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INTRODUCED BY: Sims, Barden

PROPOSED NO. 87 - 76

ORDINANCE NO. 7958

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the county executive to purchase an automated fingerprint identification system from a specific vendor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of purpose. The council finds that:

A. Enactment of this ordinance is necessary for the health, welfare, benefit, and safety of the residents of King County.

B. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 7747, and the passage of Proposition One by the voters of King County, the county executive has been directed to acquire an automated fingerprint identification system ("AFIS") for use by the county sheriff and local law enforcement agencies.

C. The two most important qualities of an acceptable AFIS are accuracy of identification and compatibility with systems operated by other jurisdictions outside King County.

D. With the participation of the department of public safety, the state patrol has conducted a rigorous process of selection and testing of AFIS systems. This process has shown that only the system developed by NEC can provide the degree of accuracy and compatibility sought by the county. On these most important criteria, NEC has no true competitor. Accordingly, the council finds that NEC is the sole acceptable vendor for the county's system.

E. The state contract allows for other jurisdictions within the state to purchase NEC equipment at the same costs as those negotiated by the state. This may provide a savings to King County and is an additional compelling reason for waiving the competitive selection process.

1 F. The use of a new competitive selection process for an AFIS
 2 for the county would serve no public benefit but would merely
 3 duplicate the selection process ably performed by the state
 4 patrol. This process would also unnecessarily delay the county's
 5 acquisition of its AFIS. This delay would irreparably harm the
 6 public interest and citizens of King County by postponing the
 7 effective crime detection and prevention provided by the AFIS.

8 G. For the reasons set forth in this Section 1, the council
 9 finds that the sole source for an acceptable AFIS is NEC, that
 10 acquisition of this system as soon as possible is an emergency
 11 need, and that any competitive selection beyond that used by the
 12 state patrol should, therefore, be waived.

13 SECTION 2. The county executive is directed and authorized to
 14 dispense with any formal competitive selection for an AFIS vendor
 15 and to negotiate directly with NEC for acquisition of such a
 16 system on terms acceptable to the county and to report to the
 17 council the results of these negotiations.

18 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 2nd day of
 19 February, 1987.

20 PASSED this 17th day of February 1987.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Gary Grant
 24 Chairman

25 ATTEST:

26 Dorothy M. Owens
 27 Clerk of the Council

28 APPROVED this 25th day of February, 1987.

29 Jim Hill
 30 King County Executive