



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 6, 2011

Ordinance 17014

Proposed No. 2010-0562.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the Ronald Wastewater

2 District Comprehensive Sewer Plan, January 2010.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for
5 sewer utilities as a prerequisite to granting right-of-way franchises and
6 approval for right-of-way construction permits. Such plans or their
7 updates must be submitted to the county at least once every six years, and
8 more frequently if circumstances call for an earlier submittal. Approval of
9 the plan is also required under K.C.C. chapter 28.84 if the utility is a
10 component agency of the regional system.

11 2. K.C.C. 13.24.060 requires that such plans be consistent with the
12 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations
13 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable
14 comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by
15 a city, town, or county for the service area. The King County
16 Comprehensive Plan, which includes wastewater policies in its provisions
17 for facilities and services (policies F-245 through F-254), also calls for
18 consistency with other adopted plans, pursuit of reclaimed water and water
19 conservation, and protection of water resources.

20 3. Washington state law, RCW 57.16.010(7), requires that any general
21 comprehensive plan of any sewer district be approved, conditionally
22 approved, or rejected by the legislative authority of every county within
23 whose boundaries all or a portion of the district lies. The county
24 legislative authority must make its determination based on: a. whether
25 the actions outlined in the plan comply with the development program
26 outlined in the county's comprehensive plan; b. whether the actions
27 outlined in the plan comply with any approved basin-wide water or
28 sewerage plan; and c. whether the actions outlined in the plan comply
29 with the policies expressed in any county plan for water or sewage
30 facilities, or both. The actions proposed in the plan are consistent with
31 RCW 57.16.010(7).

32 4. Both Washington state Department of Ecology ("DOE") and King
33 County regulations require sewer plans to be approved prior to the
34 construction of new facilities.

35 5. The Ronald Wastewater District ("the district") provides sewer service
36 to a population of over fifty-six thousand in a service area of ten square
37 miles in the northwest corner of King County. Its service area includes the
38 city of Shoreline and a portion of Snohomish county and is a mixture of
39 residential and commercial properties. The majority of the district's
40 wastewater is treated at King County's West Point facility with a small
41 amount being sent to the city of Edmond's treatment system.

42 6. The district's service area is largely developed. Its anticipated growth
43 through 2030 will largely involve redevelopment to higher density land
44 use. By 2030, it expects to be serving a residential population of
45 approximately seventy-five thousand.

46 7. The principal operational issues facing the district include extending
47 service to the few remaining pockets of existing development without
48 sewer service, and inflow and infiltration into the district's facilities during
49 rain events. The district has a reasonable plan to address inflow and
50 infiltration when cost effective. Capacity issues related to growth will be
51 addressed when development proposals are approved through rates and
52 developer extension agreements.

53 8. The county's most recent approval of the district's sewer plan occurred
54 in November 1991, although a district name change was approved in
55 2000, and the plan was updated in 2003.

56 9. The King County utilities technical review committee ("UTRC")
57 reviewed the district's plan in June 2010 and recommends approval.
58 K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of wastewater plans by the UTRC,
59 and a recommendation to the King County executive and council on the
60 plan, its meeting the requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24, and its
61 consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan. The planning
62 data and proposed operations were reviewed by the UTRC, and the UTRC
63 found:

- 64 a. The infrastructure system for the existing service area and for the area
65 anticipated to be served in the future is based on the appropriate adopted
66 land use maps. The population and employment forecasts developed for
67 the service area are appropriately used;
- 68 b. The plan has information sufficient to demonstrate the ability to
69 provide service consistent with the requirements of all applicable statutes,
70 codes, rules and regulations;
- 71 c. The DOE has determined the plan is consistent with WAC 173-240-
72 050 and approved the plan;
- 73 d. There are no areas of concern with respect to corrosion and odor
74 control;
- 75 f. The district evaluated opportunities for reclaimed water;
- 76 g. The district works with the cities and other special purpose districts to
77 ensure the elimination or prevention of duplicate facilities;
- 78 h. The district provides service at a reasonable cost and maximizes the
79 use of the existing public facilities;
- 80 i. The plan is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and
81 other pertinent county adopted plans and policies; and
- 82 j. The district meets applicable state water quality and waste management
83 standards.
- 84 10. The UTRC recommends that the King County council approve the
85 plan.

86 11. The district completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and
87 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on
88 October 7, 2009, and there were no appeals.

89 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

90 SECTION 1. The Ronald Wastewater District Comprehensive Sewer Plan,

91 January 2010, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a general sewer and
92 facilities plan.

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Ordinance 17014 was introduced on 11/1/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 1/3/2011, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Excused: 0

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Larry Gossett, Chair

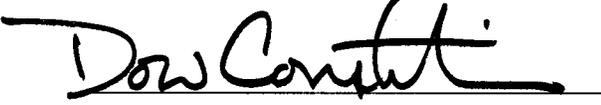
ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 12 day of January, 2011, 2010.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Ronald Wastewater District Comprehensive Sewer Plan--January 2010--Updated
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