



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2012-0202.1

**Sponsors** McDermott

1           AN ORDINANCE related to a new multi-purpose sports  
2           and entertainment facility authorizing the King County  
3           executive to execute a memorandum of understanding with  
4           the city of Seattle and ArenaCo and to execute an interlocal  
5           agreement with the city.

6           STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7           1. WSA Properties III, a Delaware limited liability company,  
8           ("ArenaCo") approached the city and the county with a proposal for the  
9           two governments to participate in the development and ownership of a  
10          multipurpose sports and entertainment facility ("arena") located in Seattle.
- 11          2. The city and the county formed an advisory panel to review the  
12          proposal.
- 13          3. Having considered the recommendations of the advisory panel, the city  
14          and the county have collaborated and negotiated with ArenaCo to develop  
15          a structure for eventual public ownership of a new arena.
- 16          4. The structure includes the addition of National Basketball Association  
17          and National Hockey League teams to Seattle to play in the arena.
- 18          5. The addition of professional basketball and hockey will contribute to  
19          the social and economic environment of Seattle and King County by,

20 among other things, creating jobs, and by supporting a wide variety of  
21 businesses that generate annual earnings and sales, property and business  
22 and occupation tax revenues.

23 6. The agreement described in the Memorandum of Understanding -  
24 Seattle Sports and Entertainment Facility provides the city and the county  
25 with satisfactory security for the public investment.

26 7. The city and the county will not be responsible for costs or any cost  
27 overruns for construction of the arena.

28 8. City and county investment will only occur once certain conditions  
29 precedent are met, including environmental review and permitting,  
30 financing and team acquisition for the arena.

31 9. The city and the county have negotiated an interlocal agreement that  
32 describes and defines the mutual endeavor of pursuing public ownership  
33 of the arena.

34 10. Through the interlocal agreement, the city and county aim to establish  
35 investment, management, ownership, communication, oversight and  
36 accountability mechanisms and principles for the governments to  
37 cooperatively participate in the arena development and ownership.

38 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

39 SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to execute and  
40 implement the interlocal agreement in substantially the form of the agreement attached to  
41 this ordinance as Attachment A.

42            SECTION 2. The King County executive is hereby authorized to execute and  
43 implement the memorandum of understanding in substantially the form of the  
44 memorandum attached to this ordinance as Attachment B.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Interlocal Agreement, B. Memorandum of Understanding