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Introduced by: BILL REAMS RUBY CHOI

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ORDINANCE NO. 4556

AN ORDINANCE relating to the budgeting system of King County; amending Ordinance 620, as amended, and KCC 4.04.040, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 620 and KCC 4.04.040 are each hereby amended to read:

Preparation and administration of budget. (a)

PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION. The county council and county executive or his designee shall execute the responsibilities outlined below in order to accomplish the preparation and distribution of the county budget and budget document.

(1) Role of the County Executive.

(A) Submission of agency requests. At least one hundred thirty-five days prior to the end of the fiscal year, all agencies of county government shall submit to the county executive information necessary to prepare the budget. The county executive shall prepare a procedure by which the county auditor may have access to or can obtain copies of agency submitted requests.

(B) Executive budget hearings. Prior to presentation to the county council, the county executive may provide for hearings on all agency requests for expenditures and revenues to enable him to make determinations as to the need, value or usefulness of activities or programs requested by agencies. The county executive may require the attendance of proper agency officials at his hearings, and it shall be their duty to disclose such information as may be required to enable the county executive to arrive at his final determination.

(C) Submission of executive budget. The county executive shall prepare and present an annual budget and budget message to the council no later than seventy-five days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Copies of the budget and budget message shall be delivered to the clerk and each councilman.

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1 (D) Submission of proposed appropriation ordinance.

2 The county executive shall prepare and present a proposed  
3 appropriation ordinance not later than seventy-five days prior to  
4 end of the fiscal year. The proposed appropriation ordinance  
5 shall specify by fund, program, project and/or agency the  
6 expenditures levels for the ensuing budget year.

7 (E) Availabilty to the public. Prior to the public  
8 hearing on the budget, the budget message and supporting tables  
9 shall be furnished to any interested person upon request, and  
10 copies of the budget shall be furnished for a reasonable fee as  
11 established by ordinance and shall be available for public  
12 inspection.

13 (F) Additional Information to be submitted to the County  
14 Council. Seven days prior to the presentation of the annual  
15 budget and budget message to the council, the budget office shall  
16 submit to the council copies of all agency and departmental  
17 budget requests, and departmental and divisional work programs.  
18 The above information for the 1980 budget shall be made available  
19 upon the effective date of this ordinance.

20 (2) Role of the County Council. (A) Review of the  
21 executive budget. The council shall review the proposed  
22 appropriation ordinance and shall make any changes or additions  
23 it deems necessary except the council shall not change the form  
24 of the proposed appropriation ordinance submitted by the county  
25 executive.

26 (B) Legislative budget hearings. The county council  
27 shall then announce and subsequently hold a public hearing or  
28 hearings as it deems necessary.

29 (C) Appropriation. Upon completion of the budget  
30 hearings the county council shall be ordinance adopt an  
31 appropriation granting authority to make expenditures adn to  
32 incur obligations, and the council may attach an accompanying  
33 statement specifiying legislative intent.

(3) Printing and Distribution of the Budget. The  
office of budgets and accounts shall be responsible for the

1 printing and distribution of the executive and final adopted  
2 budget.

3 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUDGET. (1) Allotment and  
4 Work Program.

5 (A) Establishment of allotments. Within thirty days  
6 after adoption of the appropriation ordinance, all agencies shall  
7 submit to the county executive a statement of proposed agency  
8 expenditures at such times and in such form as may be required by  
9 him, provided that the county council is not required to submit  
10 an allotment. The statement of proposed expenditures shall  
11 include requested allotments of appropriations for the ensuing  
12 fiscal period for the department concerned by either program,  
13 project, object of expenditure or combination thereof and for  
14 such periods as may be specified by the county executive or his  
15 designee. The county executive shall review the requested  
16 allotments in light of the agency's plan of work, and he may  
17 revise or alter agency allotments. The aggregate of the  
18 allotments for any agency shall not exceed the total of  
19 appropriations available to the agency concerned for the fiscal  
20 period.

21 (B) Revision of allotments. If at any time during the  
22 fiscal period the county executive ascertains that available  
23 revenues for the applicable period will be less than the  
24 respective appropriations, he shall revise the allotments of  
25 agencies funded from such revenue sources to prevent the making  
26 of expenditures in excess of revenues. To the same end, the  
27 county executive is authorized to assign to, and to remove from,  
28 a reserve status any portion of an agency appropriation which in  
29 the county executive's discretion is not needed for the  
30 allotment. No expenditure shall be made from any portion of an  
31 appropriation which has been assigned to a reserve status except  
32 as provided in this section.

33 (2) Review of Pay and Classification Plans. The

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1 county executive or his designee shall periodically review any  
2 pay and classification plans, and changes thereunder, for fiscal  
3 impact, and shall recommend to the council any changes to such  
4 plans; provided, that none of the provisions of this subsection  
5 shall affect merit systems of personnel management now existing  
6 or hereafter established by ordinance relating to the fixing of  
7 qualification requirements for recruitment, appointment,  
8 promotion or reclassification of employees of any agency.

9 (3) Transfer of Appropriations between Agencies.

10 During the last quarter of the fiscal year, the county council  
11 when requested by the county executive may adopt an ordinance to  
12 transfer appropriations between agencies of county government;  
13 but a capital project shall not be abandoned thereby unless its  
14 abandonment is recommended by the executive department  
15 responsible for planning.

16 (4) Lapsing of Appropriation. Unless otherwise  
17 provided by the appropriation ordinances, all unexpended and  
18 unencumbered appropriations in the current expense appropriation  
19 ordinances shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An  
20 appropriation in the capital budget appropriations authorization  
21 shall be cancelled at the end of the fiscal year, unless the  
22 executive submits to the council the report of the final year end  
23 reconciliation of expenditures for all capital projects on or  
24 before March 1st of the year following the year of the  
25 appropriation, and each year thereafter in which the  
26 appropriation remains open.

27 (5) When Contracts and Expenditures Prohibited. No  
28 agency shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any  
29 liability in excess of the amounts appropriated. Any contract  
30 made in violation of this section shall be null and void; any  
31 officer, agent or employee of the county knowingly responsible  
32 under such a contract shall be personally liable to anyone  
33 damaged by this action. The county council when requested to do

1 so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance permitting the  
 2 county to enter into contracts requiring the payment of funds  
 3 from appropriations of subsequent fiscal years, except that the  
 4 county executive may enter into lease, rental or purchase  
 5 contracts for a period not to exceed twenty-four months in which  
 6 cancellation clauses are provided to terminate the contract prior  
 7 to the end of the current budget year. Real property shall not  
 8 be leased to the county for more than one year unless it is  
 9 included in a capital appropriation ordinance; provided, that  
 10 nothing in this section shall prevent the making of contracts or  
 11 the spending of money for capital improvements, nor the making of  
 12 contracts of lease or for service for a period exceeding the  
 13 fiscal period in which such contract is made, when such contract  
 14 is permitted by law.

15 SECTION 2. The County Council finds as a fact and declares  
 16 that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for  
 17 the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or  
 18 for the support of county government and its existing public  
 19 institutions.

20 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 29th day of  
 21 October, 1979.

22 PASSED this 29th day of October, 1979.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
 24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25 *Ruby Chow*  
 26 Chairman

27 ATTEST:

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 29 *Dorothy M. Owens*  
 30 Deputy Clerk of the Council

31 ~~VETOED~~ APPROVED this 7th day of November, 1979.

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 33 *[Signature]*  
 King County Executive

DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT  
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE

DATED: 11/9/79