

ORDINANCE NO. 1924

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2 AN ORDINANCE providing for rules and regula-
3 tions to govern the use of King County parks;
4 prescribing penalties; and repealing Ordina-
5 nance No. 1007, Ordinance No. 545, Resolution
6 No. 15273, Resolution No. 35917 and K.C.C.
7 7.04.010 through 7.04.030, 7.08.010 through
8 7.08.020; 7.12.010 through 7.12.120; 7.20.010
9 through 7.20.030.

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

12 DEFINITIONS: Whenever used in this Ordinance the following
13 terms shall be defined as herein indicated:

14 (a) "Division of Parks" shall mean the King County Depart-
15 ment of Community and Environmental Development, Parks Division.

16 (b) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Parks Divi-
17 sion, King County Department of Community and Environmental
18 Development.

19 (c) "Caretaker/Custodian" shall mean a duly appointed King
20 County Division of Parks employee.

21 (d) "Person" shall mean all natural persons, firms, partner-
22 ships, corporations, clubs and all associations or combination of
23 persons whenever acting for themselves or by an agent, servant,
24 or employee.

25 (e) "Motor Vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled device
26 capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which
27 any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall
28 include, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles,
29 motor scooters, jeeps or similar type 4-wheel drive vehicles,
30 and snowmobiles, whether or not they can legally be operated upon
31 the public highways.

32 (f) "Trail" shall mean any path or track designed for use
33 of pedestrians, bicycles, or equestrians; and which is
not of sufficient width, nor graded or paved with concrete,
asphalt, gravel, or similar substance, so as to permit its
use by standard passenger automobiles; or other right-of-way

1 specifically designated and posted for non-vehicular use.

2 (g) "Trailer" shall mean a towed vehicle which contains
3 sleeping or housekeeping accommodations.

4 (h) "Camper" shall mean a motorized vehicle containing
5 sleeping and/or housekeeping accommodations, and shall include a
6 pickup truck with camper, a van-type body, a converted bus, or
7 any similar type vehicle.

8 (i) "Trailer Site" shall mean designated camping sites
9 which have water and/or electrical facilities available for
10 hookup, and which are designed for the use of persons with
11 trailers or campers.

12 (j) "Camp Site" shall mean designated camping sites which
13 are designated for the use of tent campers, and which have no
14 water and/or electrical facilities available for hookup to a
15 trailer or a camper.

16 (k) "Camping" shall mean erecting a tent or shelter or
17 arranging bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a way
18 as will permit remaining overnight, or parking a trailer, camper,
19 or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

20 (l) "King County Park Area" shall mean any area under the
21 ownership, management, or control of the Division of Parks.

22 (m) "Associated Marine Area" shall mean any water area
23 within one hundred feet of any "King County Park Area" or
24 "Marine Facility" such as a dock, pier, float, buoy, log boom,
25 or other such object which is part of a "King County Park Area",
26 provided such area does not include private property.

27 SECTION 2. PROGRAM, PURPOSE

28 The playgrounds, activity centers, pools and other facilities of
29 the Division of Parks of King County are established by law for
30 public recreation purposes. The public recreation program con-
31 sists primarily of activities planned and directed by the
32 Division of Parks and secondarily of recreation activities of
33 community groups brought under control of the Division when
conducted under permit at the public park facility.

1 SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION - HOURS

2 The Director shall establish for each King County Park Area
3 according to existing conditions, times and periods when it will
4 be open or closed to the public. Such times and periods shall be
5 posted at the entrance to the King County Park Area affected and
6 at the Park office. No person shall enter or be present at a
7 King County Park Area after closing time except persons camping
8 in a designated campsite or trailer site who have paid the
9 applicable use fee.

10 SECTION 4. USE OF FACILITIES - PERMITS

11 (a) Permits for Community Groups. Permits without charge
12 may be granted by the Division to community groups to meet or
13 conduct activities in the Division's buildings; provided the
14 buildings are not otherwise required by the Division and the
15 activities are:

- 16 1. Conducted in accordance with the Division's standards.
17 2. Held without admission charge.
18 3. Not conducted for private voluntary gain.
19 4. Open to the general public without discrimination.
20 5. Scheduled during hours when the building is regularly
21 open.

22 Applications for facilities cannot be reserved for more
23 than thirty days in advance. A limited number of revocable
24 permits will be issued to groups desiring the use of the facili-
25 ties regularly on dates scheduled over the thirty day limit. All
26 such permits must be approved by the Assistant Director for Recre-
27 ation Services of the Division. King County swimming pools are
28 excluded from the above provision.

