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Proposed No.: 95-749

MOTION NO. **9709**

A MOTION requesting the executive to develop night noise restrictions at King County International Airport.

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5 WHEREAS, the King County International Airport is surrounded by residential  
6 communities, and

7 WHEREAS, night-time noise complaints from numerous residential areas  
8 surrounding the airport have increased since early 1995, and

9 WHEREAS, Alaska Airlines moved a noisy Stage II cargo flight from Sea-Tac  
10 Airport to King County International Airport in February 1995, and

11 WHEREAS, Stage II aircraft have significantly greater noise than Stage III aircraft,  
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13 WHEREAS, at least 60% of night time noise complaints at King County  
14 International Airport since early 1995 are due to Alaska Airline flights, and

15 WHEREAS, other operators at the airport have voluntarily limited their aircraft to  
16 type Stage III aircraft only, and

17 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration through Part 161 of the Federal  
18 Air Regulations offers a procedure for adopting night noise restrictions, and

19 WHEREAS, King County International Airport has a Strategic Master Plan in  
20 progress which will make recommendations to the Council to determine the best use of the  
21 Airport, and which includes a study of noise impacts and remedies for communities  
22 affected by operations at Boeing Field, and,

23 WHEREAS, there is potential that commercial airline operators in addition to  
24 Alaska Airlines may seek to operate at KCIA in order to avoid night time noise penalties at  
25 Sea-Tac International Airport, and

1           WHEREAS, complaints from residential areas would probably increase if  
2 additional night time stage II flights were operated at King County International Airport,  
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4           WHEREAS, King County Council desires to restore quieter nighttime conditions  
5 and protect residents from the operation of Stage II aircraft at night,

6           WHEREAS, the Federal government controls rules affecting Stage III aircraft and  
7 consequently, efforts to curtail noise from Stage III airplanes should also be addressed to  
8 the Federal level where it can be implemented uniformly and fairly for all users of the  
9 national air transportation system, and;

10           WHEREAS, King County has an obligation to bring our citizen's concerns about  
11 the excessive noise from the older "hush-kitted" Stage III aircraft to the attention of  
12 Federal decision makers;

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

14           A. The executive shall, consistent with applicable federal requirements work  
15 toward development and adoption of a night noise restriction from 10 P.M. to 7 A.M.  
16 prohibiting all Stage II aircraft operations.

17           B. The executive is requested to impose a moratorium on the signing of any new  
18 lease agreement with air carriers (as defined by Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 121) for  
19 a term longer than 2 years, or the extension of any of the existing lease agreements with air  
20 carriers for a term longer than 2 years, until the Strategic Master Plan, including the noise  
21 study, is adopted.

22           C. The executive is requested to conduct a campaign to encourage the U.S.  
23 Congress' adoption of laws which will phase out the noisier ("hush-kitted") Stage III  
24 aircraft in favor of the newer quieter engines and aircraft. The executive should work  
25 jointly with citizens of King County, the State of Washington's congressional delegation,  
26 other airports throughout the United States, and likewise concerned groups and citizens  
27 throughout the United States to support the above objective.  
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D. The executive is requested, on or before December 15, 1995 to report to the Council concerning the progress being made to achieve the above goals.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
1995

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen  
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Oster  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: