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AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste disposal fees, authorizing the executive or the council to waive fees in the event of natural disasters and other emergencies when acting according to the procedures specified, amending Ordinance 800, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.050.

PREAMBLE: Storms and other natural disasters may cause significant damage to homes and other property. The disposal of waste material resulting from natural disasters at normal disposal fees can cause financial hardship for many property owners. Because the solid waste division has facilities specifically designed to accept debris and King County benefits from the clean-up of damage caused by any natural disaster, the waiver of service fees may be expedient to facilitate clean-up after a disaster.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 800, Section 5 and K.C.C. 10.12.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Exception to service fee. Payment of the service fee may not be required of a user ((who)) in the following circumstances:

A. When that user is engaged in a community litter cleanup campaign; provided, that prior authorization has been secured in writing from the manager; and provided, that records of use and volumes shall be maintained for such.

B. When the executive or the council has declared that a natural disaster or other emergency has occurred and as a result deems it in the best interest of the county to waive the service fees. Any such action must identify the cause of the emergency, the length of the fee waiver and any special conditions placed on the waiver. If such action is taken by the executive and the executive proposes that the waiver continue beyond the date of the next regularly scheduled council meeting, the executive must report to the council by the time of that meeting the estimated loss of revenue resulting from the fee waiver and the council must approve the continuation of the waiver by motion. If the council initiates