

MOTION NO. 565

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2 A Motion Relating to a Grant Application  
3 for an Emergency Medical Communication  
4 System.

5 WHEREAS, King County is very much concerned with the  
6 improvement of emergency medical services throughout King County;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, direct communications between the hospital and  
9 the emergency transportation vehicle has been identified as one of  
10 three key problems affecting good emergency medical care; and

11 WHEREAS, studies have shown that prompt communication  
12 between the emergency medical attendant at the scene of an incident  
13 and the receiving hospital emergency physicians can frequently  
14 result in the saving of lives, or the reduction of disability  
15 through two-way communications; and

16 WHEREAS, the County of King is the most populous county  
17 in the State of Washington, and because of the proliferation of  
18 multiple agencies both private and public which engage in the trans-  
19 portation and receiving of injured citizens, the magnitude of the  
20 problems of ineffective communication are tremendous; and

21 WHEREAS, with the limited exception of two or three single  
22 agency hospital hook-ups, effective communications between the  
23 emergency medical technicians and the multitude of receiving  
24 hospitals just does not exist; and

25 WHEREAS, coupled with this there is no effective means  
26 for mass communications on a medical basis in the case of multiple  
27 injuries involving many agencies and hospitals; and

28 WHEREAS, the King County Emergency Medical Service Co-  
29 ordinating Council has been designated as the official body to advise  
30 and make recommendations to the King County Council on matters  
31 pertaining to emergency medical services; and

1           WHEREAS, this Coordinating Council has participated in  
2 an endorsement of the grant application of the Seattle Area Hospital  
3 Council, for an Emergency Medical Communications System for King  
4 County, submitted in the name of the King County Hospital District,  
5 for consideration in the fiscal year 1972; now, therefore,

6           THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL does hereby move to endorse said  
7 Grant Application and dispersement of funds; and further, upholds  
8 the recommendation of the King County Emergency Medical Service  
9 Coordinating Council that communications be among the highest  
10 priorities of need in problems to be solved.

11           PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1971.

12                               KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
13                               KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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15                               *Robert B. Dunn*  
16                               Robert B. Dunn - Chairman

17           ATTEST:

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19                               *Lee Kraft*  
20                               Lee Kraft - Administrator-Clerk