December 18, 1992 LW/lk 305T.2 Introduced by:

RON SIMS

Proposed No.:

93-16

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE making a supplemental appropriation of \$156,000 to the Computer and Communication Services Division-Data Processing from service charges, and amending Ordinance 10641, Section 102, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted a supplemental appropriation of \$156,000 to the computer and communication services division - data processing, from service charges for the purpose of supporting programming costs associated with the establishment and collection of special assessments for the King County Conservation District, the King County Noxious Weed Control Board, and the Seattle Street Utility.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 10641, Section 102, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

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· 1	COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES - DATA PROCESSING -
2	From the Data Processing Services Fund there is hereby
3	appropriated to:
4	Computer and Communications Services - Data Processing
5	\$156,000
6	INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this day
7	of January, 1993
8	PASSED this / St day of february, 1923.
9 10	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
11 12	Chair Mugu
13	ATTEST:
14	Guald a Peter
15	Clerk of the Council
16	APPROVED this $\frac{12 \text{ th}}{0}$ day of $\frac{\text{futury}}{0}$, 1993.
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17 18	King County Executive

February 1, 1993 93-62.nm (NM:clt) Introduced by: Ron Sims

Proposed No.: 93-62

ordinance no. 10721

AN ORDINANCE making an appropriation of \$42,462 to the Prosecuting Attorney from current expense fund balance for a professional child victim interviewer; and amending Ordinance No. 10641, Section 29, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$42,462 to the prosecuting attorney from current expense fund balance for a professional child victim interviewer.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 10641, Section 29, as amended is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

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

Prosecuting Attorney

\$42,462

The maximum number of additional FTEs for the prosecuting attorney shall be:

SECTION 3. Law enforcement professionals and child victim advocates, including the department of public safety, the prosecuting attorney and Washington State Child Protective Services, have determined that a professional child victim interviewer will enhance the likelihood of successful prosecution of criminal child abuse cases. Time is of the essence in this matter because any delay in adding this position to the prosecuting attorney staff will increase the imminent danger to the public health and safety of children in King County. The county council therefore finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

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1	necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
2	health or safety or for the support of county government and
3	its existing institutions.
4	INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 25 day
5	of January, 1923.
6	PASSED this, 1923
7	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
9 10	Chair Chair
11	ATTEST:
12 13	Guald a Police Clerk of the Council
14	APPROVED this day of, 19
.	DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE. DATED: 2/12/93
15 16	King County Executive
17	Attachments:



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February 12, 1993

The Honorable Audrey Gruger Chair, King County Council Room 402 C O U R T H O U S E

RE: Ordinance 10721 Providing \$42,462 for Professional Child Victim Interviewer

Dear Councilmember Gruger:

I am allowing ordinance (No. 10721) to pass into law without my signature. This ordinance appropriates to the Office of Prosecuting Attorney \$42,462 for a professional child victim interviewer and declares an emergency. Let me state strongly that I support the addition of a professional interviewer for children who are victims of physical and sexual assault. The specialized skills of this interviewer will aid the prosecution of offenders and benefit the children through greater sensitivity to their trauma.

However, I object to the unprecedented process in which the County Council generated this appropriation ordinance. Responsible budgeting, appropriation, and expenditure of public funds requires a cooperative effort on behalf of all elected officials. Particularly in these difficult economic times, the collaborative process of the past is crucial to continue to prudently manage the County's resources and wisely balance the competing demands for these resources. Consistent with the spirit of the County Charter, the accepted practice of the Executive branch generating appropriation ordinances allows a review of competing demands for these resources, an analysis of the most efficient means by which the program can be implemented, and verification of the availability of financial resources. In this light, the actions by the County Council to unilaterally introduce appropriation ordinances is troubling.

In the case of the attached ordinance, Norm Maleng and I have discussed the need for a professional interviewer. Due to the current fiscal limitations on the Current Expense fund, Mr. Maleng has agreed to absorb the cost of this position within existing budget authority.



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The County faces many challenges in the upcoming year, including a difficult financial condition and planning for the additional regional responsibilities from merging with Metro. I believe the County will manage these challenges well when all elected officials work together cooperatively.

Sincerely,

Tim Hill

King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Cal Hoggard, Staff Director ATTN: Jerry Peterson, Administrator

Norm Maleng, Prosecuting Attorney Pat Steel, Chief Financial Officer

ATTN: Michael Gedeon, Budget Supervisor