

MOTION NO. 2362

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A MOTION stating the Council's support for multijurisdictional licensing procedures and regulations governing taxicab operations in King County; requesting the executive in coordination with the City of Seattle and other interested parties to prepare recommendations for the implementation of such a program.

WHEREAS, City of Seattle Ordinances 48022 and 59866, as amended, provide for the licensing and regulation of taxicab services within the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, KCC 6.64 provides for the licensing and regulation of taxicab services in unincorporated King County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and the county maintain separate and distinct licensing and regulatory programs; and

WHEREAS, these separate programs cause inefficiency in private transportation services offered by taxicabs in that a taxicab licensed only in one jurisdiction may not transport passengers FROM another jurisdiction and therefore must return empty to its point of origin within the jurisdiction in which it is licensed for operation; and

WHEREAS, elderly and handicapped persons and others living on fixed incomes often have no alternative means of transportation available and therefore must pay the costs of inefficiency; and

WHEREAS, such an inefficient operation results in excess energy consumption at a time when energy conservation should be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Seattle, the mayor concurring, has directed the city's department of licenses and consumer affairs to prepare a revised license code, including provisions pertaining to licensing and regulation of taxicabs; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is now considering an alternative to the grant of an exclusive contract for operation of taxicab service at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport which will increase the efficiency and decrease the cost of regional taxicab

1 services,

2 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

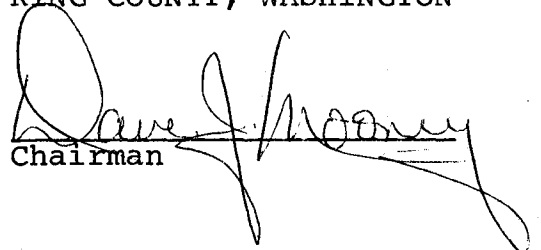
3 The council supports the concept of multijurisdictional
4 licensing procedures and regulations governing the operation of
5 taxicabs in King County, be it joint or reciprocal licensing, or
6 some other form of licensing scheme; a licensing and regulatory
7 system which will be beneficial to the citizens of King County.

8 The executive is requested, in coordination with the City of
9 Seattle and other interested jurisdictions and parties, to
10 prepare recommendations for the implementation of such a program;
11 PROVIDED THAT, any recommendations, at a minimum, should provide
12 for:

- 13 1. Unrestricted pickup and delivery of passengers in both
14 the City of Seattle and unincorporated King County; and
- 15 2. Standardization of fees and regulatory provisions; and
- 16 3. Procedures for joint review and adoption of rate
17 schedules; and
- 18 4. Procedures for enforcement of regulatory provisions; and
- 19 5. Assurance that any future system shall maintain and
20 insure equitable taxi service to the entire county, at a minimum,
21 not to result in a decrease of services to identified consumers.

22 PASSED this 15th day of March, 1976.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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26 Chairman

27 ATTEST:

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30 Clerk of the Council