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ORDINANCE NO. **13072**

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AN ORDINANCE requiring a vote of the citizens of King County on whether or not county facilities, services or funds should be used to help host the 2012 Olympics.

PREAMBLE:

The Seattle Bid Committee will make a formal bid to the United States Olympic Committee to host the 2012 Summer Olympics. While it is broadly understood that to host the Olympics would be a great honor for Seattle and all of King County, the public understands there are also disadvantages to serving as host. The public will be subject to significant inconveniences during the preparation for and actual staging of the games, and will almost certainly be asked to shoulder some of the costs. King County Ordinance 12640 partially funded a feasibility study of hosting the 2008 (now 2012) Olympic Games. The ordinance also articulated in the belief that there should be a public vote prior to hosting the Olympic Games. The feasibility study reached the same conclusion.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan council of King County will, in consultation with the Seattle Bid Committee, the City of Seattle and other interested parties, establish an independent committee to review the direct public costs and benefits of hosting the 2012 Summer Olympics. Prior to deciding whether to host the event King County shall consider the views of the voters of King County obtained through an advisory ballot measure.

1 SECTION 2. Examples of the types of expenditures the county could make to host
2 the Olympics include: allowing the use of county facilities for events such as King County
3 International Airport and parks facilities; providing county police, transit and other services;
4 building roads and other public infrastructure to meet traffic or facility demands; and
5 providing funding to other public or nonprofit agencies that will build facilities or provide
6 services in support of the Olympics.

7 SECTION 3. It is found and declared that an emergency exists requiring the
8 submission to the voters of King County, at a special election to be held on November 7,
9 2000, a proposition as to whether King County should appropriate funds and make facilities
10 and services available to host the 2012 Summer Olympics. The manager of the King
11 County records and elections division, as ex officio supervisor of all elections held in King
12 County, is authorized and requested also to find the existence of such emergency and to
13 assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct such special election to be held within the
14 county on November 7, 2000. The clerk of the council is authorized and directed to certify
15 this ordinance to the manager of King County records and elections division together with a
16 ballot title, prepared and certified by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in accordance with
17 state law. The ballot title should state the estimated direct public costs of the Olympics as
18 identified by the independent committee. The election shall be conducted pursuant to Title
19 29 RCW.

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SECTION 4. Pursuant to R.C.W. 29.81A.010 authorization is granted for the production and distribution of a voters' pamphlet for an advisory ballot measure to be placed on the November 7, 2000 election ballot regarding King County's use public funds, facilities and services to host the 2012 Summer Olympics.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 2nd day of March 1998.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 6th day of April,
1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Eunice
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8 day of April, 1998

Deborah C. ...
King County Executive

Attachments: None