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Introduced By:

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ORDINANCE NO. 13570

AN ORDINANCE determining the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000, and ending December 31, 2000, setting the sewer rate for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000, and approving the amount of the sewage treatment capacity charge for 2000; and amending Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C, 4.90.010 and Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055 and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings.

A. Each year the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources reviews its operating and capital expenditures, existing and potential debt, and forecasted demand for services to develop a revised six year financial plan and an updated rate for the following year.

- B. RCW 35.58.410(2) and contracts with sewer component agencies require the county to adopt the rate for sewage disposal for 2000 by June 30, 1999.
- C. The executive proposed legislation for adoption of the sewerage rate was transmitted in a time frame which forced the council to expedite its review in order to meet

the June 30 deadline. The executive's proposed rate of \$20.13 for the year 2000 was a \$1.03 (or 5.4%) increase over the \$19.10 rate (maintained since 1996). In addition, the proposed rate reflects a number of complex fiscal and policy issues such as the endangered species act (ESA) and the regional wastewater services plan (RWSP) which have required significant review and analysis.

D. In order for the council to maximize its time to review the proposed legislation and its proposed sewerage rate implications it became necessary to hold committee hearings through mid-June.

E. To remove any possibility that the county could be considered to miss the June 30 deadline, it is necessary for the council to adopt this legislation as an emergency.

F. The council finds that an emergency exists and that the enactment of this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

SECTION 2. Monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage; establishment of the sewer rate for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000, and ending December 31, 2000. The council hereby determines the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as follows:

Administration, operating, maintenance repair and replace (net of other income): \$67,762,000.

Establishment and maintenance of necessary working capital reserves: (\$3,010,044).

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Requirements of revenue bond resolutions (not included in above items and net of. interest income): \$96,014,000.

TOTAL: \$160,765,956.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.90.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Sewer rate. ((A.)) Having determined the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage, the council also hereby adopts a ((1999)) 2000 sewer rate of ((\$19.10)) nineteen dollars and fifty cents. Once a sewer rate ordinance becomes effective, the clerk of the council is directed to deliver a copy of that ordinance to each agency having an agreement for sewage disposal with King County.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 11398, Section 1 and K.C.C. 28.84.055 is each hereby amended as follows:

Metropolitan sewerage facility charge. A. The amount of the 1994 metropolitan sewage facility capacity charge adopted by K.C.C. 28.84.050.O shall be ((\$7.00)) seven dollars per month per residential customer or residential customer equivalent for fifteen years.

- B. The amount of the 1995 metropolitan sewage facility capacity charge adopted by K.C.C. 28.84.050.0 shall be ((\$7.00)) seven dollars per month per residential customer or residential customer equivalent for fifteen years.
- C. The sewage treatment capacity charge shall be seven dollars ((\$7.00)) per month per residential customer or equivalent for fifteen years for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1996, and December 31, 1996.

D. The amount of the sewage treatment capacity charge adopted by K.C.C. 28.84.050.O shall be seven dollars (((\$7.00))) per month per residential customer or equivalent for fifteen years for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997.

E. The amount of the sewage treatment capacity charge adopted by K.C.C. 28.84.050.O shall be ten dollars fifty cents (((\$10.50))) per month per residential customer or equivalent for fifteen years for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1998, and December 31, 1998.

F. The amount of the sewage treatment capacity charge adopted by K.C.C.28.84.050.O shall be ((\$10.50)) ten dollars fifty cents per month per residential customer or equivalent for fifteen years for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1999, and December 31, 1999.