

MOTION NO. 9114

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2 A MOTION requesting the executive to work
3 cooperatively with the City of Issaquah
4 to determine the feasibility and
5 desirability of constructing a joint
6 police/jail/court facility.

7 WHEREAS, King County has a unified district court system
8 with nine court divisions, which are all located in county-
9 owned facilities except the Issaquah division, and

10 WHEREAS, the Issaquah division of District Court is
11 located in a leased facility consisting of 7,000 square feet of
12 space which houses 2 courtrooms, 1 judge and 16 clerks, and

13 WHEREAS, this leased space was not designed for court use,
14 is inefficient for such use, and is currently overcrowded, and

15 WHEREAS, parking at the facility is inadequate and has
16 been and continues to be a source of concern for the adjacent
17 retail businesses, and

18 WHEREAS, in 1986 King County recognized the needs of the
19 Issaquah division of district court and purchased property in
20 Issaquah for the purpose of constructing a new court facility,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it was later determined that the property was not
23 adequate for construction of a new court facility, and

24 WHEREAS, the Issaquah division serves one of the fastest
25 growing areas of the county, and

26 WHEREAS, the Issaquah division provides municipal court
27 services for the cities of Issaquah, Snoqualmie and North Bend,
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the Issaquah City Council recently approved a
30 downtown public facilities master plan, which includes a
31 facility to house the city's police and jail operations and the
32 county's district court, and

33 WHEREAS, the co-location of city police, the city jail and
34 district court would benefit the city and county, and

1 WHEREAS, the city would like to explore with the county
2 the possibility of developing a joint facility, and

3 WHEREAS, the city intends to secure voter-approved funding
4 for preliminary planning for the facility, and

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to county council direction, district
6 court is in the process of developing an operational master
7 plan which will guide facility development over the next
8 several years, and

9 WHEREAS, the city has presented the county with an
10 opportunity to address a known district court facility need;

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

12 1. The Executive is requested to work cooperatively with
13 the City of Issaquah to determine the feasibility and
14 desirability of developing a joint facility for city
15 police/jail and county district court operations.

16 2. The executive is requested to provide to the council
17 by November 1, 1993 a progress report describing the work
18 accomplished to date. The report shall include a work plan for
19 completing the work effort and addressing facility needs in the
20 Issaquah Division.

21 PASSED this 7th day of September, 1993

22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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25 Chair

26 ATTEST:

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28 Clerk of the Council

29 Attachments: