

MOTION NO. 7512

A Motion authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between King County, City of Seattle and Port of Seattle to establish a regional taxi commission as authorized by the King County and City of Seattle Councils.

WHEREAS, under King County Code 6.01.100. and Ordinance No. 8641 the King County executive has the general authority to enter into agreements with local municipalities relating to the licensing and enforcement of municipal business ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act (R.C.W. 39.34) specifically allows public agencies to contract with any one or more public agencies to perform any governmental services, and

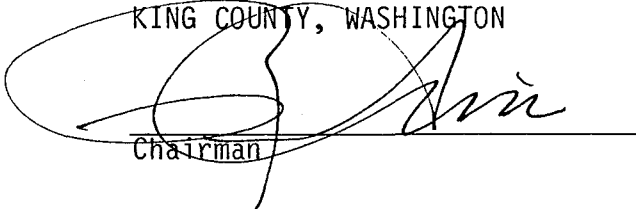
WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 81.72 specifically allows cities, counties, and port districts to enter into cooperative agreements for the joint regulation of taxicabs;

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

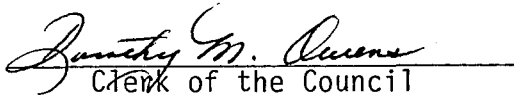
The King County executive is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of King County the attached interlocal agreement regarding the implementation of a regional taxicab commission between King County, the City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle.

PASSED this 24th day of April, 1989.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

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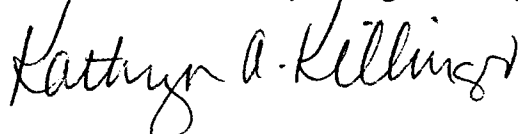
Re: Interlocal Agreement Form

Dear Sharon:

By this letter, I approve as to form the "Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Regional Taxicab Commission" as authorized by the Seattle and King County Councils. You may indicate this blanket approval by typing my name on the signature line on the last page. A copy of the approved form is attached to this letter.

Very truly yours,

For NORM MALENG, King County Prosecuting Attorney:



KATHRYN A. KILLINGER
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: Phil Chapman, Budget Analyst
Terry Denend, Acting Assistant Manager

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The following agreement establishes a regional taxicab commission as authorized by the Seattle and King County Councils.

AUTHORIZATION

Seattle Ordinance 113613 and King County Ordinance 8450 (amended by Ordinance 8641) authorize the creation of a nine (9) member Taxicab Commission. Three (3) members will be appointed by the City of Seattle, three (3) members appointed by King County, one (1) member by the Port of Seattle, and one (1) member by the Evergreen State Taxi Association. The commission will then select an additional member to be their chair, per guidelines set forth in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC 3.79.010) and King County Code (K.C.C. 6.64).

TAXICAB COMMISSION DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The duties of the Commission will be to conduct a review of the region's taxicab industry, make recommendations to the Councils regarding taxicab rates, entry restrictions, and taxi regulatory improvements that would promote safe taxi service for the public and would provide for the development of an economically viable taxi system.

- The commission shall adopt operating rules and regulations, including procedures consistent with SMC 3.79 and K.C.C. 6.64.
- Members of the Commission shall be governed by the City of Seattle and King County Codes of Ethics.
- The Commission will meet once each month at a time selected by the Commission. Additional meetings may be scheduled, as determined by the Commission.
- The Commission will review the current taxi system to determine the impact fare revenues and operating costs have on each segment of the taxi business.
- The Commission will review the number of taxis and level of service required in the region.
- The Commission will review the fares and rate structures in use and the viability of such structures.
- The Commission will review the safety of current taxicabs and drivers, including a review of increasing taxicab insurance rates. The issue of vehicle age and road-worthiness will also be reviewed.
- The Commission will review the economic impact of competition on the taxi industry.
- The Commission will review the cost of improvements to the industry.
- The Commission will prepare progress or status reports to the Councils.

- The Commission will recommend to the Councils, a system for establishing a fair taxi rate. This recommendation will consider, at minimum, the alternatives of open rate setting and a fixed rate procedure, addressing the issue of future rate increases.
- The Commission will recommend to the Councils a system to identify the justifications for establishing the number at a specific level, addressing the issue of restricting entry and competition.

BUDGET AND STAFFING

Budget and staff support shall be as appropriated and passed by Councils respective ordinances. The contribution from the Port of Seattle shall be by letter of agreement to contribute its portion of funding to the REgional Taxicab Commission's budget. The Department of Executive Administration or its appointee shall maintain records and provide for expenditures of the Commission's budget and Driver Training Program.

FUNDING

Funding for the Commission will be shared by the City, County and Port in ratio to the number of appointments made by each jurisdiction and shall be:

- ° 40.74% - City
- 40.74% - County
- 18.52% - Port

- ° The Driver Training Program shall be equally shared by the City, the County, and the Port.

TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Unless sooner terminated as provided above, this Agreement shall be in force and effect upon execution by all parties and shall be renewed automatically at the end of each calendar year or until sunseted.

TERMINATION

Either party shall have the right to cancel this Agreement at any time upon giving of thirty days written notice to the other of such cancellation. Notice shall be deemed given by delivering notice thereof to the other party or by mailing the same to that party by first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested with postage prepaid. A notice so given by mail shall be given on the date of mailing.

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By signature of the respective executive branches and by confirmation of the respective Councils, this document will be an interlocal agreement by which the Taxicab Commission will function.

Charles Royer, Mayor
City of Seattle

Date: _____

Tim Hill, Executive
King County

Date: _____

John Belford, Deputy Director
Port of Seattle

Date: _____