



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to improvements in parks, requiring approval by ordinance for the construction or installation by private persons of certain improvements to county parks.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County encourages collaborative development of parks facilities with private not-for-profit organizations and others. Severe funding constraints have limited the availability of public funds for parks development, particularly athletic fields.
2. It is important that the county's policy-makers have the opportunity to determine the appropriateness of specific major improvements to parks before they are constructed, as well as the terms and conditions under which they are provided.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. A new section is added to K.C.C. chapter 7.08 to read as follows:

No improvement or construction in any county park with a fair market value in excess of fifty thousand dollars shall be made unless authorized in advance by ordinance.

SECTION 2. A. The parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks shall prepare a report setting forth recommendations for modifications to policies, procedures and code that implement the community partnerships and grant program, use agreements and permits for effectiveness and transparency. The report should demonstrate how the proposed modifications sufficiently notify the council before any improvement or construction with a fair market value of fifty thousand dollars or more and funded

by private contributions in a county park is initiated.

B. The report required by this section shall be transmitted to the council by January 15, 2013 with an ordinance, which acknowledges receipt of the report and repeals this ordinance. The report must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and to the lead staff for the transportation,

economy and environment committee, or its successor.