ORDINANCE NO. 2972

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, adding new sections 9.02.17 and 9.02.18 to the Kent Municipal Code relating to the hindering of law enforcement.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Kent Penal Code Chapter 9.02 is amended by adding thereto a new section 9.02.17 to read as follows:

9.02.17. HINDERING LAW ENFORCEMENT.

A. As used in this section hindering law enforcement means to intentionally prevent, hinder or delay the apprehension or prosecution of another person whom the actor knows:
   (1) has committed a crime; or
   (2) is being sought by law enforcement officials for the commission of such offense; or
   (3) has escaped from jail or prison.

B. A person is guilty of hindering law enforcement if respect to a person described in Subsections (A)(1), (2) or (3) he knowingly:
   (1) harbors or conceals such person; or
   (2) warns such person of impending discovery or of apprehension; or
(3) provides such person with money, transportation, disguise or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension; or

(4) prevents or obstructs by use of force or threat, a private person from performing an act that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person; or

(5) conceals, alters or destroys any physical evidence that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person.

Section 2. Kent City Penal Code Chapter 9.02 is amended by adding thereto a new section 9.02.18 to read as follows:

9.02.18. ESCAPE.

A. "Official Detention" means:

(1) restraint pursuant to a lawful arrest for an offense; or

(2) lawful confinement in the Kent Corrections Facility; or

(3) custody for purposes incident to the foregoing including but not necessarily limited to:

(a) transportation; or

(b) medical diagnosis or treatment; or

(c) court appearances; or

(d) work and recreation.

B. A person is guilty of escape if, without lawful authority he intentionally removes himself from official detention or fails to return to official detention following temporary leave granted for a specified purpose or limit.
Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

DAN KELLEHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, ACTING CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUDOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 19 day of March, 1991.
APPROVED the 20 day of March, 1991.
PUBLISHED the 22 day of March, 1991.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2972, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, ACTING CITY CLERK