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INTRODUCED BY: Gary Grant, Bill Reams

PROPOSED NO.: 86 - 335

ORDINANCE NO. 7671

AN ORDINANCE making an appropriation in the amount of \$123,322 to the office of agriculture, to be supported by revenue from Fund 384, Farmlands and Open Space Acquisition; for the operating costs associated with the farmlands preservation program; amending Ordinance No. 7422, Sections 18 and 78, Attachment No. 1, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$123,322 to the office of agriculture to be supported by revenue from Fund 384, Farmlands and Open Space; for the operating costs associated with the farmlands preservation program.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 7422, Section 18, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and insertin therein the following:

AGRICULTURE - From the Current Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Office of Agriculture	\$123,322
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Provided that:

Prior to August 15, 1986, the executive shall transmit for council consideration an appropriation ordinance and proposed scope of work and time schedule for a study of and recommendations for agricultural support and economic development activities to enhance the continued economic viability of agriculture in King County.

Provided further that:

The executive shall reserve sufficient funds in the executive contingency of the proposed 1987 budget to implement the recommendations of the study.



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July 1, 1986

The Honorable Audrey Gruger
Chair, King County Council
C O U R T H O U S E

RE: Ordinance 7671

Dear Councilmember Gruger:

I am returning Ordinance 7671 which provides operating costs for completion of the Farmlands Preservation Program. We are considering the study mentioned in Section 2 of the attached ordinance as part of my 1987 Budget proposal. I have asked Washington State University research personnel to develop a scope of work for early 1987 implementation. However, in response to the Council's proviso, I have directed LeRoy Jones to explore with Washington State University the feasibility of moving the study forward to 1986.

Whether the study is conducted in 1986 or 1987, it cannot be funded through the existing Farmland Preservation Program Fund. This Fund is strictly limited to land acquisition and directly related activities. Therefore I am, by copy of this letter, directing the Budget Office to determine if adequate funds are available to conduct the study during 1986. As you are aware, unanticipated and extraordinary demands on the Current Expense Fund this year make it imperative for us to evaluate very carefully any proposals for additional spending. Provided the study is feasible in 1986 and adequate funding for conducting the study is available, I will prepare a response complying with the Council's proviso.

Sincerely,

Tim Hill
King County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Cal Hoggard, Program Director
Jerry Peterson, Administrator

Leticia Macapinlac, Director, Budget Office

ATTN: Jean Baker, Deputy Director

Joe Nagel, Acting Director, Department of Planning and Community Development

ATTN: LeRoy A. Jones, Acting Administrator, Agriculture Program