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PROPOSED NO.

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MOTION NO. 8187

A MOTION waiving the requirements for competitive bidding or formal solicitation and Minority and Women's Business Enterprises requirements for an engineering analysis of King County's radio communications system requirements.

WHEREAS, an emergency in the county's radio communications system exists; and

WHEREAS, the radio communications system utilized by county agencies is urgently in need of replacement due to the inability of several county agencies to directly communicate with each other and a lack of replacement parts for existing equipment; and;

WHEREAS, the cities of Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland have previously contracted with Vegemast Engineering to perform an engineering analysis of their joint radio communications system requirements; and

WHEREAS, there exists an immediate need to use Vegemast Engineering to conduct a similar study for King County which utilizes the engineering analysis prepared by Vegemast Engineering for the above regional municipalities; and

WHEREAS, conducting a full request for proposals (RFP) process would cause a very substantial delay in the county's acquisition of a new radio communication system; and

WHEREAS, this delay would irreparably harm the public interest or property of King County by unnecessarily postponing the effective date at which a coordinated radio communications system would be implemented county-wide; and

WHEREAS, the ability of King County, the city of Seattle and the eastside cities to have a fully compatible and coordinated radio communications system will be impaired if King County is unable to have an engineering analysis and system design in time to coordinate final design, purchase and installation of equipment with those jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the selection process already conducted by Seattle and the eastside cities provides sufficient information from which the county can make an informed decision with regard to choosing the specific vendor for engineering services and for negotiating the terms of an agreement to obtain these services;

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

A. The King County Council declares that an emergency exists in King County whereby the public interest or property of King County would suffer material

1 injury or damage if the necessary consultant work is delayed.

2 B. The ordinary requirements for competitive bidding of contracts pursuant to
3 RCW Ch. 36.32 and the formal solicitation requirements for professional/technical
4 consultant service contracts pursuant to K.C.C. Ch. 4.16 for such work are hereby
5 waived in order to prevent delay in beginning such work.

6 C. The ordinary Minority and Women's Business Enterprises requirements
7 pursuant to K.C.C. Ch. 4.18 are hereby waived pursuant to this emergency
8 declaration.

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PASSED this 11th day of February, 1991.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louis North
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council