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ORDINANCE NO. 10431

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to fireworks;
3 limiting the discharge of fireworks to
4 July 4 only in calendar year 1992 and
5 limiting the days of sale in 1992 and
6 amending Ordinance 6836, Section 6 as
7 amended and K.C.C. 6.26.060 and declaring
8 an emergency.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. Findings of Fact.

11 A. The King County Council finds that watershed
12 precipitation in the Cedar River Watershed is the lowest in 90
13 years of record keeping by the U.S. Weather Service, and
14 precipitation in the Tolt Watershed is the lowest in 47 years.

15 B. Watershed in-flows were 40% of normal on the Cedar
16 River and 25% of normal on the Tolt River.

17 C. The King County Council declares an emergency due to
18 the severe drought conditions and extreme fire danger.

19 SECTION 2. Ordinance 6836, Section 6 as amended and
20 K.C.C. 6.26.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:

21 Retail Sales and Discharge of Fireworks. A. Only common
22 fireworks as defined in this chapter are legal for sale to the
23 public.

24 B. The sale, possession, use or discharge of any
25 fireworks prior to 12:00 noon on June 28th or after 12:00 noon
26 on July 6th each year is prohibited except where authorized by
27 the fire marshal or exempted under this chapter.

28 No common fireworks may be sold except between the
29 following hours and dates:

30	June 28	12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
31	June 29 - July 5	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
32	July 6	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

33 No common fireworks may be discharged except between the
34 following hours and dates:

35	June 28	12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
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1 June 29 - July 5 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 2 July 6 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

3 C. King County restricts the discharge of common
 4 fireworks in calendar year 1992 to July 4 only. The times of
 5 discharge shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

6 No common fireworks shall be sold after July 4 in calendar
 7 year 1992 only. No sales on July 4, 1992 shall occur after 11
 8 p.m.

9 ((E-)) D. Only fireworks defined as common fireworks
 10 in this chapter may be sold at retail stands.

11 ((D-)) E. A permit for the retail sale of fireworks
 12 issued by the fire marshal must be prominently displayed at the
 13 sales location.

14 ((E-)) F. Retail operators applying for a permit shall
 15 submit a copy of their State Retailers License authorizing the
 16 holder to engage in the fireworks business with the application
 17 for a permit under this chapter. Each permit application must
 18 be accompanied by a certificate of insurance as described in
 19 this chapter.

20 ((F-)) G. A cash deposit in the amount of fifty
 21 dollars (\$50.00) must be posted with the fire marshal at least
 22 30 days in advance of the initial sales date to provide for
 23 costs of site cleanup. The deposit shall be forfeited to King
 24 County if the operator fails to perform such cleanup by July
 25 10th of the permit year. If the operator properly performs the
 26 cleanup, the deposit shall be returned to the operator.

27 ((G-)) H. The annual permit fee for the retail sale of
 28 common fireworks shall be twenty dollars as authorized by the
 29 laws of the State of Washington, payable in advance to the
 30 office of the King County fire marshal.

31 ((H-)) I. Only one permit per year for the retail sale
 32 of fireworks shall be issued to any person and that permit
 33 shall entitle the permittee to maintain one retail outlet only.

34 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and
 35 declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
2 health or safety or for the support of county government and
3 its existing public institutions.


4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 1st day
5 of June, 1992.

6 PASSED this 22nd day of June, 1992.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:

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13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 24th day of June, 1992

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16 King County Executive

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