



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 28, 2009**

**Ordinance 16612**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0432.2

**Sponsors** Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE limiting King County's participation  
2 in the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One; and  
3 declaring an emergency.  
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. King County has received notification from the city of Bellevue of the city's  
8 intent to create a Revitalization Area, named the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number  
9 One, as recently authorized under Chapter 270, Laws of Washington 2009.

10 B. As set forth in Chapter 270, Laws of Washington 2009, local taxing  
11 jurisdictions that levy regular property or local sales and use taxes in the proposed  
12 Revitalization Area are automatic participants in the revitalization areas unless contrary  
13 notification is provided to the initiating jurisdiction before formal action by the initiating  
14 jurisdiction to create the Revitalization Area. The city of Bellevue indicates that formal  
15 action will be taken on August 3, 2009.

16 C. Automatic local jurisdiction participants pledge seventy-five percent of  
17 regular property tax increases resulting from new construction in the Revitalization Area  
18 to repayment of debt issued to fund public improvements in the area.

19 D. King County's general fund faces substantial budget shortfalls for the  
20 foreseeable future. Allowing the diversion of property and sales tax revenues during this  
21 budget crisis would exacerbate the current funding crisis. Given the limited time for the  
22 county to notify the city of its intent to opt out of the Bellevue Revitalization Area  
23 Number One, a declaration of an emergency is warranted.

24 SECTION 2. Through this ordinance, King County removes itself as a  
25 participating taxing district for the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One. By this  
26 action, King County removes the county regular property tax levy, the road district levy,  
27 the conservation futures levy, the transit levy and the emergency medical services levy  
28 from the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One and will not pledge any King County  
29 local property tax allocation revenues to the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One.

30 SECTION 3. Through this ordinance, King County will not participate as a local  
31 government in the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One. By this action, King  
32 County will not allow the use of any local sales and use tax imposed by King County to  
33 be used for the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One.

34 SECTION 4. Notification to City of Bellevue of withdrawal from  
35 **Revitalization Area.** The clerk of the council is hereby directed to send a notice to Ms.  
36 Myrna L. Basich, the Bellevue City Clerk that King County has removed all King County  
37 taxing districts as participating taxing districts in the Bellevue Revitalization Area  
38 Number One. The notice shall also indicate that King County has removed itself as a

39 participating local government in the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One. The  
40 notice shall indicate that the county will not pledge local property tax allocation revenues  
41 or local sales and use taxes to the Bellevue Revitalization Area Number One. The clerk  
42 of the council shall attach a copy of this ordinance with the notice and ensure that notice  
43 is received by the Bellevue city clerk no later than 4:30 pm July 31, 2009.

44 SECTION 5. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists  
45 and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health  
46 or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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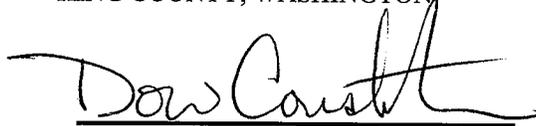
Ordinance 16612 was introduced on 7/13/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 7/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.  
Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None