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Introduced by: Ron Sims

Proposed No.: 93-935

ORDINANCE NO. **11184**

AN ORDINANCE relating to substance abuse;
increasing the number of licensed state
certified methadone programs in King
County; amending Ordinance 7738, Sections
1-6 and K.C.C. 2.24.100.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

Services. A. There is established a joint division of
alcoholism and substance abuse services within the Seattle-King
County department of public health.

1. The division of alcoholism and substance abuse
services shall be responsible for the administration and
staffing of all department programs relating to the prevention
and treatment of alcoholism and substance abuse.

2. The division of alcoholism and substance abuse
services shall include a manager and such staff as is necessary
to accomplish its duties, subject to authorization by council.
The management and administration of the division of alcoholism
and substance abuse services shall be vested in the director of
the Seattle-King County department of public health who shall
appoint a manager for the division pursuant to Ordinance 1438,
codified in Chapter 2.16. The staffing responsibilities shall
be the responsibility of the manager in accordance with career
service rules.

3. The division shall provide staffing services to the
King County alcohol administrative board, provided that the
King County alcohol and substance abuse administrative board
shall select and employ one exempt senior staff position
subject to the approval of the county executive.

B. Substance Abuse - Methadone Treatment.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following
words and terms shall have the meanings set forth herein:

1 a. "Certified methadone treatment program" means an
2 outpatient clinic certified for methadone treatment by state
3 and federal agencies and is located in King County.

4 b. "Client" means an individual accepted for
5 methadone treatment by a certified methadone treatment program.

6 c. "Director" means the director of the Seattle-King
7 County department of public health or the director's designee.

8 d. "Council" means the King County council as
9 defined by the King County Charter.

10 e. "Executive" means the King County executive as
11 defined by the King County Charter, or the executive's
12 designee.

13 2. Under the authority of RCW 69.54.030, there shall be
14 ((four)) six certified methadone treatment programs licensed by
15 King County to offer methadone treatment.

16 Provided that:

17 Treatment programs so certified as of March 12, 1986 shall
18 be licensed.

19 Licensed certified methadone treatment programs shall not
20 have a caseload in excess of three hundred fifty clients.

21 3. Pursuant to K.C.C. 2.98, RCW 69.54.030, and WAC
22 275-19, the director shall prepare and implement:

23 a. Procedures to annually license certified
24 methadone treatment programs as county methadone treatment
25 programs. Such procedures shall require current state
26 certification, compliance with state treatment regulations,
27 completion of all license application requirements established
28 by the director and payment of the annual license fee. If an
29 existing county licensed program loses its state certification,
30 is found to be out of compliance with the treatment regulations
31 promulgated by the state, fails to fulfill county licensing
32 requirements or is no longer operating when its license
33 expires, then, the director shall issue a new license or
34 licenses but in no case more than a total of ((four)) six
35 licenses to a certified program or programs meeting all county

1 licensing requirements and in the order that such license
2 applications were received by the director, the first in time
3 being first in right.

4 Provided that:

5 In the event that the county determines to provide
6 methadone treatment itself, these annual licensing procedures
7 shall not apply, and no licenses shall be issued to certified
8 methadone treatment programs which are not operated by the
9 county or the Seattle-King County department of public health.

10 Provided further that:

11 The licenses shall expire twelve months from the date of
12 issuance unless renewed. The director shall conduct a study of
13 the feasibility of the county operating a methadone treatment
14 program.

15 b. Procedures to monitor and enforce the provisions
16 of this section and RCW 69.54.030.

17 4. The director shall provide the annual report to the
18 council which shall include the status of all county licensed
19 methadone treatment programs.

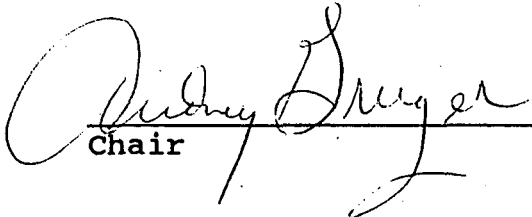
20 5. The executive shall propose for council adoption an
21 annual fee to be charged to each licensed certified methadone
22 treatment program to meet costs of carrying out the provisions
23 of this section. Such annual fees shall not be prorated or
24 rebated for any reason.

1 C. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence,
2 clause or phrase of this section be declared unconstitutional
3 or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the
4 validity of the remaining portion of this section.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day
6 of December, 1993.

7 PASSED this 20th day of December, 1993.

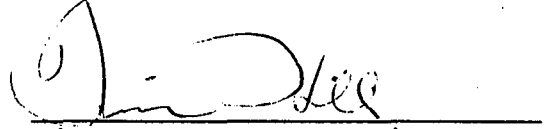
8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

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14 Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this 30th day of DECEMBER, 1993

16 
17 King County Executive

18 Attachments: