



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute a thirty-year use agreement with Northshore Athletic Fields for the development, operation, maintenance and use of an athletic field complex located at the Northshore Athletic Fields property in Woodinville, Washington.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County, a home rule charter county and political subdivision of the state of Washington, is the owner of the Northshore Athletic Fields property located at 14600 Northeast 145th Street, Woodinville, WA, and illustrated in Exhibit A of Attachment A to this ordinance.
2. In 1981, King County entered into a thirty-five year agreement permitting Northshore Little League ("NSLL") to develop, operate and maintain fields on the property.
3. NSLL built baseball fields and maintained and operated the recreational facilities without King County funding for the past three decades, ensuring public access and providing recreational opportunities to King County residents.
4. In 2006, NSLL was reorganized and formed the Northshore Athletic Fields ("NAF"), a nonprofit Washington corporation that is tax-exempt under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as its successor and agent. NAF is a community-based, open-membership public club organized to provide athletic opportunities to youth in the Northshore and Bothell areas of King County.
5. King County and NAF have negotiated a new thirty-year agreement to replace the existing thirty-five year use agreement and to further define the roles and responsibilities, expectations,

property descriptions and terms and conditions regarding the future development, operation, maintenance and use of the site.

6. Ordinance 14509 authorized the department of natural resources and parks to create public recreation opportunities by empowering user groups, sports associations and community organizations, such as NAF, to operate, maintain and implement mutually agreed-upon capital improvements for public recreation facilities on King County land, thereby addressing regional or rural recreation needs without incurring new tax-funded operations and maintenance costs.

7. Use agreements are authorized under K.C.C. 4.56.150.E. and F.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to sign a thirty-year use agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, with Northshore Athletic Fields for the development, operation, maintenance and use of an athletic field complex, a subarea defined in Attachment A to this ordinance and comprised of ballfields and associated areas at Northshore Athletic Fields, Woodinville, Washington.