

79-1159

ORDINANCE NO. 0004510

AN ORDINANCE relating to traffic control devices; meddling with signs prohibited; prescribing penalties, requiring mandatory terms of imprisonment where such act results in bodily harm; adding new sections to KCC 47.36.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is added to KCC 47.36 a new section to read as follows:

Meddling with signs prohibited. No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to, or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official traffic control signal, traffic device, or railroad sign or signal, or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any part thereof.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is added a new section to KCC 47.36 a new section to read as follows:

Misdemeanor. Any person who willfully or knowingly meddles with signs is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars and/or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months; PROVIDED THAT every person who is convicted of a violation in which the act of meddling with a sign or signs resulted in bodily harm to a person other than the convicted individual shall in addition to any other alternative judicial or administrative remedy be punished by imprisonment for not less than six months; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT the jail sentence shall not be suspended or deferred unless the judge finds that the imposition of the jail sentence will pose a risk to the defendant's physical or mental well being; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT

1 whenever the mandatory jail sentence is suspended or deferred
2 the judge must state, in writing, the reason for granting the
3 suspension or deferral, and the facts upon which the suspension
4 or deferral is granted.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 4th day of

6 September, 1979.

7 PASSED this 24th day of September, 1979.

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9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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11 Ruby Chow
12 Chairman

13 ATTEST:

14 Dorothy M. Ruess
15 Deputy Clerk of the Council

16 APPROVED this 27th day of September, 1979.

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18 [Signature]
19 King County Executive