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Introduced by: BILL REAMS

Proposed No: 88 - 713

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Superior Court of King County, approving the holding of court sessions at locations other than at the county seat and providing for the approval of the locations.

PREAMBLE:

The Council of King County finds in consort with the judges of the Superior Court of King County that the growth that has occurred within King County outside the county seat and the corresponding demands upon the court for services emanating from these various locations has given rise to the need for the holding of Superior Court sessions at locations other than at the county seat; that such action can aid in preventing court congestion, provide convenience to the users of the court, and ultimately improve the legal process.

As provided in RCW 2.08.030, authority may be granted to the superior court of King County to hold sessions at locations outside the county seat by the county council subject to approval by the supreme court of the State of Washington, which has demonstrated an inclination to favorably approve such actions under circumstances such as indicated above.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Location of Court Sessions - General Approval.

Pursuant to the authority granted by general law and subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, the holding of regular and special sessions of the superior court of King County at such places within the county other than the county seat as may be mutually agreed upon by the council and the judges of the superior court is approved.

SECTION 2. Eastside Location. The action by the superior court to establish an eastside facility colocated with the Bellevue District Court, is considered mutually agreed upon and the assignment of superior court judges and commissioners to hold sessions at said facility is approved.

1 SECTION 3. Mutual Agreement for Other Locations. A. Mutual
2 agreement on the specific location for holding court sessions
3 other than at the county seat and the approved eastside facility
4 in Bellevue shall be arrived at by a memorandum proposal for the
5 location by the presiding judge of the superior court addressed
6 to the chair of the county council, and an endorsement of the
7 proposal by a motion of the council. Such action shall
8 constitute approval of the specific location.

9 B. The actual operation of the court in holding sessions at
10 an approved location other than the county seat shall be subject
11 to the availability of funds within the superior court budget.
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13 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26th day
14 of September, 1988.

15 PASSED this 17th day of October, 1988.

16 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
17 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

18 *Gay Grant*
19 Chairman

20 ATTEST:

21 *Dorothy M. Ravene*
22 Clerk of the Council

23 APPROVED this 28th day of October, 1988.

24 *Jim Hill*
25 King County Executive