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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is unlawful within the City of Seattle to publish or distribute, or print or cause to be printed for such purpose, any multi-graphed, photographed, typewritten, printed or written pamphlet, circular, card, dodger, or similar publication which includes any statement, advertisement or other matter relating to or concerning any candidate for public office in any city election; or concerning any issue, proposal or proposition submitted to the voters at any such election, unless such statement, advertisement or other matter includes identification of the author or authors, or source or sponsor of such matter by true name or names, and address or addresses; and when an association or committee is such author or source or sponsor of such matter in such publication, there shall also be included in such identification the true name and address of the head or principal officer thereof; Provided that this ordinance shall not be construed to apply to any newspaper or magazine regularly published for one year preceding such publication.

Section 2. Anyone violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$300 or imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment, and each day's violation or failure to comply shall constitute a separate offense.

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 10 day of January, 1955,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 10 day of
January, 1955.

M. J. Mitchell
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 19 day of January, 1955.
Allen Tomney
Mayor

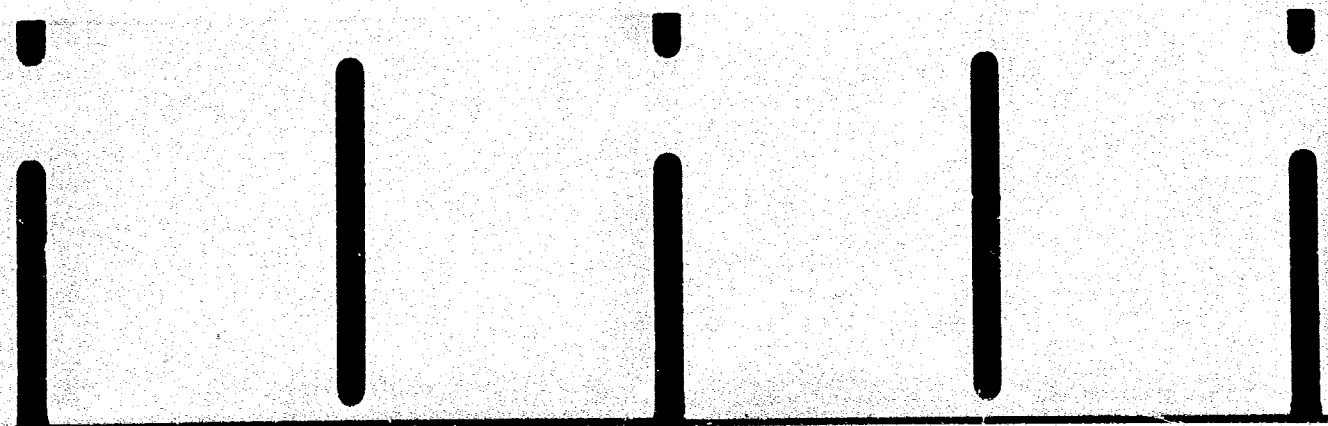
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A. Thomas
Attest: _____
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By *W. A. Perine*
Deputy Clerk.



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January 6, 1955

Re: Redraft of C.B. 74786 - C.F.
Nos. 223849 and 223903.

Committee of the Whole
City Council
Seattle

Gentlemen:

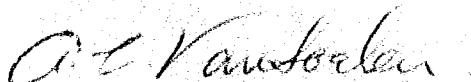
Pursuant to your request of December 21, 1954 we have conferred with Councilman Carroll and pursuant to his direction we have redrafted C.B. 74786, which provides for the identification by true name and address, etc. of the author or source or sponsor of certain published statements, advertisements or other matter and herewith transmit such redraft.

The principal change is in the inclusion of the following proviso: "Provided that this ordinance shall not be construed to apply to any newspaper or magazine regularly published for one year preceding such publication."

We have also emphasized in the redraft the responsibility to include in such statement identification of the author or source or sponsor of such matter.

C.B. 74786 and C.F. Nos. 223849 and 223903 which accompanied your request are herewith returned.

Yours very truly


A. C. VAN SOELEN
Corporation Counsel

ACV:FF
Enc
cc Mr. Carroll

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M. H. MITCHELL,
President of the City Council

Approved by me this 10th day of January, 1955.

ALLAN POMEROY,
Mayor.

Filed by me this 10th day of January, 1955.

Attest: W. C. THOMAS,
City Comptroller and
City Clerk.

(Seal) By W. A. PERINE,
Deputy Clerk.

Date of official publication in the
Daily Journal of Commerce, Seattle,
January 20, 1955. (C-3554)

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON, ss.
COUNTY OF KING

M. E. Brown, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is the business manager and one of the publishers of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper is a legal newspaper and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of the 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 said newspaper. That the said Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1911, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said King County

That the annexed is a true copy of
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as it was published in the regular issue
(and not in supplement form) of said newspaper on the
29TH day of JANUARY 1955, and that said
newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during
all of said period.

M. E. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

29TH day of JANUARY 1955

E. Campbell

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.
(This form officially sanctioned by Washington State Press Association.)
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