



Signature Report

April 18, 2000

Motion 10914

Proposed No. 1997-0113.2

Sponsors McKenna and Vance

1 A MOTION relating to the calculation methodology and
2 representation of the annual King County property tax
3 levy; excluding voter-approved levy lifts from the
4 adjustment estimate for the annual property tax levy; and
5 establishing by county policy a process for estimating and
6 portraying annual adjustments to the property tax levy.

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8 WHEREAS, Washington State Law (RCW 84.55) limits the increase in the
9 amount of property taxes that a taxing district may collect without voter approval to
10 106% over the previous year's property tax levy, and

11 WHEREAS, a vote of the public to exceed the 106% limit is referred to as a levy
12 lid lift, and

13 WHEREAS, King County voters have approved a variety of temporary levy lid
14 lifts since 1987, including those for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System
15 (AFIS), Emergency Communications, and the Regional Justice Center, and

16 WHEREAS, state law allows taxing districts to use the additional property tax
17 revenue gained from these temporary levy lid lifts when computing the 106% limit, and

18 WHEREAS, ballot titles do not as a rule explain that the temporary levy lid lift
19 amount may legally be used by a taxing district to increase the amount of property taxes
20 which the taxing district collects in future years under the 106% limit, and

21 WHEREAS, King County has never availed itself of the additional property tax
22 revenue that it could legally collect if it used the temporary levy lid lift amount to
23 compute the 106% limit, and

24 WHEREAS, King County desires to be as clear as possible to the citizens of the
25 county when describing the annual adjustment to the property tax levy;

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

27 The county council requests that, in addition to any other calculations the assessor
28 is required to do by law, the county assessor calculate and transmit to the council an
29 amount of permissible regular property tax increase over the prior year that does not
30 include the amount resulting from voter-approved levy lid lifts being added to the regular
31 property tax base before calculating the 106% limit. It is King County policy that the

32 council will not avail itself of additional property tax authority that results from adding
33 voter-approved levy lid lifts to the base of regular property taxes before calculating the
34 106% limit.

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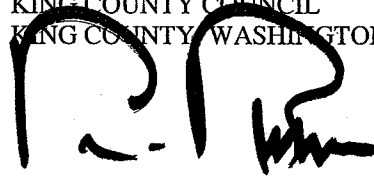
Motion 10914 was introduced on 2/18/97 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/17/00, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons

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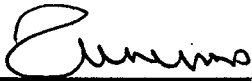
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None.