

## CORRESPONDENCE BRIEF SHEET

**Subject:** 2015 voting precinct alteration package/ordinance

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**Issue:**

Each year the Department of Elections GIS Section prepares a Precinct Alteration Ordinance to be submitted to the County Council, pursuant to RCW 29A.16.040-050. Precincts can be altered for the following purposes:

- To accommodate incorporation and city annexation activity
- To accommodate population changes (precinct balancing)
- To ease election administration

**Action:**

Precinct alterations for the year 2015 are the result of boundary changes to accommodate precinct balancing, city annexations, and election administrative maintenance. This year the precinct alteration process included input and review by both major political parties in King County and a 14 day public review period. The cost of making the precinct revisions is fully funded as part of the adopted Department of Elections budget.

Of 2,510 current precincts:

- 27 precincts were altered
- 10 precincts were added
- 1 precinct was abolished
- 9 net precinct gain
- 2,519 new number of precincts after ordinance adoption

The 2015 Precinct Alteration ordinance was submitted to the King County Council on March 13, 2015. All precinct changes being proposed must be approved and effective prior to the statutory deadline of April 27, 2015. The county auditor\* is prohibited from making any precinct changes between the fourteenth day prior to candidate filing and the date of the General Election each year, pursuant to RCW 29A.16.040.

\* In King County, the Department of Elections Director performs the Auditor functions related to Elections