



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to a marine division proviso; amending the 2008 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15975, Section 112, as amended,; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. On November 13, 2007, the King County Ferry District board passed Resolution FD2007-06, adopting the district's budget and authorizing a property tax levy to implement passenger-only ferry service in King County. Within the findings, the resolution stated:

"It is anticipated that King County, with its expertise related to ferry service programs and projects, will be called upon to provide the necessary staffing for implementation of the district work plan. The working relationship between the district and King County will be provided for in an interlocal agreement that will be adopted by a separate resolution of the board of the ferry district."

B. On November 19, 2007, the metropolitan King County council passed Ordinance 15973 establishing a marine division within the department of transportation. The marine division is responsible for the administration, maintenance and operation of passenger ferry service on a contract basis for the King County Ferry District.

C. On November 19, 2007, the metropolitan King County council passed Ordinance 15975 appropriating a budget of \$1,451,779 to the marine division. The ordinance contains a proviso restricting the

expenditure or encumbrance of marine division appropriations until an interlocal agreement has been executed between the county and the King County Ferry District, relating to contract services for county implementation of the district ferry work program and capital program.

D. Over the last four months, the county and the King County Ferry District have worked collaboratively to develop an interlocal agreement for implementation of ferry services. The two parties are still in the process of negotiating the interlocal agreement and intend to have a final agreement introduced before the metropolitan King County council and Ferry District Board in early 2008.

E. To ensure the services described in the King County Ferry District work program can be provided in 2008 after an interlocal agreement is passed by the district and the metropolitan King County council, the marine division estimates that it will need to expend \$150,000 in early 2008, beginning in the first week of January.

F. Authorization to expend the \$150,000 is required on an emergency basis so the marine division will have sufficient time to negotiate agreements for the provision of Elliott Bay Water Taxi service commencing in April 2008, and to recruit and hire a division manager in a timely way.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 15975, Section 112, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

Marine division \$0

P1 PROVIDED THAT:

~~((None of this appropriation shall))~~ Of this appropriation, \$1,301,779 shall not be expended or encumbered until an interlocal agreement has been executed between the county and the King County Ferry District, relating to contract services for county implementation of the district ferry work program and capital program. This proviso will not be satisfied by an agreement with the district that provides only for administrative and support services but not for implementation of a district work program and capital program.

SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the metropolitan King County

council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists

and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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