



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE waiving certain statutory and code requirements relating to the King County correctional facility integrated security project; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. The electronic security system in the King County correctional facility ("KCCF") provides security alarm monitoring of the building perimeter and interior doors, remote door control of inmate movement and cell doors, and includes intercom and other communications systems, utility control systems and elevator control systems. The security system is a critical component of the jail system. When properly functioning, the security system provides a safe and secure environment to KCCF staff, inmates, and the public. If the system does not function properly, jail security could be compromised. The present equipment in most cases dates from the original construction of the KCCF nearly twenty years ago.

B. The metropolitan King County council placed a proviso on the 2003 annual budget for the replacement of the KCCF electronic security system, known as the integrated security project ("ISP"), pending the council approval of an operational master plan ("OMP") for the KCCF.

C. The metropolitan King County council recognized in said proviso the potential for the executive to propose amending or repealing portions of the requirements of the proviso as to elements of the ISP as a result of evaluation of the OMP quarterly reports and cost/benefit and risk analysis of the ISP.

D. The office of management and budget and the King County auditor's office are jointly leading an

OMP advisory group, which includes representatives from both the executive and legislative branches of King County government.

E. The OMP Advisory Group has procured an OMP consultant, Christopher Murray & Associates, with an electronic jail security system expert, On Line Electric, as a subconsultant to provide an assessment of the KCCF electronic security system ("the KCCF security consultants").

F. The KCCF security consultants have concluded in a report dated May 23, 2003, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, that:

1. The existing electronic security system has surpassed its predicted useful lifespan;
2. Most critical control components are obsolete and replacement parts and vendor support are not available;
3. It is a "virtual certainty" that major electronic security systems at the KCCF will fail in the very near future; and
4. Replacement of the electronic security system should proceed immediately.

G. The possibility of a failure in the KCCF electronic security system constitutes an emergency that presents a real and immediate threat to the proper performance of essential government functions, and will likely result in material loss or damage to property and injury to persons unless expeditious action is taken on the ISP.

H. An emergency waiver of competitive bidding and formal solicitation requirements of state and county law is necessary to assure the timely availability of construction, design and other required services, materials and equipment necessary to prevent delay in the performance of the ISP.

SECTION 2. The requirements for competitive bidding and formal solicitation of construction, design and other required services, materials and equipment under chapters 36.32, 39.80 and 39.10 RCW and K.C.C. chapters 4.04, 4.16, 4.18, 12.16 and 12.18 are hereby waived with reference to any contracts relating to the ISP. This waiver expires upon completion of this project.

SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists due to the imminent danger of the KCCF electronic security failing, and that this ordinance is necessary for the

immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and welfare of the public, King County employees and KCCF inmates.