.070(4), the county legislative authority may
11 grant a sheriff up to twenty additional unclassified positions.

12 The King County sheriff's office currently has fourteen unclassified positions,
13 which are exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's
14 employees.

15 The positions of communications director, sheriff's aide and the chief of a newly
16 proposed professional standards division in the sheriff's office have a close and
17 confidential relationship with the sheriff. While these positions are typically

18 exempt from civil service rules, and fall within the type of positions that can be
19 exempt from state civil service, they are not currently included in the positions
20 designated by King County as unclassified and exempt from civil service rules.

21 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

22 SECTION 1. Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c), as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.060 are
23 each hereby amended as follows:

24 A. The department of public safety, as identified in the Section 350.20.40 King
25 County Charter, and managed by the King County sheriff, may also be known and cited
26 in the King County Code and in other usage as the office of the sheriff. Employees
27 managed by the King County sheriff may be referred to in the King County Code or
28 otherwise, as King County police, King County officer, or deputy sheriff.

29 B. The department of public safety is responsible to keep and preserve the public
30 peace and safety including the discharge of all duties of the office of sheriff under State
31 law, except those duties relating to jails and inmates which are performed by other
32 departments of county government. The functions of the department include:

33 1. Oversee a crime prevention program, investigate crimes against persons and
34 property and arrest alleged offenders.

35 2. Execute the processes and orders of the courts of justice and all other
36 mandated functions required by law.

37 3. In coordination with the office of emergency management, plan and
38 coordinate resources for the public safety and welfare in the event of a major emergency
39 or disaster.

40 4. Provide service and administrative functions which support but do not
41 duplicate other governmental activities, and which have the potential to be fiscally self-
42 supportive.

43 C. The ~~((department of public safety shall be composed of))~~ sheriff, to carry out
44 the duties of the under subsection B. of this section, may establish the functions for the
45 following divisions:

46 1. Office of the sheriff;

47 2. Field operations division~~((The division of field operations shall be~~
48 ~~responsible for administering resources allocated to the functions of police patrol, general~~
49 ~~criminal investigation, crime prevention, traffic, and emergency management.));~~

50 ~~((2.))~~ 3. Technical services division~~((The division of technical services shall~~
51 ~~be responsible for administering resources allocated to the functions of:~~

52 ~~a. civil process;~~

53 ~~b. fiscal control;~~

54 ~~e. communications;~~

55 ~~d. records and identification; and~~

56 ~~e. property management, including evidence; stolen, lost or unclaimed~~

57 ~~property; and department equipment and supplies.));~~

58 ~~((3.))~~ 4. Criminal investigation division~~((The division of criminal~~
59 ~~investigation shall be responsible for: administering resources allocated to the functions~~
60 ~~of major crimes investigation, narcotics investigation, gambling and vice investigation,~~
61 ~~criminal warrants service, and sundry criminal investigations not conducted in the field~~
62 ~~operations division.));~~

63 5. Special operations division; and

64 6. Professional standards division.

65 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 3.16 a
66 new section to read as follows:

67 A. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW
68 41.14.070, the council authorizes the following number of positions as unclassified and
69 exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's employees:

- 70 1. Office of the sheriff: five positions;
- 71 2. Field operations division: five positions;
- 72 3. Technical services division: two positions;
- 73 4. Criminal investigation division: two positions;
- 74 5. Special operations division: two positions; and
- 75 6. Professional standards division: one position.

76 B. RCW 41.14.070 grants the sheriff the ability to designate ten unclassified
77 positions that are exempt from the state civil service system for sheriff's employees. By
78 the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW 41.14.070(4), the

79 sheriff's office is authorized three additional unclassified positions for a total of twenty
80 unclassified positions.

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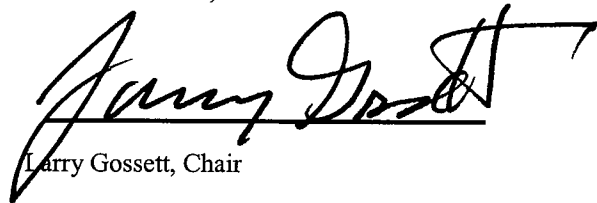
Ordinance 15939 was introduced on 9/17/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/22/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

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DATED: 11/2/07

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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