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Introduced by: Greive/Sims

Proposed No.: 87-312

MOTION NO. 6839

A MOTION authorizing and encouraging the county executive to purchase forty-one police vehicles by April 22, 1987.

WHEREAS, a car-per-officer program would significantly increase department of public safety efficiency by keeping officers in the field for a greater amount of the time they are on duty, and

WHEREAS, a car-per-officer program would facilitate the implementaton of manpower schedules designed to better match staffing to workload demands with potential improvements in police response times, and

WHEREAS, police jurisdictions already operating car-per-officer programs report dramatic improvements in police visibility and significant reductions in vehicle maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, this program is strongly supported by patrol officers and will result in increased officer morale, and

WHEREAS, the 1987 adopted budget assumed the acquisition of forty-one police vehicles would be necessary to implement the car-per-officer program in police precinct three in 1987, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase these forty-one vehicles on the Washington State police vehicle contract by April 22, 1987, in order to achieve a savings of at least \$115,000 over the original lease-purchase approach to acquiring these vehicles assumed when the 1987 budget was adopted, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the car-per-officer program will be effctively delayed until 1988 if these forty-one police vehicles are not ordered from the state by April 22, 1987, and

WHEREAS, the county council will, at the earliest possible time, appropriate the \$642,350 necessary to purchase these forty-one police vehicles and auxiliary equipment, and

1 WHEREAS, the purchase of these vehicles can be financed
2 through the Motor Pool Fund or through a private lending
3 institution resulting in a savings of at least \$115,000 over the
4 lease-purchase approach assumed when the 1987 budget was adopted;

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

6 The county executive is hereby authorized and encouraged to
7 order the forty-one car-per-officer police vehicles from the
8 State of Washington before April 22, 1987.

9 PASSED this 20th day of April, 1987.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 *Bill Reams*
13 VICE Chair

14 ATTEST

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16 *Dorothy M. Owens*
17 Clerk of the Council

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