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A MOTION establishing criteria to guide the development, review and adoption of regulatory ordinances and requesting the county executive to transmit a regulatory note with proposed regulatory ordinances.

WHEREAS, the county exercises its responsibilities to provide for public safety and to promote public welfare by enacting regulatory ordinances, and

WHEREAS, at its recent special hearings on economic development and job growth, the council heard testimony that many federal, state and local laws and regulations overlap, are ambiguous and are costly to administer and comply with, and

WHEREAS, the council heard further testimony that these laws and regulations inadvertently hinder economic development and job growth, and

WHEREAS, King County government should operate efficiently, without unnecessarily burdening citizens either directly with taxes to support unnecessary governmental regulatory operations or indirectly by unnecessarily increasing costs to businesses which are then passed on to consumers, and

WHEREAS, many speakers at the hearing urged the council to support the work of the Governor's Task Force on Regulatory Reform, which includes criteria for "good regulations" that should be considered when enacting regulatory legislation at the state level, and

1 WHEREAS, the council has reviewed these criteria and
2 believes it is desirable to adapt them for use at the county
3 level;

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

6 A. The council requests that the executive prepare and
7 transmit to the council a "regulatory note" when transmitting
8 a request for the introduction of any proposed regulatory
9 ordinance.

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11 B. The council further requests the executive in each
12 regulatory note to address the following criteria and provide
13 supporting information as appropriate:

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15 1. NEED: Does the proposed regulation respond to a
16 specific, identifiable need? If so, is county government the
17 most appropriate organization to address this need?

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19 2. ECONOMY AND JOB GROWTH: Has the economic impact
20 of the proposed regulation been reviewed to ensure it will
21 not have a long-term adverse impact on the economy and job
22 growth in King County?

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24 3. PURPOSE: Is the purpose of the proposed ordinance
25 clear? Are the steps for implementation clear? Is the
26 county department or office charged with implementing it
27 identified?

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29 4. EVALUATION: Does the proposed ordinance identify
30 specific measurable outcomes that the proposed regulation
31 should achieve? Is an evaluation process identified?
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5. INTERESTED PARTIES: Has adequate collaboration occurred with all those affected by the proposed regulation (including the public, the regulated and the regulators)?

6. COSTS AND BENEFITS: Will the proposed regulation achieve the goal with the minimum cost and burden? Has the cost of not adopting the proposed regulation been considered? Do the benefits of the proposed regulations outweigh the costs?

7. VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE: Does the proposed ordinance inspire voluntary compliance?

8. CLARITY: Is the proposed ordinance written clearly and concisely, without ambiguities?

9. CONSISTENCY: Is the proposed regulation consistent with existing federal, state and local statutes?

C. The council intends to apply these criteria not only when reviewing proposed regulatory ordinances requested by the executive, but also when reviewing proposed regulatory ordinances initiated by the council.

PASSED this 20th day of June, 1994.

Passed by a vote of 12-0.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

ATTEST:

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