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Introduced By: Phillips  
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Proposed No.: 97-577

ORDINANCE NO. **12933**

AN ORDINANCE relating to transit bus passes; authorizing the issuance of fully-subsidized transit bus passes to certain county employees and retirees; establishing a funding policy for transit bus passes; amending Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188; and repealing Ordinance 12643, Section 20, and K.C.C. 28.94.250.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 12643, Section 20, and K.C.C. 28.94.250 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Transit bus passes.** A. ~~((Full-time regular employees, part-time regular employees, provisional employees and probationary)) ((e))~~ Employees ~~((covered by Ordinance 11962, Section 9.S as amended, and who were assigned in the department of metropolitan services as of December 31, 1995,))~~ eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter and eligible retirees as defined in this section shall be issued a transit bus pass entitling the holder to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services operated by or under the authority of the county. In addition, such employees shall be entitled to use the transit bus pass to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services operated by or under the authority of Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit and Community Transit, subject to agreements with such agencies as may be entered into by the executive. Use of ((such)) transit bus passes shall be restricted to ((the eligible)) such employees and retirees, and any unauthorized use shall, at a minimum, result in forfeiture of the passes. ((The department to which the employees are assigned shall reimburse the Public Transportation

1 ~~Operating Account for such passes. The amount to be reimbursed shall be determined by the~~  
2 ~~director of the department of transportation as provided in Ordinance 11962, Section 9.S, as~~  
3 ~~amended.))~~ Employees not eligible for leave and insured benefits under this chapter shall not  
4 receive transit bus passes or any transit bus pass subsidy.

5 B. The executive shall cause an appropriate survey of the use of public transportation  
6 services by county employees to be conducted biennially. Based on the results of the survey,  
7 projected usage of public transportation services by county employees, the county's Commute Trip  
8 Reduction objectives, and other factors determined appropriate by the executive, the executive  
9 shall recommend in the annual budget an amount to be paid to the Public Transportation Operating  
10 Account for transit bus passes. The amount recommended by the executive shall not include any  
11 payment for transit bus passes for commissioned police officers, eligible retirees, and employees  
12 whose positions are determined by the director of the department of transportation to be dedicated  
13 exclusively to the public transportation function. The final amount to be transferred to the Public  
14 Transportation Operating Account for transit bus passes shall be determined by the council as part  
15 of the annual budget and appropriation process consistent with the requirements of the King  
16 County Charter and applicable state law.

17 C. For purposes of this section, "eligible retiree" means an employee eligible for leave and  
18 insured benefits under this chapter who (i) separates from employment with the county while  
19 holding a position determined by the director of the department of transportation to be dedicated  
20 exclusively to the public transportation function, and (ii) on the date of said separation is eligible to  
21 receive benefits from a retirement system established pursuant to state law.

22 SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 1998.

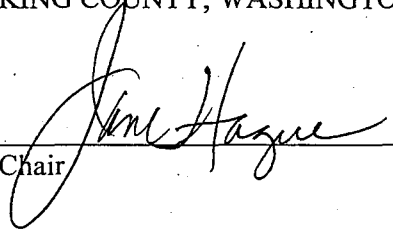
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SECTION 4. If any provision of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, or its application to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

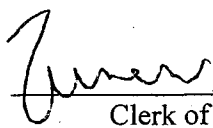
INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 22nd day of September, 19 97

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 1st day of December, 19 97

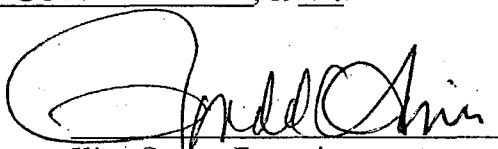
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10 day of December, 19 97.

  
King County Executive

Attachments:  
None