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Mayor's Veto
Council Order 1398

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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President Your Streets and Sewers Committee

to which was referred the within Veto of C. B. 24398

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that it be passed notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor

Wm. H. ...
CHAIRMAN

Wm. H. ...

CITY OF SEATTLE
OFFICE

December 3rd, 1915.

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith, without my approval, Council Bill No. 24398,
entitled:

"An Ordinance providing for the changings and estbalishing
of the curb grades of 12th. Ave. South, from Weller St.
to Judkin St. etc. "

for the following reasons:

First: It is my personal opinion, that if, a regrade is under-
taken at any part of Beacon Hill, it should only be undertaken, when we know
that some beneficial result will follow. This grade, which will lower 12th
Ave. thirty five (35) ft. at the Southend of the bridge, is not low enough
to confer any benefit upon the property lying to the West, nor is it low
enough to insure against further sliding. It confers no benefit in the way
of reducing the grades to the top of the hill, as it simply transfers the
present eight (8) per cent grade, from the bridge itself to the block lying
between Norman and Judkins. At the present time slides which have been so
vast and so expensive, appear to be decreasing, and it seems to me that this
bill simply incubates another interminable mass of litigation and
expense, without any corresponding benefit. The damages to be assessed for
the condemnation would necessarily be very large, to say nothing of the
cost of the improvement itself to follow. There can be no benefits assessed

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to any of those whose property is destroyed, and the result will ~~either~~ be another one of those blanket assessments, which have been so burdensome in the past, where people are unable to appreciate an alleged benefit, which they never see.

2nd. In any event, I believe that if this improvement should be put through at this time, it should only be done, upon the petition of those who are to be financially affected. This has been the policy of your Honorable Body in minor improvements, and I do not think should be departed from in one of the magnitude of this. We are all very hopeful for the future, but I think that the hope for prosperity should be firmly established before this City enters into any more large regrade projects. Personally I took this office under a promise to dis-approve such improvements as this unless petitioned for, and for that if no other reason, I should be obliged to dis-approve of this bill.

Very respectfully


MAYOR.

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