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ORDINANCE NO. **13037**

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public  
3 Safety, amending the identification of the Department of  
4 Public Safety to include the name "Sheriff", and amending  
5 Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c) and K.C.C. 2.16.060, and  
6 amending Ordinance 1492, Section 20 and K.C.C. 6.24.150,  
7 and amending Ordinance 12003, Section 19, Ordinance  
8 11684, Section 15, Ordinance 6798, Section 70 and K.C.C.  
9 7.12.700, and amending Ordinance 1069, Section 1 and  
10 K.C.C. 12.08.010.

11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1: Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c) and K.C.C. 2.16.060 are each hereby  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 A. The department of public safety, as identified in the King County Charter  
15 Section 3.50.20.40, and managed by the King County Sheriff, may also be known and cited  
16 in the King County Code and in other usage as the office of the sheriff. Employees  
17 managed by the King County Sheriff may be referred to in the King County Code or  
18 otherwise, as King County police, King County officer, or deputy sheriff.

19 A. B. The department of public safety is responsible to keep and preserve the public  
20 peace and safety including the discharge of all duties of the office of sheriff under State  
21 law, except those duties relating to jails and inmates which are performed by other  
22 departments of county government. The functions of the department include:

1           1. Oversee a crime prevention program, investigate crimes against persons and  
2 property and arrest alleged offenders.

3           2. Execute the processes and orders of the courts of justice and all other mandated  
4 functions required by law.

5           3. In coordination with the office of emergency management, plan and coordinate  
6 resources for the public safety and welfare in the event of a major emergency or disaster.

7           4. Provide service and administrative functions which support but do not duplicate  
8 other governmental activities, and which have the potential to be fiscally self-supportive.

9           B. C. The department of public safety shall be composed of the following  
10 divisions:

11           1. Field operations division. The division of field operations shall be responsible  
12 for administering resources allocated to the functions of police patrol, general criminal  
13 investigation, crime prevention, traffic, and emergency management.

14           2. Technical services division. The division of technical services shall be  
15 responsible for administering resources allocated to the functions of:

16           a. Civil process;

17           b. Fiscal control;

18           c. Communications;

19           d. Personnel and training;

20           e. Records and identification; and

21           f. Property management, including evidence; stolen, lost or unclaimed  
22 property; and department equipment and supplies.

1           3. Criminal investigation division. The division of criminal investigation shall be  
2 responsible for administering resources allocated to the functions of major crimes  
3 investigation, narcotics investigation, gambling and vice investigation, criminal warrants  
4 service, and sundry criminal investigations not conducted in the field operations division.

5           SECTION 2. Ordinance 1492, Section 20 and K.C.C. 6.24.150 are each hereby  
6 amended to read as follows:

7           Certain practices prohibited. A. It is unlawful for a licensee to represent to members of  
8 the public in any way, either directly or indirectly or by implication, that the licensee is an  
9 official or semiofficial law enforcement organization or that employees, agents or solicitors  
10 of the licensee are authorized by the state of Washington or any of its political subdivisions  
11 to act as law enforcement officers, including, by way of example but not limitation, the  
12 following conduct:

13           1. Use of any name or initials in the course of business which has the capacity or  
14 tendency to convey said representation to members of the consuming public, including, but  
15 not limited to, any name using the words "police(( ))", "department(( ))", "King County  
16 Police(( ))", (( )) "King County Detective(( ))", "King County Sheriff" or "King County  
17 Deputy Sheriff";

18           2. Use of any uniform, badge, insignia, business card, stationery or any other  
19 device, object(( )) or type of apparel, which is not readily distinguishable to average  
20 members of the consuming public from such devices, objects(( )) or types of apparel which  
21 are used by authorized law enforcement officers;

22           3. Use any uniform badge, insignia, title(( )) or identification card, or make any  
23 statement with the intent to give an impression that the licensee is connected in any way

1 with the federal government, a state government((,)) or any political subdivision of either;  
2 or

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4 4. Use any letterhead, advertisement((,)) or other printed matter, or in any manner  
5 illegally represents that the licensee is an instrumentality of the federal government, state  
6 government((,)) or any political subdivision of either.

7 B. It is unlawful for any licensee to engage in any acts, practices((,)) or conduct  
8 which hampers the operations and activities of authorized law enforcement and public  
9 safety officials.

10 SECTION 3. Ordinance 6798, Section 70 and K.C.C. 7.12.700 are each hereby  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Enforcement methods. Violation of the park rules may be a civil infraction or  
13 criminal misdemeanor. The initial method of enforcement shall be by a request for  
14 voluntary compliance. Violation of the ((K.C.C.)) King County code may be subject to  
15 enforcement by the King County ((Police)) sheriff pursuant to K.C.C. 7.12.650 and  
16 7.12.660. In addition, any person failing to comply with the park rules shall be subject to  
17 the loss of park or recreation facility use privileges and ejection from county park areas or  
18 associated marine park areas. In the future, at the direction of the department director, the  
19 park rules ordinance may be updated to request that certain department personnel be  
20 commissioned by the ((director of the department of public safety)) King County sheriff  
21 for the purpose of issuing citations to the violators of adopted park rules.

22 SECTION 4. Ordinance 1069, Section 1, and K.C.C. 12.08.010 are hereby  
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Impersonating members of the public safety department. It is unlawful for anyone:

2 A. To represent himself falsely to be a member of the department of public safety,  
3 hereinafter referred to as "the department" or a special member appointed pursuant to  
4 RCW 36.28.020;

5 B. To wear without authority of the ((department's director)) King County sheriff  
6 uniforms or a distinctive part thereof, or any badge or insignia of the department of public  
7 safety, or any facsimile of the aforementioned uniform, badge((,)) or insignia;

