

ORDINANCE
NO. 1091

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Special Programs 2,705,340 2,038,402

PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the

3rd day of January, 19 72.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert B. Dunn
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lee Kraft
Administrator-Clerk of the Council

~~APPROVED~~ this 13th day of January, 19 72.
VETOED

[Signature]
King County Executive

Vetoed only



John D. Spellman, County Executive

King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

(206) 344-4040

January 13, 1972

King County Council
403 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Honorable Members:

Because of an abiding commitment to improve law enforcement in King County, which I am sure you share, I am vetoing your Ordinance No. 1091 at lines 8, 9, 10, and 11 as relates to the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission. As I advised you in my veto message of Ordinance No. 1056, the matter of responsibility and the necessity of delineating responsibilities between the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, which operates pursuant to State Law adopted by Initiative, and the Office of Personnel is critical to implementation of your expressed intent. The County charter at Section 970.50 makes it clear that the Council has authority to merge the functions of the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission and the Office of Personnel. It appears that the framers of the charter intended that such a functional merger be accomplished by the abolition of the Civil Service Commission.

You have indicated a desire to transfer certain functions of the Sheriff's Civil Service Department to the Office of Personnel without abolishing the Civil Service Commission. This has been done by transferring the great bulk of funds from Sheriff's Civil Service into Personnel; however, there is no ordinance delineating the remaining powers and responsibilities of the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, its Secretary and Chief Examiner, nor the new powers and duties of the Office of Personnel. As a result, neither department can carry out effectively the law enforcement personnel function.

I received on January 4 a letter from the Civil Service Commission dated December 30, 1971, a copy of which is attached, that letter indicates they are unwilling to recognize the division of responsibilities you have made and unable to perform recruiting, testing and certification functions which are vital to the well being of King County's Public Safety Department. This may result in part from the lack of clarity as to who should perform which functions.

As you review this matter, you may want to restore total funding to the Civil Service Commission. In that event, the appropriation for the Office of Personnel should be reduced by the \$28,503 you have appropriated in Ordinance No. 1056, as amended in Ordinance No. 1091. You may also decide to abolish the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission and transfer all of its responsibilities and functions as allowed by the Charter. Either of these steps is clear and unequivocal.

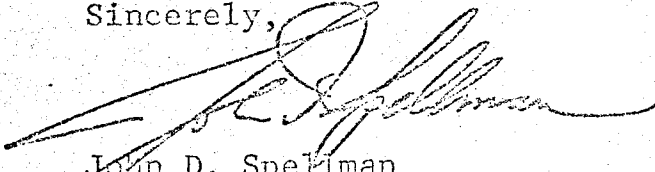
If, however, you intend to do neither of the above but to proceed as you have previously indicated, the amount necessary to provide the Civil Service Commission Secretary should be rebudgeted and the specific duties and relationships of that Secretary and the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission and Office of Personnel should be established in that or another ordinance.

This is a most critical matter due to the current recruitment and replacement effort now in process in the Sheriff's office as a result of our PEP allocation funding and also in view of the Department of Labor's requirement that we fill the PEP positions immediately, explaining in detail all delay beyond January 1, 1972.

January 13, 1972

I urgently request your immediate assistance in reconciling this matter.

Sincerely,

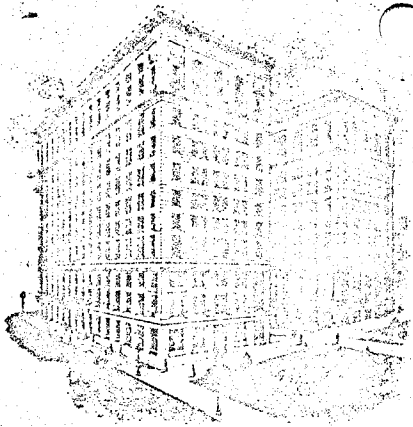


John D. Spellman
County Executive

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Attachment

cc: Council Administrator-Clerk



King County
STATE OF WASHINGTON
Seattle

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ZONE 4

CHIEF EXAMINER AND SECRETARY

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX CHAIRMAN
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S. J. PATRONI
419 Smith Tower

Jack Youngberg
James B. Foster
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December 30, 1971

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John D. Spellman, County Executive
402 County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Mr. Spellman:

Re: Civil Service Commission operations
after December 31, 1971.

Due to the absence of any operating budget for calendar year 1972 this Commission must terminate the temporary employment of one (1) personnel administrator and one (1) secretary as of the close of business on December 31, 1971. This will result in a virtual halt to the processing and certification for employment of 105 patrolmen into the Department of Public Safety under provisions of the P.E.P. Program.

Although, in our original projections last September, it had been anticipated that the processing could be accomplished by the end of 1971, complications in the administration of new minimum medical standards associated with the State Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System prevented our meeting this schedule.

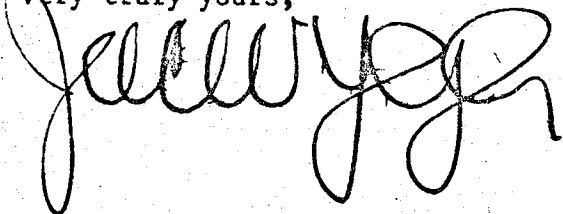
In addition, regular Commission work will not be able to proceed on the following critical activities:

1. Conduct promotional examinations and certify an eligible list for the position of Sergeant. The present eligibility list has been exhausted and three of nine new positions will remain unfilled until a new list can be duly certified.
2. Conduct promotional examinations and certify an eligible list for the position of Lieutenant. The present list expires on April 1, 1972.
3. Conduct promotional examinations and certify an eligible list for the position of Captain. The present list expires on April 1, 1972.

4. Conduct promotional examinations and certify an eligible list for the position of Mess Steward. A vacancy currently exists for classification and cannot be filled until a list is duly certified.
5. Requirements currently exist in the following classifications for which entrance examinations must be administered and appointment lists certified:
 - a. Policewoman
 - b. Administrative Assistant
 - c. Communications System Engineer
 - d. Criminalist
 - e. Clerk I
 - f. Clerk II
6. A distinct possibility exists that the present eligibility list being developed for Patrolman will not supply enough applicants qualifying under hireability criteria of the P.E.P. program. In that event another examination must be expedited to develop a list of qualified applicants.

It has become increasingly apparent that adequate administration of Civil Service operations in support of a Department that will very shortly number in excess of 650 personnel cannot be handled by just one employee - our Chief Examiner. It is therefore requested that approval be expedited for the acquisition of one (1) personnel administrator and one (1) secretary under provisions of P.E.P. funding. It would then be feasible to retain the experience and expertise of the temporary employees being terminated on December 31, 1971 and maintain the continuity required in our operation.

Very truly yours,

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