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Introduced By: Sims/Barden

Proposed No.: 86-464

ORDINANCE NO. 7791

AN ORDINANCE establishing a moratorium on issuance of new taxicab licenses in King County and amending Ordinance 6887, Section 16, and KCC 6.64.470.

PREAMBLE:

An Ad Hoc Taxi Task Force, comprised of representatives of the King County Council, the Seattle City Council, taxicab industry, hospitality industry, taxicab licensing agencies, and citizens, has recommended to the King County Council that entry to the taxicab industry be limited in order to preserve the safety, reliability and economic viability of taxi transportation services in King County. The task force has been charged with developing criteria for limiting entry. The King County Council finds that viability of taxi transportation services is a matter of public concern and hereby establishes a moratorium on new licenses for taxicabs in King County for one year, pending development of the task force recommendations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 6887, Section 16 and KCC 6.64.470 are hereby amended as follows:

Moratorium. The King County council finds and declares that privately operated taxicab transportation service is a vital part of the transportation system of King County and provides demand-responsive services to county residents and the traveling public. Consequently, the safety, reliability and economic viability of privately operated taxi transportation is a matter of county concern and regulation of such transportation is an essential governmental function.

1 In order to protect the public health, welfare and safety of
2 the citizens of King County and the traveling public and in order
3 to assure a viable taxi transportation system in King County, the
4 King County council finds that it is necessary and in the public
5 interest to declare a moratorium on the issuance of new taxicab
6 vehicle licenses (~~for a period of twelve months from the~~
7 ~~effective date of this chapter~~) until October 1, 1987. Any
8 licenses issued or renewed between August 1, 1985 and the
9 effective date of this ordinance may be renewed pursuant to other
10 provisions of KCC Chapter 6.64.

11 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11th day
12 of August, 1986.

13 PASSED this 22nd day of September, 1986.

14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
15 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16 Audrey Gruyer
17 Chair

18 ATTEST:

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20 Dorothy M. Ruene
21 Clerk of the Council

22 APPROVED this 1st day of October, 1986.

23 J. Hill
24 King County Executive