29 (b) Special Permits. Groups which do not meet all of the
30 requirements set forth in Section 4 (a) above and groups which
31 desire the use of King County Swimming Pools may be granted
32 special permits by the Division of Parks, but will be charged a
33 fee. A schedule of the charges for special services in King

1 County recreational facilities will be established by the
2 Division of Parks.

3 (c) Cancellation of Permit. The Division reserves the
4 right to cancel a permittee's meeting on any day that the Divi-
5 sion wishes to make use of the facility and when there is a need
6 of the facility which transcends the need of the permittee or
7 for cause. Such notice shall be given at least twenty-four
8 hours in advance.

9 (d) Application Procedures. Application for the use of
10 Division facilities by any group or individual shall be made
11 through the Caretaker/Custodian of the Center, Pool or Park
12 involved. In cases of installations without the services of a
13 Caretaker/Custodian, the application shall be made by contacting
14 the Assistant Director of Recreation Services at the Division
15 Office.

16 (e) Religious Services or Group Rallies. Religious
17 services or group rallies may be permitted in King County Park
18 Areas where facilities are adequate, and where such activities
19 will not conflict in any way with normal park usage. To avoid
20 conflict, permission for such activities must be obtained in
21 advance from the Director. Permission for the use of loudspeakers
22 by groups must be obtained in advance.

23 SECTION 5. USE OF FACILITIES - BUILDING USE HOURS

24 Activities for groups using the facilities Sundays through
25 Thursdays shall normally cease at 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise
26 stated on the permit. Friday and Saturday groups must agree to
27 be out of the facility by 12:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated on
28 the permit.

1 SECTION 6. USE OF FACILITIES - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2 (a) Cleanup. All groups must leave the facility in a
3 condition considered satisfactory to the Caretaker/Custodian in
4 charge who will supervise cleanup activity. No group shall con-
5 duct activities causing extra custodial work unless previous
6 agreement has been made to pay for such work.

7 (b) Liability. Groups using facilities will be required to
8 protect and save King County, its elected and appointed officials
9 and employees while acting within the scope of their duties as
10 such, harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes
11 of action of any kind or character, including the cost of
12 defense thereof, arising in favor of group's employees or third
13 parties on account of personal injuries, death or damage to
14 property arising out of the premises.

15 (c) Liability Insurance. Groups using facilities shall
16 obtain and maintain continuously public liability insurance and/
17 or other insurance necessary to protect the public on premises
18 leased, with limits of liability not less than:

19 \$100,000.00 each person personal injury

20 \$300,000.00 each occurrence personal injury

21 \$ 25,000.00 each occurrence property damage

22 (d) Adults to Accompany Minors. At all assemblies of
23 minors responsible adults must be present throughout the entire
24 function.

25 (e) Storage of Equipment. Liability of County. Groups
26 using facilities should not expect storage space for equipment
27 necessary for their program. If temporary storage is provided,
28 King County cannot be held responsible for loss through theft or
29 fire. King County insurance covers county-owned equipment only.

30 (f) Contract to Use for Private Profit. Community
31 organizations and individuals are not allowed to establish regu-
32 lar charges for equipment services at concessions at a park
33 facility. The use of public facilities for private gain is

1 allowed only through concession contracts by the County competi-
2 tive bidding procedures.

3 (g) Failure to Perform. The misuse of a park facility or
4 the failure to conform with these regulations will be sufficient
5 reason for denying any future application.

6 SECTION 7. MOTOR VEHICLES - PARKING

7 No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, boat
8 trailer, or other vehicle, shall park such vehicle in any King
9 County Park Area, except where the operator is using the area for
10 a designated recreational purpose and the vehicle is parked
11 either in a designated parking area, or in another area with the
12 permission of a Caretaker/Custodian. No person shall park,
13 leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any King County Park
14 Area after closing time, except when camping in a designated area,
15 or with permission from the Caretaker/Custodian. Any vehicle
16 found parked in violation of this section may be towed away at
17 the owner's or operator's expense.
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19 SECTION 8. MOTOR VEHICLES ON ROADS AND TRAILS

20 No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any
21 King County Park Area unless such trail has been specifically
22 designated and posted for such use. Subject to the provisions of
23 this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within the
24 boundaries of a King County Park Area except on roads, streets,
25 highways, parking lots, or parking areas; provided that traveling
26 upon such roads, streets, highways, parking lots, or parking
27 areas has not been prohibited by proper posting.
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29 SECTION 9. MOTOR VEHICLES - SPEED LIMITS

