

ORDINANCE No. 117244

COUNCIL BILL No. 110254

AN ORDINANCE providing for a voluntary program of registration of domestic partnerships with the Office of the City Clerk, for the issuance by the Office of the City Clerk of "Certificates of Registration of Domestic Partnership", and establishing filing fees in connection therewith.

The City of Seattle--Legislative

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Honorable President: HCDUE
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to which was referred the within Council Bill No. 110254
report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

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Full Council vote 9-0

Sherry D Harris

Committee Chair

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14 WHEREAS, many of these living arrangements involve long-term
15 committed relationships between unmarried persons; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that persons in such long-
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18 regard themselves as family; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that families and other long
20 term committed relationships foster economic stability and
21 emotional and psychological bonds; and

22 WHEREAS, the welfare of all residents of the City of Seattle is
23 enhanced by measures that reinforce the bonds of families and
24 long-term committed relationships and that encourage commitment
25 to proper care for children and parents; and

26 WHEREAS, the City has an interest in strengthening and supporting
27 all caring, committed and responsible family forms; and

28 WHEREAS, there is presently no means for unmarried persons involved
29 in long-term committed relationships to make an official record
30 of their relationship; and

31 WHEREAS, the City can provide a means whereby two persons can
32 register their acknowledgement that such a relationship exists
33 between them; and

WHEREAS, participation in such a registration program is entirely
voluntary; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgement or recognition of a domestic partnership
registration by any other person is voluntary; and

WHEREAS, the registration program provided for in this ordinance is
not intended to create any new or different legal rights or
responsibilities, or to itself create or evidence any
contractual relationship or obligations between the individuals
who participate in the registration program; Now Therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Registration of Domestic Partnership. The Office
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voluntary program of registration of domestic partnerships. The
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1 form of the "Registration of Domestic Partnership" attached as
2 "Attachment A" to this ordinance. Such Registration of Domestic
3 Partnership shall require both registrants to certify that they
4 consider themselves to be domestic partners and that:

- 5 a. neither of them is married;
- 6 b. they are in a relationship of mutual support, caring,
7 and commitment;
- 8 c. they are each eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- 9 d. they are not related by blood closer than would bar
10 marriage in the State of Washington; and,
- 11 e. they are each other's sole domestic partner.

12 Section 2. Certificates of Registration of Domestic Partner-
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14 executed "Registration of Domestic Partnership" and payment of the
15 appropriate fee, issue to the two persons who have signed and filed
16 such a registration a certificate of registration in a form
17 substantially similar to the "Certificate of Registration of
18 Domestic Partnership" attached as "Attachment B" to this ordinance.

19 Section 3. Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership. The
20 Office of the City Clerk shall provide a form with which any person
21 who has filed a Registration of Domestic Partnership under this
22 ordinance may terminate the registration of that domestic partner-
23 ship.

24 Section 4. Filing Fees. The filing fee for filing with the
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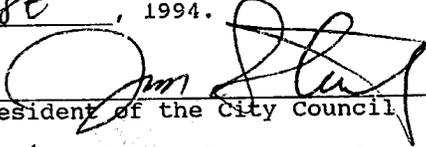
29 Section 5. The City Clerk's office shall maintain adequate
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31 pursuant to this ordinance.

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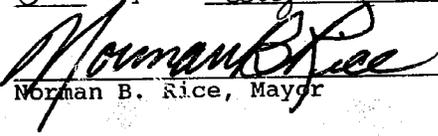
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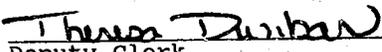
4 Passed by the City Council the 18th day of August, 1994,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage
6 this 18th day of August, 1994.

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President of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 5th day of August, 1994.

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Norman B. Rice, Mayor

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13 Filed by me this 10th day of August, 1994.

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nd 34 WHEREAS, acknowledgement or recognition of ^{a domestic partnership} ~~such a~~ ^{registration} relationship by
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5 Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 1994,
6 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage
7 this _____ day of _____, 1994.

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10 President of the City Council

11 Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 1994.

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13 Norman B. Rice, Mayor

14 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 1994.

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City of Seattle, City Clerk

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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 herein referred to, published in the English language continuously as a 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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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____, which amount has been paid in full.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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[Signature]

Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

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Passed by the City Council the 1st day of August, 1994, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 1st day of August, 1994.

JIM STREET
President of the City Council
Approved by me this 6th day of August, 1994.
NORMAN B. RICE,
Mayor
Filed by me this 10th day of August, 1994.
(Seal) THERESA DUNBAR,
Deputy Clerk
Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk.
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ORDINANCE 117248

AN ORDINANCE relating to library facilities, providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held thereon on November 8, 1994, in conjunction with the city's general election to be held on the same date, a proposition authorizing the city to incur its indebtedness by issuing its general obligation bonds, payable by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies for the purpose of paying all or a part of the costs of constructing, acquiring, renovating and equipping central, branch, satellite and other library facilities and to levy those excess property taxes in the event of an emergency and requesting a special election.

WHEREAS, Seattle's Public Libraries provide our community with easy access to a vast array of ideas and information and an opportunity for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees (the "Board") in June, 1993, approved a Seattle Public Library Facilities Master Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was the result of careful planning by the Board, with extensive contributions of ideas from the community through a five year public process including numerous open hearings and meetings in neighborhoods throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the response from the community expressed a clear desire to bring existing library facilities up to date by providing additional spaces, services and collections; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for construction of a new central downtown library, "magnet" branches throughout the City, and the improvement or expansion of many of the Seattle Public Library's branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested that the Mayor's City Council place before the voters for approval a proposition of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$155,000,000) to carry out the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes it may be necessary to identify additional operating funds to pay for the increased costs of operating and maintaining new library facilities, and may in the future place a proposition before the voters a levy and lift proposition for this purpose; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Seattle (the "City") shall acquire, design, construct, renovate, improve and equip library facilities comprising three major components: (1) a central downtown library, with an expected allocation of One Hundred Fifteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$15,500,000) of bond proceeds; (2) new magnet branch libraries in Ballard, Columbia, and Northgate, with a combined expected allocation of Twenty-Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,100,000) of bond proceeds; and (3) neighborhood branch libraries located at North Beacon Hill, West Seattle, Greenwood/Wallingford-Lincoln, Madrona, Magnolia, Lake City, and North East Seattle, as well as upgrading system-wide computer technology linking libraries and schools, with a combined expected allocation of Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,900,000) of bond proceeds; together with such changes or additions as may be approved pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance (collectively, the "Project"). The estimated cost of the Project, including the costs of issuing and selling the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is declared to be, as nearly as may be, One Hundred Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$155,000,000). The economic life of the facilities comprising the Project is expected to be at least thirty (30) years.

Section 2. The City shall incur indebtedness and borrow money to not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$155,000,000) on the credit of the City and issue and sell its general obligation bonds not to exceed that principal amount for strictly municipal capital purposes, other than the replacement of equipment, to provide all or part of the funds for the Project. Costs of engineering, architectural, planning, project management, financial, legal and other services lawfully incurred incident to the Project, costs of issuance of the bonds, and an apportionment equal to not more than one percent (1%) of construction expenditures on the Project upon public works for art pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 20.32.030, shall be appropriate capital costs to be paid from the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this ordinance.

Section 3. The City may change, add to or delete all or a portion of any Project component and the expected allocation of bond proceeds to any Project component described in Section 1 of this ordinance in the manner described in this Section 3, so long as the proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to this ordinance are spent on library facility

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