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ORDINANCE NO. **9603**

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2 AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission
3 to the electors of King County at a special
4 election to be held therein on November 6,
5 1990 of a proposition authorizing the levy
6 of a general tax each year for five
7 consecutive years to be collected beginning
8 in 1991, at an additional levy rate of not
9 more than \$.02 per \$1,000 of assessed
10 valuation, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, as
11 amended, to support the operation of an
12 automated fingerprint identification
13 computer system (AFIS) and providing for
14 termination of the fifth year of the
15 automated fingerprint identification system
16 levy authorized by a vote of the people at
17 a special election held on November 4,
18 1986.

19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

20 SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of purpose.

21 The council finds that:

22 A. Enactment of this ordinance is necessary for the
23 health, welfare, benefit, and safety of the residents within
24 King County.

25 B. An additional property tax levy of \$.025 per \$1,000 of
26 assessed valuation was approved by a vote of the people at a
27 special election held on November 4, 1986. This ballot measure
28 was authorized by Ordinance No. 7747. The county has used the
29 proceeds from this levy to acquire and operate an automated
30 fingerprint identification system. This system has proven to
31 be an effective crime-fighting tool. It has significantly
32 improved the ability of police departments to identify and
33 convict criminals. As a result, burglary rates have dropped
34 significantly.

35 C. Although the AFIS program has been a success, this
36 system is not fully utilized due to significant understaffing.
37 Ordinance No. 7747 limited funding of staffing to three
38 positions. This limitation has resulted in inadequate staff to
39 fingerprint prisoners booked into the county jail, and to
40 process fingerprints when they are obtained. At present 40% of
41 all county prisoners (including some felons and gross

1 misdemeanants) are not fingerprinted. Without fingerprints it
2 is difficult to make positive identifications of prisoners. As
3 a result, many prisoners are released from jail with
4 outstanding warrants. In addition, crime-scene fingerprint
5 submissions are lower than anticipated because insufficient
6 staff are available to provide training in this area of police
7 work. Not all crime scene evidence is fully processed for
8 fingerprints due to this staffing shortage.

9 D. It is projected the property tax levy authorized by
10 Ordinance No. 7747 will accumulate \$2.5 million in unexpended
11 funds by the end of 1990. These funds will be used to continue
12 current operations and to pay the last year of debt service for
13 acquisition of the automated fingerprint identification system
14 as noted in Attachment A of this ordinance.

15 E. Upon approval of the voters of the proposition
16 contained in this ordinance, additional equipment will be
17 required and additional personnel will be hired to increase the
18 effectiveness of the automated fingerprint identification
19 system. This system will be available for use by any public
20 law enforcement agency within King County, without charge, as
21 provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance.

22 F. The AFIS system will continue to be available, as
23 capacity allows, to law enforcement agencies of the state and
24 federal government and other jurisdictions operating outside
25 the boundaries of King County on a cost reimbursement basis
26 under contracts entered into with King County. Such
27 reimbursements will provide for full reimbursement of the costs
28 of such use.

29 G. The provision of automated fingerprint identification
30 services to law enforcement agencies operating in King County
31 on a county-wide basis is a public purpose of King County.
32 Considerations of efficiency also dictate that the county make
33 such services available as capacity allows to jurisdictions
34 operating outside the boundaries of King County on a cost
35 reimbursement basis.

1 H. In order to assure such provision of services, and to
2 reduce the excess funds which would be made available at the
3 current levy rate of \$.025 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, a
4 new levy at a reduced rate of \$.02 per \$1,000 of assessed
5 valuation is proposed. This new levy will provide
6 approximately \$2.2 million annually over a five year levy
7 period beginning in 1991.

8 SECTION 2. City and other jurisdictions' access. It is
9 recognized that the cities of King County and other local law
10 enforcement agencies such as the Port of Seattle provide law
11 enforcement services which are separate from the county.
12 During the period of this five-year levy as set forth herein
13 and as authorized by the qualified electors of King County, all
14 tax revenues collected pursuant to such five-year levy from
15 taxable property located within the legal boundaries of King
16 County shall be used by King County for the provision of
17 automated fingerprint identification services to King County,
18 the cities within King County, and other local law enforcement
19 agencies within King County. Such services may also be made
20 available as capacity allows on a full cost reimbursement basis
21 through contractual arrangements with King County to
22 jurisdictions such as the State and local governments operating
23 outside the boundaries of King County.