30 No person shall drive a motor vehicle within any King County
31 Park area at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent,
32 having due regard for the traffic on, and the surface and width
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1 of the road, and in no event at a speed which endangers the
2 safety of persons, property, or wildlife; provided, however, that
3 in no event shall a vehicle be driven at a speed greater than
4 fifteen miles per hour in camp, picnic, utility, or headquarters
5 areas, or in areas of general public assemblage; and provided
6 further than in no event shall a vehicle be driven at a speed
7 greater than twenty-five miles per hour in any other area. The
8 Division of Parks, however, upon finding that the safety of
9 persons and the condition of the road and the traffic thereon
10 so warrants, may establish lower speed limits and shall post the
11 same in the area where so established.
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13 SECTION 10. MOTOR VEHICLES IN SNOW AREAS

14 All vehicles operating upon roads within the boundaries of
15 any King County Park Area when such roads are covered with snow
16 or ice, and so posted, shall be equipped with approved snow
17 tires or chains.
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19 SECTION 11. MOTOR VEHICLES - TRUCKS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

20 No person shall cause a truck or other vehicle while being
21 used for commercial purposes to enter upon, use, or traverse any
22 portion of any King County Park Area or any park road therein
23 except in the service of the Division of Parks at the request of
24 the employees of the Division of Parks, or by express permission
25 of the Director for a special activity not inconsistent with
26 King County Park use; PROVIDED THAT, the provisions of this
27 section shall not apply to County Roads or State Highways.
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29 SECTION 12. AIRCRAFT

30 (a) Aircraft Landing. No aircraft shall land on or take
31 off from any body of water or land area in a King County Park
32 Area not specifically designated for landing aircraft.
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1 (b) Model Aircraft and Rockets.

2 (1) No one shall fly rockets or model aircraft in any King
3 County Park Area except in areas specifically designated and/or
4 posted for that purpose.

5 (2) All engines over .25 CI used in model aircraft being
6 flown in designated King County Park Areas shall be muffled.

7 (3) All persons flying model aircraft in designated King
8 County Park Areas shall abide by the Official AMA Safety Code.

9 (4) All persons desiring to shoot model rockets in a King
10 County Park Area shall obtain a permit to do so from the Park
11 Caretaker/Custodian, or in a park where there is no Caretaker/
12 Custodian, from the Assistant Director for Recreation Services
13 at the Division Office.

14 SECTION 13. BOATING - USE OF MARINE AREAS AND FACILITIES

15 (a) Occupancy Policy. In order to afford the general public
16 the greatest possible use of such marine facilities, continuous
17 occupancy by the same person or persons of marine facilities in
18 any area is limited to thirty-six hours. Shorter limitation of
19 occupancy may be established and posted by the King County
20 Division of Parks at any individual facility or area.

21 (b) Commercial Craft Prohibited. Use of these marine
22 areas and marine facilities by commercial craft is prohibited.
23 For the purpose of this rule "commercial craft" shall mean craft
24 used for any commercial purpose but shall not include a commer-
25 cial craft operated within the terms of a concession lease with
26 the Division of Parks.

27 (c) Overnight Moorage. No person or persons shall moor,
28 anchor, dock or berth a boat or other object overnight in a King
29 County Park Area or Associated Marine Area unless area has been
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1 designated for such use by the Division of Parks.

2 (d) Tandem Moorage. No more than three boats or other
3 objects may be tied or rafted together when moored, docked
4 or berthed adjacent to a dock, pier or float in a King County
5 Park Area or Associated Marine Area.

6 (e) Moorage in Swimming Area Prohibited. No person or
7 persons shall moor, dock, or berth a boat or other object to a
8 log boom or float line which delineates a swimming area in a
9 King County Park Area or Associated Marine Area.

10 SECTION 14. USE OF MARINE HEADS

11 No person shall use/or flush any marine head which when
12 flushed emits its contents directly into the waters of a lake,
13 river, Puget Sound, or any other water area, nor shall cause
14 any human or animal waste to be dumped into said waters while
15 moored, anchored, docked or berthed in a King County Park Area
16 or Associated Marine Area or when entering or leaving such area.

17 SECTION 15. CAMPING

18 (a) In Designated Areas Only. No person shall camp in
19 any King County Park Area except in areas specifically designated
20 and/or marked for that purpose.

21 (b) Occupancy Policy. In order to afford the general
22 public the greatest possible use of the King County Park System,
23 on a fair and equal basis, continuous occupancy of camping
24 facilities by the same person shall be limited to seven (7) days.
25 Shorter limitation of occupancy may be established and posted by
26 the King County Division of Parks at any individual facility or
27 area.

28 (c) Occupancy - Number of Vehicles. The number of vehicles
29 occupying camping facilities shall be limited to one car or one
30 camper, or one vehicle with trailer, per camp or trailer site.
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1 A greater number may be authorized in specific areas when con-
2 structed facilities so warrant.

