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October 18, 1978

CLERK
KING COUNTY COUNCIL

The Honorable Bernice Stern
Chairman, King County Council
B U I L D I N G

Dear Councilwoman Stern:

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Attached please find Ordinance No. ~~3309~~, Section 5 and 6 of which I have vetoed.

Sections 5 and 6 of Ordinance No. 3309 would appropriate funds to the Department of Rehabilitative Services to provide eight (8) additional Corrections Officers positions. I agree with the goal of this ordinance, and am transmitting to the Council under separate cover a proposed ordinance appropriating funds to create twelve (12) additional Corrections Officers positions as proposed in the 1979 Executive Proposed Budget.

While I agree with the goals of Ordinance #3309, Section 5 and 6 contain certain errors that required a veto. First, the ordinance apparently appropriates funds from the Human Services fund to provide for Corrections Officers. The Human Services fund contains revenue received from the State and other sources to provide for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities programs. While this fund might properly be used to support Corrections Officers used for the transportation of clients to Western State Hospital, it is not a proper source to support positions used in the routine operations of the Jail.

The Charter provides that all appropriations ordinances shall be initiated by the Executive. While this clearly does not preclude the amendment of such ordinances by the Council, in the instance of Ordinance No. 3309 the Council's amendment altered both the purpose of the ordinance and the source of funds. An amendment of this sort appears to be in conflict with the Charter and consequently an appropriate object for an Executive veto.

Sincerely,

John D. Spellman
County Executive

October 9, 1978

Introduced by: Mike Lowry
Proposed Ordinance No. 78-959

ORDINANCE NO.

3909

AN ORDINANCE making an appropriation of \$48,000 to Involuntary Treatment from Human Services and appropriating \$48,000 to Human Services from fund balance to pay for transportation cost overruns in Involuntary Treatment and making an appropriation from fund balance of \$40,000 to provide eight additional correction officer positions to the Department of Rehabilitative Services, amending Ordinance No. 3492, Section 28, 45 and 51, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$48,000 to the Involuntary Treatment fund from the Human Services fund.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 3492, Section 51, as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

Involuntary Treatment: ~~(\$478,897)~~ \$526,897

SECTION 3. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$48,000 to Human Services from fund balance, provided; after October 31, 1978, escorting and custodial functions paid for by these funds shall be executed by Department of Rehabilitative Services personnel and not King County Police Officers.

SECTION 4. Ordinance No. 3492, Section 45, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Human Services: ~~(\$8,950,776)~~ \$8,998,776

SECTION 5. There is hereby approved and adopted, an appropriation of \$40,000 from unappropriated fund balance to the Department of Rehabilitative Services to provide eight additional correction officer positions of which two shall be assigned primarily to escort prisoners to Western State Hospital and six shall be assigned primarily to guard prisoners at Harborview Medical Center.

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SECTION 6. Ordinance No. 3492, Section 28, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Rehabilitative Services: ~~+((\$5,025,482))~~ \$5,065,482

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 2nd day of October, 1978.

PASSED this 9th day of October, 1978.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18th day of October, 1978.

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King County Executive