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Proposed No: 88-629

3 ORDINANCE NO. **8649**

4 AN ORDINANCE relating to a proposed  
5 amendment of Article 2, Section 250, King  
6 County Charter, concerning the responsi-  
7 bilities of the county auditor, submitting  
8 same to the voters of the county and  
9 establishing a date of election.

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters  
12 of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection,  
13 at the next general election to be held in this county, an  
14 amendment to Article 2, section 250 of the King County Charter to  
15 read as follows:

16 County Auditor.

17 The county auditor shall be appointed by a majority of the  
18 county council, and shall ((conduct)) be responsible to the  
19 council for conducting, or caus((e))ing to be conducted, ((a-  
20 current)) independent post audits of county agencies for the  
21 purpose of reporting to the council regarding the integrity of  
22 the function of the financial ((operations of the county-  
23 government, shall review and)) management system, the quality and  
24 efficiency of agency management, and the effectiveness of  
25 programs. In carrying out this purpose, the auditor shall  
26 perform the following audits within guidelines established by the  
27 county council by ordinance: financial and compliance audits to  
28 supplement those performed by the state pursuant to general law,  
29 economy and efficiency audits, and program result audits. In  
30 addition, the auditor shall perform such special studies as may  
31 be requested by the Council. The auditor shall report the  
32 results of each agency audit to the county council ((concerning-  
33 the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of

1 ~~the county and shall consult with the county executive concerning~~  
2 ~~the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch).~~  
3 Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in  
4 accordance with general law.

5 The organization and administration of the auditor's office  
6 shall be sufficiently independent to assure no interference or  
7 influence external to the organization shall adversely affect an  
8 independent and objective judgment by the auditor and the auditor  
9 shall be provided a discrete budget and staff allocation.

10 SECTION 2. The manager of the division of records and  
11 elections shall cause notice of the proposed amendment of the  
12 King County charter to be published in accordance with the State  
13 Constitution and general law and placed upon the ballot at the  
14 next general election on November 8, 1988.

15 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 22nd day  
16 of August, 1988.

17 PASSED this 6th day of September, 1988.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

20 Gary Grant  
21 Chairman

22 ATTEST:

23 Dorothy M. Owens  
24 Clerk of the Council

25 APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1988.

26 Raul Tatch  
27 for King County Executive