24 SECTION 3. Allowable expenditures. Automated fingerprint
25 identification services as provided for herein shall include
26 acquisition of automated fingerprint identification computer
27 equipment, peripheral workstations together with necessary
28 software and hardware, and provision for hardware and software
29 operations and maintenance expenses to include system
30 maintenance contracts, staff to use and operate the system,
31 supplies, space rental and other necessary support costs for
32 the five-year program. The underlying financial plan for this
33 system is provided in Attachment A.

34 SECTION 4. Termination of the fifth year of the
35 additional property tax levy authorized by vote of the people

1 on November 4, 1986. The existing automated fingerprint
2 identification system levy of \$.025 per \$1,000 assessed
3 valuation will not be levied by the county if the new five-
4 year levy of \$.02 per \$1,000 assessed valuation is approved by
5 a vote of the people on November 6, 1990.

6 SECTION 5. Authorization of levy. The authorization for
7 this additional regular property tax levy for the support of
8 purchase and operation of an automated fingerprint
9 identification system is found in RCW 84.55.050, as amended.

10 SECTION 6. Type of levy. Pursuant to the authorization in
11 RCW 84.55.050 as recently amended, this levy is a regular
12 property tax levy which is subject to the statutory tax rate
13 limit of RCW 84.52.043 and to the limitations imposed in RCW
14 84.55.050 as amended.

15 SECTION 7. Deposit of funds. All funds collected under
16 this levy shall be deposited into the King County Automated
17 Fingerprint Identification System Fund which shall continue to
18 be a first tier fund and shall be invested for its own benefit
19 as set forth in KCC 4.10.

20 SECTION 8. Ratification by voters. This five-year levy
21 must be approved by a majority of the electors of King County
22 voting on the proposition, at the election held on November 6,
23 1990 and as provided in RCW 84.55.050 as amended.

24 SECTION 9. Call for special election. Pursuant to RCW
25 29.13.010 and RCW 29.13.070, it is hereby deemed that an
26 emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified
27 electors of the county at a special county election to be held
28 therein on November 6, 1990, in conjunction with the state-
29 wide general election to be held on the same date, of a
30 proposition authorizing the previously described five-year levy
31 for the purchase and operation of automated fingerprint
32 identification system services. The manager of the division of
33 records and elections shall cause notice to be given of this
34 ordinance in accordance with the State Constitution and general
35 law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county at

1 the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter
2 set forth.

3 The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed
4 to certify that proposition to the manager of the King County
5 division of records and elections in substantially the
6 following form:

7 King County, Washington

8 Proposition _____: Regular Property Tax Levy for
9 Automated Fingerprint Identification System Services.

10 Shall King County levy an annual regular property tax for
11 five consecutive years to be collected beginning in 1991, at an
12 additional levy rate of not more than \$.02 per \$1000 of
13 assessed valuation, to support operation of an automated
14 fingerprint identification system to improve the ability of law
15 enforcement agencies to rapidly identify and convict felons and
16 other criminals, all as provided in King County Ordinance No.
17 9603.

18 Proposition, yes

19 Proposition, no

20 SECTION 10. Severability. Should any section, subsection,
21 sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared
22 unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, that determination
23 shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this
24 ordinance.

25 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th
26 day of August, 1990.

27 PASSED this 29th day of August, 1990.

28 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
29 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

30 Lois North
31 Chair

32 ATTEST:

33 Quadd A. Peterson
34 Clerk of the Council

35 APPROVED this 10th day of September, 1990.

36 Jim Hill
37 King County Executive

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1991-95 AFIS FINANCIAL PLAN
(with old & new levy funds segregated)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Prior Levy Balance	2,539,719	1,475,926	846,588	136,565	(0)
Interest	135,795	78,539	33,247	4,618	(0)
Current Program Expenditures	(674,168)	(707,877)	(743,270)	(780,434)	(819,456)
Debt Service	(525,420)	0	0	0	0
Contribution From New Levy	0	0	0	639,251	819,456
Prior Levy Ending Balance	1,475,926	846,588	136,565	0	0
Beginning Balance	0	626,939	1,019,833	1,183,617	998,239
New Levy Funds	1,900,545	1,957,561	2,212,044	2,278,406	2,574,599
Property Tax	21,201	55,688	74,513	73,783	61,424
Interest	(1,294,807)	(1,620,356)	(2,122,774)	(1,898,315)	(1,996,683)
Additional Program Expenditures	0	0	0	(639,251)	(819,456)
Contribution to Existing Program					
New Levy Ending Balance	626,939	1,019,833	1,183,617	998,239	818,122
Total Fund Balance	2,102,865	1,866,422	1,320,181	998,238	818,122