

RESOLUTION NO. 1237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, TAKING A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1 AUTHORIZING A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the King County Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) has been in existence, serving all of King County criminal justice, since 1998, and

WHEREAS, public safety in King County has been vastly improved by King County AFIS through creation of an electronic database that stores fingerprints of all persons booked in a detention facility within King County, and

WHEREAS, the King County AFIS database is connected to other AFIS databases and fingerprints in the King County database are automatically compared to fingerprints collected by Police Officers at crime scenes, and

WHEREAS, comparison of these fingerprints has solved over 17,000 criminal cases that otherwise would not have been solved, and

WHEREAS, some of these crimes involve major felonies such as murder, attempted murder, felony assault, sexual assault and robbery, and

WHEREAS, innocent persons suspected or accused of crimes have been cleared through use of AFIS, and

WHEREAS, prior to AFIS only one percent of inmates giving false names at the time of booking in King County were correctly identified prior to release from custody, and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of AFIS ninety-six percent of inmates giving false names at the time of booking are now correctly identified prior to release, and

WHEREAS, the regional AFIS model has provided excellent and effective crime solving support to the criminal justice agencies in King County since inception in 1988, and

WHEREAS, King County AFIS is in need of increased staff and technology upgrades, and

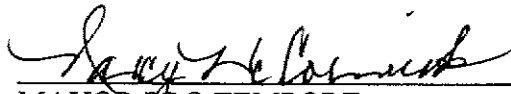
WHEREAS, King County AFIS is funded solely through voter approved levy's authorized by the King County Council and funding must be renewed through approval of a levy every five years, and

WHEREAS, the loss of King County AFIS would severely degrade law enforcement effectiveness in King County, including the City of Redmond; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES that the City Council of the City of Redmond take an official position in support of the continued funding of the King County AFIS program and urge the community to vote in favor of King County Proposition No. 1 authorizing a regular property tax levy for Automated Fingerprint Identification System services at a primary election to be held on September 19, 2006.

RESOLVED this 5th day of September 2006.

CITY OF REDMOND



MAYOR PRO TEMPORE,
NANCY McCORMICK

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



MALISA FILES, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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August 30, 2006
September 5, 2006