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PROPOSED NO. 88 - 735

MOTION NO. 7386

A MOTION directing the Executive to prepare request for proposals to provide a blanket contract for county agencies, to refer delinquent accounts to a pre-collection or collection agency for public safety towing and false alarm, district court probation, adult detention work release and public works-development inspection accounts.

WHEREAS, there is presently no organized and systematic process within King County government which provides for the effective follow-up and collection on delinquent non-tax accounts receivable, and

WHEREAS, each county agency is left on its own to determine the extent of collection enforcement on delinquent accounts, and

WHEREAS, the average annual growth in delinquent accounts between December 1983 and July 1988 is 26.6% over this four and one-half year period, and

WHEREAS, collection rates from other public agencies on delinquent accounts range from 9% to 16% recovery of fees, and

WHEREAS, for 1988, four account groups: delinquent public safety towing and false alarms; district court probation; adult detention work release; and public works-development inspection accounts, currently total over \$1,471,547, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest to maximize the collection of the county's delinquent accounts, and

WHEREAS, prompt enforcement and collection of fees established by county ordinance instills citizen respect for county government;

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

2 A. The King County executive prepare request for proposals for
3 providing a blanket contract to pre-collection or collection
4 agencies which will offer the maximum net revenue to the county
5 for collection of the public safety towing and false alarm,
6 district court probation, adult detention work release, and public
7 works-development inspection accounts for 1989.

8 B. The King County executive devise whatever policies and
9 procedures may be deemed necessary to provide for central
10 coordination of all collections enforcement-related materials and
11 work from the affected county agencies, which coordination is to
12 include but is not limited to the formulation of criteria for the
13 identification of collectible delinquent accounts, a standard
14 format for use by affected county agencies in preparing delinquent
15 accounts for collection, methods for more accurately reflecting
16 collectible and uncollectible accounts with the county's financial
17 statements, criteria for identifying and deleting uncollectible
18 delinquent accounts after a fixed period of time to be determined,
19 the formulation of policies governing the reasonable imposition of
20 penalties and the emendation of existing ordinances, as
21 appropriate.

22 C. The King County executive is requested to present to the
23 council for its consideration and review a plan for the
24 implementaiton of collections of delinquent accounts which is to
25 include the Request for Proposals for a blanket contract to
26 pre-collection or collection agencies and the methods devised to
27 insure central coordination of the collection-related efforts of
28 affected county agencies, no later than April 1, 1989.

1 D. The King County executive is requested to devise criteria
2 for evaluating the cost effectiveness and benefit of the
3 experience of collection efforts on these delinquent accounts in
4 King County in 1989, which collections efforts, if deemed
5 successful, will be expanded to other accounts in the following
6 year.

7 PASSED this 19th day of December, 1988.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Gary Grant
11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Gerald A. Peterson
14 ~~Deputy~~ Clerk of the Council