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COUNCIL BILL No.

108796

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Office of Management and Budget; authorizing an assessment of barriers to people with disabilities in the access of downtown City-owned buildings and any contracts necessary therefor; and making an appropriation from the Cumulative Reserve Fund therefor.

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Honorable President:

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Full Council vote 8-0

*Tom Thibodeau*

Committee Chair

OK

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. As requested by the Budget Director and recommended by the Mayor in the attachments hereto, the Office of Management and Budget is authorized to proceed with an assessment of barriers to people with disabilities in the access of downtown City-owned buildings, and the Director is authorized to enter into any necessary interdepartmental, intergovernmental or consulting contracts necessary to accomplish such assessment. For such purposes, the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000), that sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Cumulative Reserve Fund, Major Maintenance and Renovation Subfund. The City Comptroller is authorized to draw and the City Treasurer to pay the necessary warrants.

Section 2. Any act pursuant to the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1991,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1991. Carl Smith  
X President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1991.

Norman B. Rice  
Mayor.  
Filed by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1991.

Norward J. Brooks  
Attest: City Comptroller and City Clerk.

By Margaret Carter  
Deputy Clerk.

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# City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Andrew J. Lofton, Director  
Norman B. Rice, Mayor



September 11, 1991

Honorable Paul Kraabel, President  
City Council  
City of Seattle

Dear Councilmember Kraabel:

The attached ordinance provides authorization and funding for the Office of Management and Budget to proceed with a contract that will assist us in meeting the requirements for compliance with Title II (Nondiscrimination in State and Local Government Services) of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We propose to contract with a community agency to perform physical assessments of our five major downtown City-owned buildings -- Municipal, Public Safety, Dexter Horton, Arctic and Alaska. This project will be funded by up to \$12,000 from the Major Maintenance and Renovation Subfund of the Cumulative Reserve Fund. We would like to begin this work within the next few weeks.

As part of the requirements for compliance with ADA, we must perform an assessment of the accessibility of all programs, activities, and services of each City department. An essential part of the assessment involves determining if existing facilities are accessible according to specified standards.

The Department of Justice recently issued regulations stating that until supplemental accessibility standards are published specifically for Title II (probably next year), government agencies can choose to follow either the new ADA standards which have been established for private buildings or the somewhat less stringent requirements which have been in effect for some time for federal agencies. In our state, the WAC Regulations for Barrier-Free Facilities must also be considered because they specify stricter requirements in certain areas.

There is a strong feeling within the disabilities community that people with disabilities need to be involved in the assessment of facilities. There are many examples where even architects or other technical experts who were familiar with accessibility standards did not perceive barriers to people with certain types of disabilities or to those with disabilities different from their own.

Individual departments have designated an ADA representative who will be responsible for coordinating assessments within their own departments, but it is unreasonable to expect them to become experts on the technical specifications for these large, complex buildings within a short time frame. City staff who have knowledge of building accessibility standards may not yet be familiar with the new requirements of ADA in order to determine what changes there are from standards already in use. In addition, these employees may not necessarily have the perspective of people with disabilities.

These five major buildings house multiple departments, so even if City staff were able to perform facility assessments for their own departments, there would be much duplication of effort for the common areas such as entrances, elevators, etc. In addition, since management of these buildings is handled by the Department of Administrative Services,

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individual departments would not have responsibility for accomplishing many of the changes that may be needed to make each building accessible.

The City is interested in understanding what is required to ensure full access to all of its programs and services for members of the public with disabilities. We also want to be aware of accessibility issues for employees with disabilities. In order to identify areas where it might be possible for the City to move beyond compliance with minimum requirements, we need the expertise of consultants who know the technical specifications, understand the differences between the standards, and who are also knowledgeable about the needs of people with various types of disabilities.

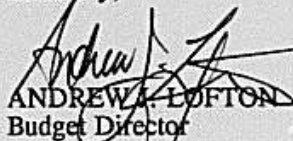
We are recommending that the Washington Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (WCCD) perform this work. WCCD has significant experience in facility assessment work because within the last two years, they have evaluated over 70 community-based organizations that contract with the City through the Community Development Block Grant program. WCCD has also performed assessments for several large organizations and other government agencies. People with various types of disabilities are included on their assessment teams.

The final report produced from the consultant's work will ensure that the assessment of each of these buildings is done in a timely manner and that it is done accurately and consistently. We will have involvement of people with disabilities that will be credible in the disabilities community, and we will have an overall evaluation of what improvements are needed to make major City buildings accessible. The consultant's report will be a valuable tool that will guide the City in making decisions as we proceed with developing transition plans for the purpose of ensuring access to services for people with disabilities. These plans can then serve as the basis for decisions in the 1993 and subsequent Capital Improvement Programs.

For the same reasons outlined above, we have recommended that the Seattle Public Library sign a contract with WCCD to perform facility assessments on all 23 of its buildings. The Library has an existing CIP project with sufficient appropriation authority to fund the assessments (Library Restroom Renovations - project B58074). Additional funds will be proposed in the 1992 CIP submittal to begin to address deficiencies identified in the survey.

Additional questions about these either of these projects can be addressed to OMB staff members Elaine Marklund at 4-8110 or Lanny Shuman at 4-8046.

Sincerely,

  
ANDREW A. LOFTON  
Budget Director

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# City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Andrew J. Lofton, Director  
Norman B. Rice, Mayor



September 11, 1991

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The Honorable Mark Sidran  
City Attorney  
City of Seattle

*Changes  
as requested  
by [signature]*

Dear Mr. Sidran:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING  
DEPARTMENT:

Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Office of Management and Budget; authorizing an assessment of barriers to people with disabilities in the access of downtown City-owned buildings; and making an appropriation from the Cumulative Reserve Fund therefor.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation to your office for review and redrafting.

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, please return the legislation to OMB. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Elaine Marklund at 684-8110.

Sincerely,

Norman B. Rice  
Mayor

by

*[Signature of Andrew J. Lofton]*  
ANDREW J. LOFTON  
Budget Director

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Enclosure

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# STATE OF WASHINGTON - KING COUNTY

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City of Seattle

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No.

## City of Seattle

### TITLE-ONLY PUBLICATION

The full text of the following ordinances, passed by the City Council on September 30, 1991, and published here by title only, will be mailed, at no cost, upon request for two months after this publication. For further information, contact the Seattle City Clerk at 684-8354.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 115873

Relating to the Seattle Public Library, making an appropriation from the Library Fund of grant funds received from the U. S. Department of Education for certain services and materials.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 115874

Relating to the City Light Department, authorizing an agreement with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for the loan of a City Light Department employee.

#### ORDINANCE 115876

Relating to the Office of Management and Budget; authorizing an assessment of barriers to people with disabilities in the access of downtown City-owned buildings and any contracts necessary therefor; and making an appropriation from the Cumulative Reserve Fund therefor.

#### ORDINANCE 115878

Appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

Publication ordered by NORWARD J. BROOKS, Comptroller and City Clerk.

Date of official publication in Daily Journal of Commerce, Seattle, October 11, 1991.  
10/11/9996

## Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which amount has been paid in full.

K. Kells  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

10/11/91

Jennifer A. Nicholson  
Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle