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MOTION NO. 6939

A MOTION relating to the establishment of shooting ranges; requesting the county executive to identify and acquire land suitable for the construction and operation of shooting ranges, and leasing said land to hunting and shooting groups which would enter into agreements with King County to develop and operate such shooting ranges.

WHEREAS, the King County council recognizes that large parts of King County are becoming more urbanized each year, and

WHEREAS, an important element in managing the continuing development and population growth in King County is to secure and maintain areas set aside for recreation: parks, hiking and biking trails and the like, and

WHEREAS, many King County residents enjoy recreational use of firearms and practice at shooting ranges, and

WHEREAS, with the continuing development of land throughout unincorporated King County, land suitable for the construction and operation of shooting ranges is becoming increasingly difficult to identify, and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for the development of shooting ranges in King County, as our particular area of the country has a sizeable number of hunters and target shooters, and

WHEREAS, King County had prepared a Sportsmans Park Study in 1979 and 1980. The study included identification of needs and analysis of site selections including a number of specific sites for a recreational shooting facility, and

WHEREAS, testimony was given during the public meetings this last April that hunting and shooting groups would be willing to work with King County to identify land which could be developed

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1 into shooting ranges and that certain groups would be willing to
2 operate said shooting ranges, and

3 WHEREAS, an impediment mentioned by some hunting and shooting
4 groups to constructing and operating more ranges was the
5 financial inability to purchase land, and

6 WHEREAS, King County may own certain surplus properties which
7 are currently unused and are not anticipated to be used by any
8 county or other public agency, and

9 WHEREAS, leasing said certain surplus properties may assist
10 hunting and shooting groups in their efforts to develop and
11 operate more shooting ranges, and

12 WHEREAS, a by-product from leasing certain properties to said
13 groups would be the opportunity for more citizens to be educated
14 in the safe usage of firearms, under the supervision of personnel
15 trained to instruct citizens and operate shooting ranges in a
16 safe manner, and

17 WHEREAS, should there not be appropriate unused surplus
18 properties identified as suitable for conversion into shooting
19 ranges, an alternative would be for the county to attempt to
20 acquire properties for this purpose, however, the first priority
21 should be to attempt to identify and lease county owned unused
22 surplus properties;

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

24 A. The King County executive is requested, with cooperation
25 from hunting and shooting groups, the department of parks planning
26 and resources, the department of public safety, and the real proper
27 diivision within the department of executive administration, to
28 identify county owned unused surplus properties suitable for the
29 development and operation of shooting ranges. The Sportmans Park
30 Study should be updated as needed.

31 B. Should efforts to identify such unused surplus properties
32 for the purpose of developing shooting ranges be unfeasible, the
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1 county executive shall explore the alternative of acquiring
2 property for the same purpose, provided the first priority shall
3 be to attempt to identify and lease unused surplus properties.

4 C. The executive is requested to work with any hunting and
5 shooting groups who wish to develop and operate shooting ranges,
6 using land leased to them by the county, provided that any formal
7 agreement prior to implementation shall be forwarded to the
8 county council for its review and action. Any proposed shooting
9 ranges would be required to adhere to the K.C.C. 21.44.030M,
10 governing conditional uses.

11 D. The county executive is requested to submit to the county
12 council a plan and recommendation no later than March 1, 1988.

13 PASSED this 17th day of August, 1987.

14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
15 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16 Gary Grant
17 Chair

18 ATTEST:

19 Donald A. Peltier
20 Deputy Clerk of the Council
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