3 (d) Fees. Fees for the use of campsites or trailer sites
4 are due and payable daily. The daily fee covers use of facili-
5 ties until the vacating time of 3:00 p.m. of the following day.
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7 (e) Occupancy Hours. Occupants shall vacate camping
8 facilities by removing their personal property therefrom prior
9 to 3:00 p.m. if applicable use fee has not been paid or if time
10 limit for occupancy of the campsite has expired. The occupants
11 may, however, remain in other areas of the park for purposes other
12 than camping until normal closing time of the Park. Remaining
13 overtime shall subject the occupant to the payment of additional
14 use fee.
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16 (f) Use of Trailer Sites by Tent Campers. No tent camper
17 shall be allowed to occupy a designated trailer site except as
18 directed by a Caretaker/Custodian. Use of trailer sites by
19 tent campers shall be subject to payment of the trailer site fee.
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21 (g) Sites Considered Occupied When Paid For. A trailer
22 site or campsite is considered occupied when it is being used
23 for purposes of camping by a person or persons who have paid the
24 daily use fee within the applicable time limits. No person
25 shall take or attempt to take possession of a campsite or trailer
26 site when it is being occupied by another party or when informed
27 by a Caretaker/Custodian that such campsite or trailer site is
28 occupied.
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1 SECTION 16. SWIMMING

2 (a) In Designated Areas Only. Swimming areas in King
3 County Park Areas are marked with buoys, log booms, or other
4 markers, clearly designating the boundaries of such areas.
5 Swimming shall be permitted only within these areas.

6 (b) Swimmers Must Obey Rules. All persons using any desig-
7 nated swimming area shall obey all posted beach rules and/or
8 the instructions of lifeguards, Caretakers/Custodians, or other
9 Park Division Employees.

10 (c) Swimming in Boat Launch Areas Prohibited. No person
11 shall swim or sunbathe in any designated boat launching area.

12 (d) False Alarm of Drowning Prohibited. No person shall
13 give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning in
14 any manner.

15 SECTION 17. FISHING

16 (a) Game Fish. All laws, rules and regulations of the
17 State Game Commission relating to season, limits, and methods of
18 fishing are applicable to fishing for game fish in King County
19 Park Areas. No person may fish for, or possess any fish taken
20 from any dam, dike, bridge, dock, boatlanding, or beach, which is
21 posted with a sign prohibiting fishing.

22 (b) Shellfish and Food Fish. All laws, rules and regulations
23 of the State Department of Fisheries relating to season, limits,
24 and methods of taking, are applicable to the taking of shellfish
25 or food fish in King County Park Areas, except that in addition
26 to such laws, the King County Park System may, upon its finding
27 and for good cause, close certain King County Park Areas for
28 specific periods of time, to the taking of shellfish. Such
29 closed areas shall be posted with appropriate signs.

30 SECTION 18. PICNICKING

31 Picnicking is permitted only in designated and marked
32 picnicking areas, or in such other places within a King County
33 Park Area as may from time to time be designated by a Caretaker/

1 Custodian.

2 SECTION 19. TENTS, ETC., ON BEACHES

3 No person shall erect, maintain, use or occupy temporary
4 tent or shelter on any swimming beach in any King County Park
5 Area unless there is an unobstructed view through such tent or
6 shelter from at least two sides; provided, however, that nothing
7 herein contained shall be construed to authorize camping except
8 in designated areas.

9 SECTION 20. DISROBING

10 (a) No person shall disrobe in public in any King County
11 Park Area.

12 (b) Clothing sufficient to conform to community standards
13 shall be worn at all times.

14 SECTION 21. GAMES ON BEACHES

15 Playing games and general horseplay on crowded swimming
16 beaches is prohibited. At times large uncrowded beach areas can
17 safely permit some games. Such games will be permitted only with
18 the consent of a Caretaker/Custodian, Lifeguard, or other
19 Division of Parks employee.

20 SECTION 22. PETS

21 (a) Must be Kept on Leash. All dogs or other pets or domes-
22 tic animals must be kept on leash no greater than eight (8) feet
23 in length, and under control at all times while in a King County
24 Park Area.

25 (b) Prohibited on Beaches and in Buildings. Dogs, pets or
26 domestic animals are not permitted on any designated swimming
27 beach in any King County Park Area, nor in any public building
28 unlessso posted; PROVIDED THAT, this subsection shall not apply
29 to seeing eye dogs.

30 (c) Disturbances by Animals Prohibited. No person shall
31 allow his dog or other pet or domestic animal to bite or in any
32 way molest or annoy other park visitors. No person shall permit
33 his dog or other pet or domestic animal to bark continuously or

1 otherwise disturb the peace and tranquility of the park.

