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ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE requiring conformance with state and local subdivision and short plat requirements as a prerequisite to the segregation of parcels for the payment of real property taxes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.

The Council hereby finds and declares that the regulation of the subdivision of land, involving two or more lots, is essential to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; that proper regulation is necessary to control traffic in the streets and highways of the county, to facilitate adequate provision for water, sewage, recreation areas and other public facilities, to provide for proper ingress and egress, and to accomplish uniform monumenting of land subdivisions and conveyancing by accurate legal description. The Council further finds and declares that compliance with state and local requirements for subdivisions (including short subdivisions) has been frustrated and rendered impossible in many cases as a result of persons segregating parcels for the payment of real property taxes without obtaining the required state and local subdivision approval. Such segregations have resulted in facilitating the illegal sale of land. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent landowners from segregating parcels for tax purposes without satisfying the requirements of state and local subdivision laws and ordinances.

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SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED WITH SUBDIVISION LAWS AND ORDINANCES. The County Assessor shall refuse to act on or approve an application for a divided or segregated assessment of a parcel of real property and the county treasurer shall refuse to recognize such a division or segregation of assessments unless the Division of Building and Land Development or other local subdivision authority has certified, or there is other satisfactory evidence, that such requested division or segregation conforms with an approved final plat or short plat in accordance with the requirements of the applicable state and local subdivision laws and ordinances: Provided, That such restriction shall not apply to segregations initiated by the' County Assessor for administrative purposes which are unrelated to the possible illegal division of land. 15 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The requirements of 16 this ordinance shall apply to all requests for division or 17 segregation of assessments submitted ten (10) days or more 18 after passage of, this ordinance. 19 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 2nd 20 , 1976. 21 PASSED this 27% day of 22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 23 25 26 ATTEST 27 28 APPROVED this latia of Delle 31 32 33

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