

June 1, 1992
CPO.MOT (NM:clt)

KENT PULLEN
Introduced by: Ron Sims
Proposed No.: 92-435

MOTION NO. 8718

A MOTION recommending the expansion
of the Car-Per-Officer Program in the
Department of Public Safety

WHEREAS, six years ago the County Council initiated the
Car-Per-Officer (CPO) program in the Department of Public
Safety, and

WHEREAS, this program assigned each patrol officer and
detective an individual police vehicle to commute to and from
work, and

WHEREAS, the CPO program is now fully implemented in all
county police precincts, and

WHEREAS, a significant increase in off-duty officer
responses to calls-for-service has been generated by this
program, effectively generating additional patrol time at a
fraction of the cost of hiring additional officers, and

WHEREAS, call-for-service response times at shift change
have been dramatically reduced because CPO has provided much
greater scheduling flexibility, allowing overlapping coverage
during shift changes, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Management Division has reported that
CPO has substantially reduced the cost of maintaining patrol
vehicles because officers are personally responsible for the
condition of their vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the CPO program has provided a significant return
on the county's investment in this program by reducing vehicle
maintenance costs and increasing officer patrol time, and

WHEREAS, additional increases in officer patrol time could
be obtained by permitting officers to use their vehicles while
off-duty, and

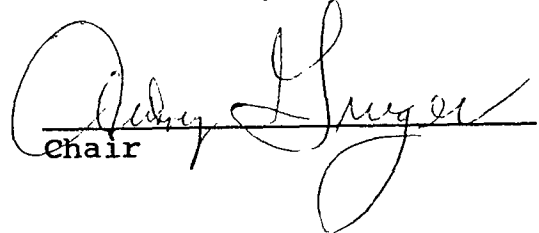
WHEREAS, a number of police departments throughout the
country have demonstrated that off-duty vehicle use can be
implemented safely and at little additional cost while
providing a substantial benefit to taxpayers, and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
The county executive is hereby directed to include
sufficient funds in the 1993 Proposed Public Safety Budget for
the implementation of a policy that allows patrol officers to
use their vehicles while off-duty.

PASSED this 13th day of July, 1992.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council