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MOTION NO. 9333

A MOTION stating King County's intent regarding interlocal agreements for district court services.

WHEREAS, for many years King County has provided municipal court services to cities through the King County district court system pursuant to terms and conditions contained in an interlocal agreement, and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1994 the King County council approved Motion 9323 authorizing the county executive to enter into a new interlocal agreement with cities in King County for municipal court services provided by the county, and

WHEREAS, a number of cities have expressed concern about continuing to contract with King County for municipal court services due to concerns about increasing costs and services, and

WHEREAS, this new interlocal agreement has as a key component mechanisms for cost containment, and

WHEREAS, the interlocal agreement provides that filing fees will be recalculated yearly based on a marginal cost formula, which is limited to costs for clerical, extra-judicial, leased space, and operations and maintenance costs effected by municipal filings, and which can not be changed without renegotiation between the cities and the county, and

1 WHEREAS, the filing fee increase over the last five
2 years under the marginal cost formula contained in the
3 interlocal agreement has been 4% per year, and

4 WHEREAS, the interlocal agreement provides a new
5 mechanism for identifying and resolving service related
6 issues with the establishment of "contract services
7 monitoring committees", and

8 WHEREAS, the contract services monitoring committees,
9 which empowers participating cities, will be a vital link
10 with service delivery and cost expenditures, and

11 WHEREAS, a number of cities have expressed concern about
12 changes in state law which would result in increased costs
13 for municipal court services or prohibit local options to
14 establish municipal courts, and

15 WHEREAS, a number of cities have also expressed concern
16 about the duration of the interlocal agreement and have
17 expressed interest in a long term agreement, and

18 WHEREAS, King County wants to continue to provide cities
19 with municipal court services that are responsive and meet
20 the expectations of the cities, and

21 WHEREAS, an integrated system of municipal and district
22 court can efficiently and effectively meet the court service
23 needs of the public, and

24 WHEREAS, such an integrated system is in keeping with
25 the spirit of the merger of Metro and King County and the
26 creation of a regional approach to service provision, and

27 WHEREAS, King County wants to provide assurances to the
28 cities that receive municipal court services from the county
29 that their concerns will be addressed;

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

1 A. The King County council will actively pursue with the
 2 district court judges and King County executive ways to
 3 provide the highest level of services at the lowest costs
 4 possible for its contracted services.

5 B. King County will not seek modifications to state law and
 6 will actively oppose any statutory changes regarding cost
 7 recovery for municipal court services or local options to
 8 establish municipal courts pending any final agreements
 9 reached between the county and cities as a result of the
 10 review of local and regional services required by SB 5038,
 11 the regional services bill.

12 C. King County is willing to work with cities to develop an
 13 amendment to the new interlocal agreement to create a longer
 14 term for these agreements.

15 PASSED this 18th day of July, 1994.

16 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 17 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Passed by a vote of 11-0.

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Kent Pullen
 Chair

20 ATTEST:

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Gerald A. Peters
 Clerk of the Council

23 Attachments: None

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