2 SECTION 23. HORSEBACK RIDING

3 (a) In Designated Areas Only. No horses shall be permitted
4 in any King County Park Area, except where designated and posted
5 to specifically permit such activity. Horses shall not be
6 permitted on any designated swimming area, campground or picnic
7 area.

8 (b) May Not Endanger Others. No person shall ride any
9 horse or other animal in such a manner that might endanger life
10 or limb of any person or animal, and no person shall allow horse
11 or other animal to stand unattended or insecurely tied.

12 SECTION 24. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

13 No person shall cut down, destroy, or in any way injure any
14 shrub, tree, vine, grain, grass or crop, standing or growing or
15 which has been cut down, in any King County Park Area.

16 SECTION 25. SANITATION

17 (a) Rubbish. No person shall leave, deposit, drop or
18 scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper, cans, or other
19 rubbish, in a King County Park Area, except in a garbage can or
20 other receptacle designated for such purposes.

21 (b) Outside Household or Commercial Waste. No person shall
22 deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or
23 rubbish, which is brought as such from any private property, in
24 any King County Park Area garbage can or other receptacle desig-
25 nated for such purpose.

26 (c) Waste From Vehicles. No person shall, in any King
27 County Park Area, drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer,
28 camper, automobile, or other vehicle, except in designated dis-
29 posal areas or receptacles.

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31 (d) Food Waste, Washing of Clothes or Animals. No person
32 shall clean fish or other food, or wash any clothing or other
33 articles for personal or household use, or any dog or other

1 animal, except at designated areas in any King County Park Area.

2 (e) Washing of Vehicles. No person shall clean or wash
3 any automobile or other vehicle in any King County Park Area
4 except in areas specifically for that use.

5 (f) Dumping in Water Prohibited. No person shall pollute,
6 or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing
7 therein any waste or refuse of any nature, kind or description,
8 including human or bodily waste, any stream, river, lake or other
9 body of water running in, through, or adjacent to any King
10 County Park Area.
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12 SECTION 26. SOLICITATION

13 No person shall solicit, sell, or peddle any goods, wares,
14 merchandise, liquids, or edibles for human consumption, or
15 distribute or post any handbills, circulars, or signs, or use
16 any loudspeakers or other amplifying device, in any King County
17 Park Area, except by concession granted by the Division of Parks.
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19 SECTION 27. FIREWORKS

20 No person shall possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be
21 discharged, in or into any King County Park Area, any firecracker,
22 torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or substance harmful
23 to the life or safety of persons or property.
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25 SECTION 28. FIREARMS, WEAPONS

26 No person shall possess a firearm with a cartridge in any
27 portion of the mechanism; nor shall any person discharge across,
28 in, or into any King County Park Area a firearm, bow and arrow,
29 or air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or
30 killing any person or animal, or damaging or destroying any
31 public or private property, except where the Division of Parks
32 for good cause has authorized a special recreational activity
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1 upon finding that it is not inconsistent with King County Park
2 use.

3 SECTION 29. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

4 The opening and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a
5 King County Park Area and/or Associated Marine Area is prohibited
6 and violators will be prosecuted on misdemeanor charges.
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8 SECTION 30. PENALTIES; ENFORCEMENT

9 Every person who willfully violates any of the provisions
10 of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall,
11 upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than Two
12 Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or by imprisonment in a
13 County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days. In addition,
14 every person failing to comply with any provision of this ordi-
15 nance shall be subject to immediate ejection from the King
16 County Park Area or Associated Marine Area. The King County
17 Director of Public Safety and Division of Parks employees are
18 authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this
19 ordinance.
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SECTION 31. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

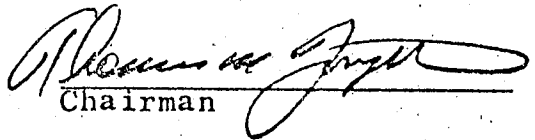
SECTION 32. REPEALER.

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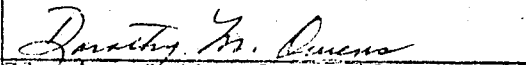
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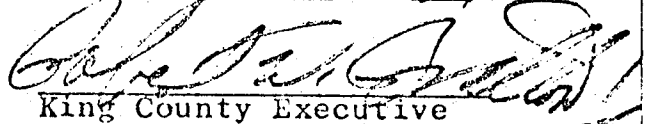
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of February, 1974


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ORDINANCE #1925 - NO SUCH ORDINANCE NUMBER NOT USED.