

ORDINANCE NO. **9962**

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$478,900 to the Building and Land Development Fund for the purpose of expediting the review of school permits; waiving competitive bidding requirements; amending Ordinance No. 9720, Section 70, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

PREAMBLE:

THE COUNCIL HEREBY FINDS THAT:

1. The voters of King County authorized nearly \$300 million in bonds in February of 1990 for modernization and new construction of public schools, many of which are located in unincorporated King County.
2. The King County Comprehensive Plan policy F-101 identifies schools as public facilities that should be provided at the level necessary to support the growth and development of King County.
3. Adequate school facilities are a requirement that should be met prior to approving development projects that would impact schools.
4. King County is experiencing rapid growth in its unincorporated areas where school districts facing an unprecedented demand for new and remodeled school facilities.
5. The State of Washington supplies a substantial amount of financial assistance for school construction projects. As a result, school districts face a number of State-imposed deadlines in order to receive state funding. Lengthy permit processing delays could jeopardize state funding for school modernization and new school construction.
6. A priority public school permit approval process in King County, including proper environmental review and quality controls, is in the public interest.
7. The priority processing of school permits entails special services to schools for which a fee surcharge should be collected. Ordinance No. 9719 established a surcharge of 100% for special projects review but in the case of school permits the council finds that a surcharge of 37% is appropriate. The council expects to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 9719 in the near future.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$478,900 to building and land development in the Building and Land Development Fund for the purpose of expediting the review of school permits, and waiving competitive bidding requirements.

1 SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 9720, Section 70, as amended, is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the
3 following:

4 BUILDING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT - From the Building and
5 Land Development Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

6 Building and Land Development \$478,900

7 The maximum number of additional FTEs for Building and
8 Land Development shall be: 1.125

9 Provided that the Division shall meet as soon as possible
10 with the Puget Sound Educational Service District to prioritize
11 currently pending school permit applications. Such
12 prioritization shall establish the degree of urgency of each
13 permit by considering factors such as the date of application
14 submittal, projected date of occupancy, the likelihood of
15 unhousing students under current processing procedures and the
16 likelihood of the loss of state funding.

17 Provided further that the Division shall begin immediately
18 to process pending school permits as expeditiously as is
19 possible without compromising the quality of its review.
20 School permits shall be processed ahead of other commercial
21 permits to the extent necessary to ensure that essential
22 deadlines identified by the prioritization process are met.

23 Provided further that the Division shall begin
24 immediately to take whatever steps necessary to meet critical
25 school deadlines and hire qualified private consultants to
26 process all aspects of school permits as deemed necessary by
27 the division.

1 Provided further that the Division shall explore the use
2 of additional outside contracting assistance to process non-
3 school commercial applications which might experience further
4 delay as a result of this ordinance. The manager shall report
5 back to the council at the end of 60 days.

6 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and
7 declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is
8 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
9 health or safety or for the support of county government and
10 its existing public institutions.

11 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 22nd day
12 of April, 1991.

13 PASSED this 31st day of June, 1991.

14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
15 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16 Lois North
17 Chair

18 ATTEST:

19 Gerald A. Peterson
20 Clerk of the Council

21 APPROVED this 14th day of June, 1991.

22 Russ Zank
23 King County Executive