



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 21, 2008

Ordinance 16210

Proposed No. 2008-0327.1

Sponsors Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE amending the threshold for competitive
2 bidding requirements for the lease or purchase of tangible
3 personal property or services and the threshold for direct
4 voucher purchases; and amending Ordinance 12138,
5 Section 8, and K.C.C. 4.16.030 and Ordinance 12138,
6 Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.16.095.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Ordinance 12138, Section 8, and K.C.C. 4.16.030 are hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Exceptions to bidding for the lease or purchase of tangible personal property and
12 services or the solicitation of proposals and qualifications and subsequent purchase of
13 either or both professional and(~~/or~~) technical service. In accordance with the provisions
14 of RCW 36.32.245(~~(, RCW)~~) and 36.32.253 and this chapter, the executive is granted
15 authority to let any contract, lease or purchase of tangible personal property or services
16 (~~((~~), other than professional or technical services(~~(~~)), involving less than twenty-five
17 thousand dollars, without advertisement and without formal, sealed bidding. The

18 executive is also granted the authority to let any contract for the purchase of professional
19 or technical services without a formal solicitation of proposal process where the value of
20 the contract to the consultant will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. When leasing
21 or purchasing tangible personal property or services ~~((f))~~, other than professional or
22 technical services~~((t))~~, between ~~((two))~~ five thousand ~~((five hundred))~~ dollars and twenty-
23 five thousand dollars, the executive shall be responsible for securing either telephone
24 ~~((and/))~~ or written quotations, or both, from vendors or prospective contractors to assure
25 establishment of a competitive price, and for awarding such contracts to the lowest
26 responsible bidder or proposer. When awarding a professional or technical services
27 contract having a value to the contractor of less than twenty-five thousand dollars, the
28 executive shall obtain proposals from similarly qualified proposers to ensure a
29 competitive process, and strive to select the most qualified proposer, having given due
30 regard to experience and expertise and other relevant factors~~((:))~~, and ~~((provided further,~~
31 ~~that))~~ after the award of any contract pursuant to this section, the bids or proposals
32 obtained shall be recorded and open to public inspection and shall be available by
33 telephone inquiry.

34 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12138, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.16.095 are
35 hereby amended to read as follows:

36 A. Direct voucher purchases by individual departments and offices shall not
37 exceed ~~((two))~~ five thousand ~~((five hundred))~~ dollars without approval by ordinance
38 passed by the council.

39 B. It shall be the responsibility of the manager to report to the council no later
40 than April 30~~((th))~~ of each year direct voucher activity for the previous year on a

41 department-by-department basis. ((Said)) The report shall include, but not be limited to,
42 an identification of problems regarding inappropriate use of direct vouchering and
43 corrective actions implemented by the executive.
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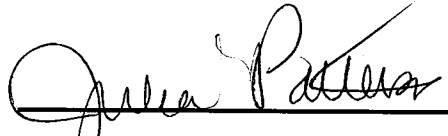
Ordinance 16210 was introduced on 7/7/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/21/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

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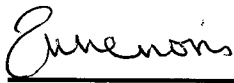
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

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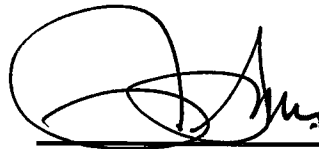
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of July, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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