



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 23, 2014

Ordinance 17900

Proposed No. 2014-0359.1

Sponsors Phillips and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE designating certain county shorelines as
2 a county maritime heritage area.

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

4 SECTION 1. Findings:

5 A. The council finds that the county's saltwater shoreline should be
6 recognized as a unique and integral part of our state and national heritage.

7 B. This landscape has supported the development of a rich and diverse
8 maritime heritage, including the canoe cultures of the Native American
9 inhabitants, the spirit of exploration and the growth of marine industries. The
10 water touches all aspects of daily life on the shoreline, including transportation,
11 jobs, recreation and community activities.

12 C. The purpose of designating the county's saltwater shoreline as a county
13 maritime heritage area is to preserve and share our cultural resources, to promote
14 tourism and local economic development and to encourage the state legislature
15 and Congress to recognize the Washington coast as a national maritime heritage
16 area. The council takes note that the United States Congress has introduced
17 legislation designating the Washington saltwater coast as a national maritime
18 heritage area and finds that establishment of a county maritime heritage area is
19 appropriate until replaced by a national maritime heritage area.

20 SECTION 2. King County's saltwater shoreline is designated as a county
21 maritime heritage area. The designated area includes all federal, state, local and tribal
22 lands within the county that allow public access and at least a part of which are located
23 within one-quarter mile landward of the saltwater shoreline. In addition, the Lake
24 Washington ship canal and the Lake Union shoreline are included in the maritime
25 heritage area.

26 SECTION 3. The designation of the county maritime heritage area is intended to
27 facilitate partnerships among federal, state, local and tribal governments, businesses,
28 heritage organizations, individuals and other entities to:

- 29 A. Honor the cultural resources of the maritime heritage area;
- 30 B. Increase public awareness and appreciation for the natural, historic, scenic,
31 recreational and cultural resources of the maritime heritage area;
- 32 C. Promote tourism and economic development within the state and local
33 jurisdictions;
- 34 D. Coordinate with other designated county maritime heritage areas; and
- 35 E. Encourage the state legislature and Congress to designate the Washington
36 saltwater coast as a national maritime heritage area.

37 SECTION 4. The maritime heritage area designation is only for the purposes of
38 heritage and tourism promotion. Nothing in this ordinance:

- 39 A. Creates any regulatory jurisdiction or grants any regulatory authority to any
40 government or other entity;
- 41 B. Abridges the rights of any owner of public or private property within the
42 designated area; or

43 C. Establishes any legal rights or obligations, including any environmental or
44 administrative review process involving land use.

45 SECTION 5. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is requested to
46 serve as a point of contact and coordination for the county maritime heritage area.

47 SECTION 6. If either the state of Washington or the United States Congress
48 designates a maritime heritage area for the state of Washington that includes shorelines in
49 King County, the maritime heritage area created by this section ceases to exist as a
50 separate county maritime heritage area.

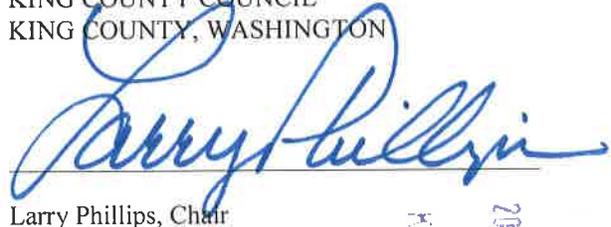
51 SECTION 7. The clerk of the council is directed to send copies of this ordinance
52 once enacted to the clerk of the Washington state House of Representatives, the clerk of

53 the Washington state Senate, the clerk of the United State House of Representatives and
54 the clerk of the United States Senate.
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Ordinance 17900 was introduced on 8/18/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/22/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.
Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 2 day of OCTOBER, 2014.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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