

MOTION NO. 4386

A MOTION requestiong the County Assessor to obtain lists of Coast Guard registered pleasure craft for taxation purposes.

WHEREAS, pleasure crafts are property and taxable in the state of Washington with an 80% exemption from local taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Marine Trade Association says there are about 420,000 pleasure crafts in Washington worth two billion three hundred million dollars, and

WHEREAS, Washington State is one of only three states that does not register pleasure crafts, and

WHEREAS, King County presently relies on the honor system to collect taxes normally levied against pleasure crafts, and

WHEREAS, in 1977, King County collected \$454,984 on pleasure crafts, \$312,667 of which was remitted to the state, and

WHEREAS, the King County Department of Public Safety feels there may be 100,000 pleasure craft, and

WHEREAS, King County spends nearly \$.5 million annually for a marine patrol division, and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard, which registers pleasure craft, has agreed to release registration information regarding Washington State pleasure crafts,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The Council requests the County Assessor to obtain lists of Coast Guard registered pleasure crafts in King County.

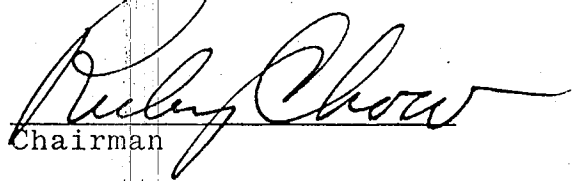
BE IT FURTHER MOVED that the Council urges the Assessor to vigorously pursue the collection of revenues from the owners of pleasure crafts in King County.

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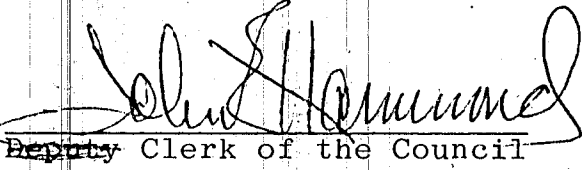
1 BE IT FURTHER MOVED that the Council directs its staff to
2 prepare an ordinance to seek revenues to cover the costs of
3 operating the marine safety patrol preparatory to Council
4 consideration of the 1980 budget.

5 PASSED this 23rd day of July, 1979.

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7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

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11 ATTEST:

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13 Deputy Clerk of the Council