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INTRODUCED BY: Bill Reams

PROPOSED BY: 83-556

ORDINANCE NO. 6596

AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; imposing an additional sales and use tax upon and to be collected from those persons from whom the state sales and use tax is collected, fixing the rate of tax, providing for the administration and collection thereof, consenting to the inspection of records and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby levied an additional sales or use tax, as the case may be, as authorized by laws of 1982, 1st ex. sess., chap. 49 sec. 17(2) and RCW 82.14.030(2), upon every taxable event, as therein provided, occurring within King County. The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons from whom the state sales or use tax is collected pursuant to chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

SECTION 2. The rate of the additional tax imposed by section 1 shall be two tenths of one percent of the selling price or value of the article used, as the case may be.

SECTION 3. The taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this ordinance for the full amount of any city sales or use tax imposed under RCW 82.14.030(2) upon the same taxable event up to the amount of the tax imposed by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. King County's lawful share of revenues from any tax imposed under RCW 82.14.030(2) by any city within the county shall be determined in accordance with state law.

SECTION 5. The administration and collection of the tax imposed by this ordinance shall be in accordance with the provisions of RCW 82.14.050.

SECTION 6. The county hereby consents to the inspection of such records as are necessary to qualify the county for

inspection of records of the department of revenue, pursuant to RCW 82.32.330.

SECTION 7. The county executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the department of revenue for the administration of this tax.

SECTION 8. Any seller who fails or refuses to collect the tax as required with the intent to violate the provisions of this ordinance, or to gain some advantage or benefit, either direct or indirect, and any buyer who refuses to pay any tax due under this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall be subject to approval or rejection by the voters under the referendum procedures provided in the laws of 1983, regular session, chap. 99, sec. 2. referendum petition to repeal the tax or alter the tax rate imposed by this ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the council within seven days of passage of the ordinance. Within ten days, the clerk of the council shall confer with the petitioner concerning form and style of the petition, issue an identification number for the petition, and the prosecuting attorney shall write a ballot title for the measure. The ballot title shall be posed as a question so that an affirmative answer to the question and an affirmative vote on the measure results in the tax rate increase being imposed and a negative answer to the question and a negative vote on the measure results in the tax rate increase not being imposed. The petitioner shall be notified of the identification number and ballot title within this ten-day period.

After this notification, the petitioner shall have thirty days in which to secure on petition forms the signatures of not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters of the county and to file the signed petitions with the clerk of the council. Each petition form shall contain the ballot title and -

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the full text of the measure to be referred. The clerk of the council shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petitions. If sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, the clerk of the council shall submit the referendum measure to King County voters at a general or special election held on one of the dates provided in RCW 29.13.010 or as determined by the King County council, which election shall not take place later than one hundred twenty days after the signed petition has been filed with the clerk of the council.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect April 1, 1984.

SECTION 11. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

of October, 1983.

PASSED this 23rd day of November, 1983.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

ATTEST:

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APPROVED this ____ 29th

the day of

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King County Executive