



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 15, 2007

Ordinance 15958

Proposed No. 2007-0552.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding the King County noxious
2 weed control program; revising King County noxious weed
3 control program assessments; confirming the exception for
4 federally and tribally owned lands; and amending
5 Ordinance 13225, Sections 1 and 2, and K.C.C. 4.94.010

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

8 1. On November 19, 2001, the King County council adopted Ordinance
9 14263 at the request of the King County noxious weed board to raise the
10 noxious weed control program assessment in order to expand noxious
11 weed control services as authorized in RCW 17.10.240.

12 2. Since November 19, 2001, the costs of providing noxious weed control
13 services have risen substantially.

14 3. The King County noxious weed control board resolved on May 16,
15 2007, that the noxious weed control program assessment must be
16 increased to provide the services necessary to educate the public and to
17 identify and control both terrestrial and aquatic noxious weed infestations.

18 4. The King County noxious weed board has submitted its 2008 budget
19 for noxious weed control to the King County council, and based on this
20 budget an increase in the noxious weed control program assessment is
21 warranted on all property not classified as forest land from one dollar and
22 fifty cents to two dollars and ten cents per parcel, and from nine cents to
23 fifteen cents in the per acre fee, and on property classified as forest land,
24 from fifteen cents to twenty-one cents per parcel, and from nine-tenths of
25 a cent to one and one-half cents in the per acre fee, in order to meet the
26 rising costs of providing necessary noxious weed control services.

27 5. Lands owned by the federal government or by federally recognized
28 tribes or members of such tribes that are located within the historical
29 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed
30 control program.

31 6. It is in the public interest, and is necessary for the protection of health,
32 safety and welfare for the residents of King County that the necessary
33 costs of providing noxious weed control program services continue to be
34 paid, and that such costs continue to be charged against those parcels
35 benefiting from these services.

36 7. The King County noxious weed control board has petitioned the King
37 County council to increase the noxious weed control program assessment,
38 and the King County council finds that the requested increase in
39 assessment is necessary and justified.

40 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

41 SECTION. 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes to revise the noxious weed
42 control program assessments.

43 B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240.

44 SECTION. 2. Ordinance 13225, Sections 1 and 2, and K.C.C. 4.94.010 are each
45 hereby amended to read as follows:

46 A. An assessment for the King County Noxious Weed Control Program of
47 ~~((\\$1.50))~~ two dollars and ten cents per parcel and ~~((\\$0.09))~~ fifteen cents per acre on all
48 property not classified as forest land shall be imposed annually. Property classified as
49 forest land, as defined in RCW 84.33.035, which is used solely for the planting, growing
50 or harvesting of trees and which is typified by canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth
51 of an understory shall be assessed at the rate of ~~((\\$0.15))~~ twenty-one cents per parcel and
52 ~~((\\$0.009))~~ one and one-half cents per acre.

53 B. The amount of ~~((such))~~ the assessment shall constitute a lien against any
54 property for which the assessment has not been paid by the date it is due, as provided in
55 RCW 17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such a property.

56 C. Lands owned by the federal government or lands owned by federally
57 recognized tribes or members of such tribes that are located within the historical

58 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.

59 SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2008.

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Ordinance 15958 was introduced on 10/22/2007 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/13/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

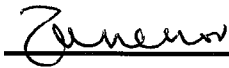
No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Patterson


KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 24 day of NOVEMBER, 2007.


Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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