



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 28, 2009

Ordinance 16615

Proposed No. 2009-0457.1

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE limiting King County's participation in
2 the Newcastle Revitalization Area known as "Newcastle
3 Downtown Project"; and declaring an emergency.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

7 A. King County has received notification from the city of Newcastle of the city's
8 intent to create a Revitalization Area as recently authorized under Chapter 270, Laws of
9 Washington 2009.

10 B. As set forth in Chapter 270, Laws of Washington 2009, local taxing
11 jurisdictions that levy regular property or local sales and use taxes in the proposed
12 Revitalization Area are automatic participants in the revitalization areas unless contrary
13 notification is provided to the initiating jurisdiction before formal action by the initiating
14 jurisdiction to create the Revitalization Area. The city of Newcastle indicates that formal
15 action will be taken on August 25, 2009.

16 C. Automatic local jurisdiction participants pledge seventy-five percent of
17 regular property tax increases resulting from new construction in the Revitalization Area

18 to repayment of debt issued to fund public improvements in the area.

19 D. King County's general fund faces substantial budget shortfalls for the
20 foreseeable future. Allowing the diversion of property and sales tax revenues during this
21 budget crisis would exacerbate the current funding crisis. Given the limited time for the
22 county to notify the city of its intent to opt out of the Newcastle Revitalization Area, a
23 declaration of an emergency is warranted.

24 SECTION 2. Through this ordinance, King County removes itself as a
25 participating taxing district for the Newcastle Revitalization Area known as "Newcastle
26 Downtown Project." By this action, King County removes the county regular property
27 tax levy, the road district levy, the conservation futures levy, the transit levy and the
28 emergency medical services levy from the Newcastle Downtown Project Revitalization
29 Area and will not pledge any King County local property tax allocation revenues to the
30 Newcastle Downtown Project Revitalization Area.

31 SECTION 3. Through this ordinance, King County will not participate as a local
32 government in the Newcastle Downtown Project Revitalization Area. By this action,
33 King County will not allow the use of any local sales and use tax imposed by King
34 County to be used for the Newcastle Downtown Project Revitalization Area.

35 SECTION 4. Notification to City of Newcastle of withdrawal from
36 **Revitalization Area.** The clerk of the council is hereby directed to send a notice to Mr.
37 Bob Baker, the Newcastle City Clerk that King County has removed all King County
38 taxing districts as participating taxing districts in the Newcastle Downtown Project
39 Revitalization Area. The notice shall also indicate that King County has removed itself
40 as a participating local government in the Newcastle Downtown Project Revitalization

41 Area. The notice shall indicate that the county will not pledge local property tax
42 allocation revenues or local sales and use taxes to the Newcastle Downtown Project
43 Revitalization Area. The clerk of the council shall attach a copy of this ordinance with
44 the notice and ensure that notice is received by the Newcastle city clerk no later than 4:30
45 p.m., August 24, 2009.

46 SECTION 5. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists
47 and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health
48 or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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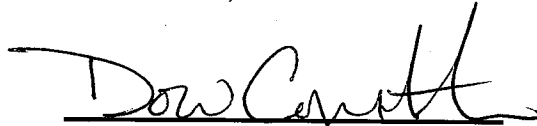
Ordinance 16615 was introduced on 7/27/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dunn

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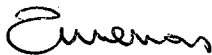
Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None