

July 21, 1994

Introduced By: KENT PULLEN

Proposed No.: 94 - 478

MOTION NO. 9344

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A MOTION approving the King County Executive's declaration of emergency with respect to procurement of services to determine what caused the ceiling tiles to fall, address potential safety issues and repair the Kingdome ceiling and roof structure; waiving requirements for competitive bidding or formal solicitation; waiving minority and women's business enterprises requirements; and authorizing the Executive to contract on an emergency basis to procure services for repair of the Kingdome ceiling and roof.

WHEREAS, the ceiling of the Kingdome is covered with approximately 45,000 sound insulation tiles weighing approximately twenty-six pounds each; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, July 19th, two of these tiles fell from the ceiling of the Kingdome and two additional tiles were quickly removed because they presented a potential safety hazard to Kingdome occupants; and

WHEREAS, the county immediately undertook efforts to determine if additional ceiling tiles presented a potential hazard to Kingdome occupants; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have included consultation with the engineering firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, Inc., NBBJ, and Skilling Ward Magnusson Barkshire to determine what caused the tiles to fall, whether additional tiles are in danger of falling and how best to address outstanding safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, King County and Mariner Baseball Club officials have agreed to postpone and/or relocate seven baseball games that were scheduled to be played in the Kingdome between July 19th and July 24th; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Mariner Baseball Club may incur financial losses due to the postponement/relocation of these seven baseball games and revenue may be lost by the Kingdome concessionaire and local businesses that cater to Kingdome fans; and

WHEREAS, additional games and events may be canceled if the county is unable to assess and correct this potential safety problem immediately; and

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WHEREAS, the county must proceed immediately to determine the extent of any potential safety problem and eliminate it in order to protect the public safety and minimize damage to the public interest and property; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to waive competitive bidding or formal solicitation requirements and minority and women's business enterprises requirements associated with procurement of contracts to assess and address any safety problem in an expeditious manner; and

WHEREAS, these contracts are expected to exceed existing Kingdome budget contingencies and a supplemental appropriation ordinance that covers these expenses will be submitted to the Council as soon as the full cost has been determined;

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

The Council hereby:

A. Approves the King County Executive's declaration of emergency dated July 22, 1994;

B. Waives all normal competitive procurement and Minority and Women's Business Enterprise participation requirements pursuant to K.C.C. 4.16.050 and 4.18.070 (A) (2) with respect to all contracts needed to evaluate and eliminate safety problems associated with the Kingdome ceiling;

C. Designates the Department of Construction and Facilities Management, under the direction of Pearl McElheran, Deputy County Executive for Administration, responsible for the management of contracts and projects associated with addressing this problem.

PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1994.

Passed by a vote of 11-0.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen  
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Foster  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: