

**KING COUNTY** 

## Signature Report

November 16, 2010

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Ordinance 16973

	Proposed No. 2010-0540.1 Sponsors Patterson
1	AN ORDINANCE relating to the medical examiner's
2	office; establishing fees under RCW 70.58.230 for certain
3	medical examiner services to align revenues to associated
4	costs; and amending Ordinance 15952, Section 2, and
5	K.C.C. 2.24.135.
6	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
7	SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes a new fee for persons
8	reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a person whose remains are to be
9	buried, cremated, or otherwise disposed.
10	B. The fee is imposed under RCW 70.58.230.
11	SECTION 2. Ordinance 15952, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.24.135 are each hereby
12	amended to read as follows:
13	A. A person shall not bury, cremate or otherwise dispose of the body of a
14	decedent who died in the county without first reporting the death to the medical
15	examiner's office and receiving an authorization from the medical examiner releasing the
16	body for ((cremation)) disposition.
17	B.1. A person reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a person
18	whose remains are to be buried, cremated, or otherwise disposed shall be charged a fee of
19	fifty dollars.

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- 20 2. The medical examiner may waive the fee <u>for a cremation only</u> if the cost of
- the cremation to be performed was paid before January 1, 2008. The fee shall not be

22 charged if the cost of the cremation is borne by the county.

23 3. Revenues generated by the ((cremation)) body disposition permit fee shall be

- 24 expended to support the King County medical examiner's office.
- 25 <u>SECTION 3.</u> This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2011.

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Ordinance 16973 was introduced on 10/4/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/15/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn No: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer Excused: 0

> KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert W. Ferguson, Chair 2010 NOV 22 PM 2: 52 KING COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 22 day of November, 2010.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None