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Introduced by: Bill Reams

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MOTION NO. _____

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2 A MOTION relating to the use of mechanical
3 trapping devices in King County.

4 WHEREAS, numerous citizens of King County have requested the
5 county to ban the use of mechanical trapping devices in populated
6 areas of King County, and

7 WHEREAS, a mechanical trapping device has been defined as
8 any device, such as a snare or machine, that shuts suddenly as
9 with a spring upon contact by an animal, a device which kills,
10 inflicts physical pain and injury upon a captured animal, and

11 WHEREAS, the Council has previously responded to the issue
12 of banning mechanical trapping devices by drafting legislation
13 and holding a public hearing to receive input by concerned
14 citizens, and

15 WHEREAS, the Council has discussed proposed legislation
16 that, through zoning powers, would specify the geographical
17 locations in which the use of mechanical trapping devices would
18 be permitted, and

19 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Game has been
20 provided opportunities to review and make comment regarding
21 proposed legislation, and

22 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Game has advised
23 the Council that, in a spirit of cooperation, they would attempt
24 to resolve outstanding issues of concern at the July, 1978,
25 session of the Washington State Game Commission, and

26 WHEREAS, the Washington State Game Commission and the Game
27 Department, cognizant of the citizen concerns, will attempt to
28 deal equitably with issues regarding the time, methods, and
29 places where the use of mechanical trapping devices will be
30 permitted, and

31 WHEREAS, the Council has been assured that, with the
32 exception of private owners using such devices to trap
33 depredating animals on their private property, the use of

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mechanical trapping devices before the scheduled trapping season, beginning November, 1978, is illegal, and

WHEREAS, the Council has been assured that the Department of Public Safety is authorized and empowered to enforce the violations of illegal uses of mechanical trapping devices.

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

1. It is assumed that the Washington State Department of Game, in concert with the Washington State Game Commission, will equitably deal with citizens and the county's concerns regarding the use of mechanical trapping devices in King County, at the Commission's session, scheduled for July, 1978.

2. Based on allowing the state proper time to deal with these issues, the Council will hold in abeyance the passage of legislation affecting the permitted uses of mechanical trapping devices until at least September 1, 1978, pending Council review of the Game Commission's actions. PROVIDED THAT, it is understood that the use of mechanical trapping devices, on other than private property, is illegal until the start of trapping season, November, 1978.

PASSED this 1st day of May, 1978.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bernice Stern
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Quenneville
Deputy Clerk of the Council