

ORDINANCE NO. **9078**

AN ORDINANCE defining no-cruising areas and traffic control points, prohibiting cruising during certain times, making a violation a traffic infraction, and adding a new Chapter to King County Code Title 46.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

1. No cruising area: An area designated by the County Council by ordinance as susceptible to, or having a history of traffic congestion, obstruction of streets, sidewalks or parking lots, impediment of access to shopping centers or other buildings open to the public, interference with the use of property or conduct of business in the area adjacent thereto or that emergency vehicles cannot respond in that area within a reasonable period of time.

2. Traffic-control point: Any point or points established by public safety within the no-cruising area for the purpose of monitoring cruising.

SECTION 2. No-cruising areas--county council ordinance required and posting of signs. A. No area shall be designated or posted as a no-cruising area except upon the passage of an ordinance by the council specifically mandating said designation and posting for a particular area.

B. At every point where a public street or alley becomes or provides ingress to a no-cruising area there shall be posted a sign which designates a no-cruising area.

SECTION 3. Acts constituting cruising prohibited. No person shall drive or permit a motor vehicle under his care, custody or control to be driven past a traffic-control point more than two times in the same direction of travel within a

1 two-hour period in or around a posted no-cruising area so as to
2 contribute to traffic congestion, obstruction of streets,
3 sidewalks or parking lots, impediment of access to shopping
4 centers or other buildings open to the public or interference
5 with the use of property or conduct of business in the area
6 adjacent thereto. The third passage of the same
7 traffic-control point in the same direction of travel within
8 the aforementioned two-hour period constitutes a violation of
9 this chapter.

10 SECTION 4. No-cruising--targeted enforcement. The county
11 Sheriff-Director of Public Safety or his designee shall
12 determine when a no-cruising area has become so congested by
13 traffic as to present a danger of traffic congestion,
14 obstruction of streets, sidewalks or parking lots, impediment
15 of access to shopping centers or other buildings open to the
16 public, interference with the use of property or conduct of
17 business in the area adjacent thereto, or emergency vehicles
18 not being able to respond in that area within a reasonable
19 period of time. The county sheriff or his designee shall then
20 direct that no-cruising signs shall be erected or installed and
21 maintained until the congestion has lessened to an acceptable
22 degree.

23 SECTION 4. Exceptions. This chapter shall not apply to
24 residents within a no-cruising area, in-service emergency
25 vehicles, taxicabs for hire, buses and other vehicles being
26 driven for business purposes.

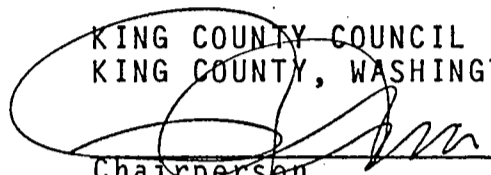
27 SECTION 6. Violation Penalty. Violation of this chapter
28 is a traffic infraction, and shall be punished by a penalty of
29 two hundred fifty dollars.

30 SECTION 7. Severability. Should any section, subsection,
31 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its
32 application to a specific person or set of circumstances, be
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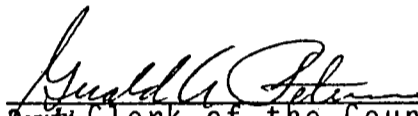
1 declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such
2 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion
3 of this ordinance, or its application to any other person or
4 set of circumstances.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 30th day
6 of May, 1989.


7 PASSED this 31st day of July, 1989.

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9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
10 
11 Chairperson

11 ATTEST:

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13 Deputy Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 11th day of August, 1989.

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17 King County Executive