RESOLUTION NO. 332

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE AUTOMATED
FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) LEVY AT
THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, AFIS is the voter-approved, levy-funded countywide Regional
Automated Fingerprint Identification System Program, a valuable public safety tool that
quickly assists criminal justice agencies to fingerprint and identify arrested individuals or
suspects of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the AFIS Program’s primary functions are to capture fingerprints
and palm prints from subjects, to store fingerprints in databases, to search and identify
individuals from fingerprints in order to solve crimes by identifying prints left at crime
scenes, and to share fingerprint and arrest data with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, King County is one of only two counties in the state of Washington
with its own AFIS computer, and it is the only county with a shared regional model that
provides services to all local law enforcement agencies and King County owns the only
palmprint database in the state; and

WHEREAS, in the levy period of 2007 – 2012 AFIS has been utilized in over
36,000 investigations; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, AFIS has assisted detectives in processing 18,959 pieces of
evidence for finger and palm prints; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 alone, AFIS identified 732 individuals who gave false
names at the time of arrest, 3,930 crime scene fingerprints were identified and 216 crime
scene palmprints were identified using the new AFIS; and

WHEREAS, at the State General Election on November 6, 2012, King County
voters will be presented with a ballot measure to approve the six-year levy at a rate of
5.92 cents per $1,000 assessed value in 2013 and annual increases by the percentage
increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum
increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Police Department has benefited from the use of AFIS
equipment and solved crimes with the assistance of print identification including
identification of a rape suspect of a 12-year old girl; and
WHEREAS, in compliance with RCW 42.17.130, the public meeting notice included the title and number of the King County AFIS levy and members of the public were given equal opportunity to give testimony on the measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Shoreline hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of the King County AFIS levy, which will be presented to the voters at the November 6, 2012 State General Election.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk