

MOTION NO. 5726

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2 A MOTION relating to Emergency Services,
3 approving policy contained in the revised
4 Emergency Services Operations Plan (ESOP)
5 and stipulating specific provisos.

6 WHEREAS, "emergency services" is defined by general law as
7 the preparation for and carrying out of all emergency functions,
8 other than those for which the military forces are primarily
9 responsible, to minimize and repair injury and damage, and to
10 aid victims suffering from damage, resulting from natural,
11 technological or war-caused disasters, and to provide for search
12 and rescue operations for persons and property in distress; and

13 WHEREAS, King County, as a political subdivision of the
14 state of Washington, is obliged to establish a local
15 organization for emergency services in accordance with the state
16 emergency services plan and program; and

17 WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Section, Field Operations
18 Division, Department of Public Safety, is the local organization
19 established for said purpose; and

20 WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Section is required to
21 develop a plan for county-wide emergency services, implementing
22 federal, state and county policy, as appropriate, relating to
23 disaster recovery, and that said plan must be submitted to the
24 state director of emergency services to secure recommendations
25 thereon to ensure coordination with the state plan and program
26 as specified in RCW 38.52.070; and

27 WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Section has developed a
28 revision to the existing Emergency Services Operations Plan
29 (ESOP) providing for an improved means for responding
30 effectively to emergencies which may occur in King County by
31 clarifying individual responsibilities and procedures; and
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1 WHEREAS, the ESOP, in order to implement emergency services
2 policy, contains mission and purpose statements, which in the
3 absence of an ordinance stating such policy, in essence
4 represents policy determinations, and

5 WHEREAS, the King County Council is empowered as the policy
6 determining body of county government, and therefore responsible
7 for approving comprehensive policy regarding county government
8 operations in support of the provisions of the county home-rule
9 charter, and

10 WHEREAS, Public Law 96-342, which amended the Federal Civil
11 Defense Act of 1950, adds, as a matter of policy, the provision
12 for enhancing civil defense through the development of crisis
13 relocation plans in the event of nuclear war, and

14 WHEREAS, the assumptions behind said policy, that adequate
15 warning of an anticipated nuclear attack could be provided, that
16 a nuclear attack is survivable, and that a massive evacuation
17 and relocation of affected population to less vulnerable
18 locations is feasible, have been called into question by state
19 and local officials throughout the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has
21 indicated its intention to withhold certain federal funds
22 supporting emergency services operations if crisis relocation
23 plans in the event of nuclear war are not included in local
24 ESOP's, but that the agency's authority to legally carry out
25 such intentions has been called into question; and

26 WHEREAS, the revised ESOP as presently drafted, while
27 containing crisis relocation plans to accommodate natural,
28 technological and other-than-nuclear-war-caused disasters, does
29 not contain specific crisis relocation plans for nuclear
30 warfare, and

1 WHEREAS, the revised ESOP, as presently drafted, provides in
2 Appendix 2, Annex B, for the succession to the office of King
3 County Executive where the elected county executive is
4 unavailable or unable to carry out the emergency powers
5 conferred upon the office of county executive by Ordinance 1058;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, RCW 42.14.070 states that the legislative authority
8 of each political subdivision, shall adopt rules and regulations
9 providing for the appointment of temporary interim successors to
10 the elected and appointed offices of the political subdivision;

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

12 The King County Council approves, as a matter of policy, the
13 contents of the 1983 revised Emergency Services Operations Plan
14 (ESOP).

15 PROVIDED that:

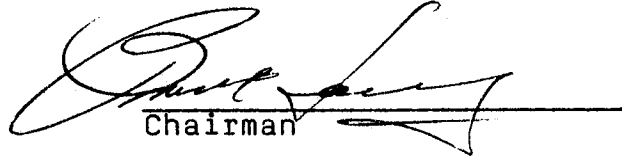
16 A. Appendix 2, Annex B, Continuity of Government, Successor
17 to King County Executive, is not approved and shall be withdrawn
18 from the ESOP, until the County Council has approved by
19 ordinance the policy for the appointment of temporary interim
20 successors to the office of County Executive.

21 B. Crisis relocation plans specifically for nuclear warfare
22 shall not be added to the ESOP without prior approval of the
23 Council, but that relocation plans implemented in Annex G of the
24 ESOP may be used and adopted as appropriate for situations not
25 specifically covered in the annex.
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1 C. The ESOP shall be adequately tested and evaluated as
2 soon as practical after final approval, by means of realistic
3 simulated emergencies not involving actual movement of
4 resources; and that following the test, a comprehensive critique
5 of the test shall be conducted resulting in substantiated recom-
6 mendations for changes to the organizations and procedures
7 contained in the ESOP; but that if said findings indicate that
8 basic emergency services policy should be modified, the
9 recommendations shall be made in the form of a policy motion for
10 Council approval.

11 PASSED this 18th day of April, 19 83.

12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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15 Chairman

16 ATTEST:

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19 Clerk of the Council