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ORDINANCE NO.

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2 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the allocation
3 of funds distributed from the King
4 Conservation District assessment to King
5 County for programs consistent with the
6 District's mission and approving the King
7 Conservation District's 1997 work
8 program.

9 PREAMBLE:

10 1. Ordinance 12095, approved by the Metropolitan King County
11 Council on December 19, 1995, authorized a system of special
12 assessments for the King Conservation District of \$1.25 per
13 parcel on all non-exempt properties throughout the district
14 in 1996 and 1997.

15 2. Ordinance 10981, adopted August 16, 1993, authorized an
16 identical special assessment for the King Conservation
17 District in 1994 and 1995.

18 3. Both assessments directed that a distribution of \$0.41
19 per parcel of the district assessment be reallocated to the
20 cities within the district and to unincorporated King County
21 from which the funds were collected to be used by the
22 jurisdiction for purposes consistent with the mission of the
23 district.

1 to notify property owners of their obligations to control
2 noxious weeds but needs additional seasonal survey workers to
3 accomplish that task.

4 8. In order to expedite the development and implementation
5 of farm management plans in priority basins, a portion of
6 these funds shall be used to assist the King Conservation
7 District in prioritizing and coordinating farm management
8 plans, and a portion shall be used to fund additional farm
9 educational classes where property owners prepare their own
10 farm management plans, consistent with the standards of the
11 King Conservation District.

12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

13 SECTION 1. The revenue from the King Conservation District
14 (KCD) assessment reallocated to King County in 1995 and 1996
15 shall be allocated as follows:

16 A. \$15,000 to the King County Noxious Weed Control
17 Board program for hiring additional seasonal workers to
18 survey noxious weeds in unincorporated King County and to
19 inform and educate property owners regarding the removal of
20 noxious weeds from their property.

21 B. \$83,474 to the King Conservation District to hire
22 employees to develop and implement farm management plans in
23 priority basins in unincorporated King County pursuant to a

1 D. \$10,000 to the King County natural resources
2 department resource lands section for promotional materials,
3 class materials, honoraria for class instructors, facility
4 rentals, and related costs for conducting a series of four
5 six week livestock management training classes for livestock
6 owners who will develop their own farm management plans as
7 part of the course curriculum, consistent with the standards
8 of the King Conservation District.

9 SECTION 2. The 1997 Work Program, as submitted by the King
10 Conservation District, is hereby approved.

11 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 1ST
12 day of July, 1996

13 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 28th day of
14 October, 1996.

15 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
16 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

17 Jane Hager
18 Chair

19 ATTEST:

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Proposed 1997 Summary of Program of Work
King Conservation District

Summary

The proposed King Conservation District (KCD) 1997 work plan is derived from income from a special assessment of \$1.25 per parcel per year on all lands within the District boundaries except timberland. Of the \$1.25 per parcel the District will return \$0.41 per parcel to the cities and county to perform natural resource work. 1997 District work force and distribution of funds will be basically the same as 1996 as no additional county funds are anticipated at this time.

District work will consist of technical assistance and education in natural resources and concentrating on water quality improvement and protection. Services will be provided to individuals, business and public agencies and departments within District boundaries.

District work in 1997 shall focus on implementation of the livestock management standards, including the development of farm management plans for priority farms located along streams and in wetland areas and the provision of fencing and other technical support. Ordinance 11168 adopted in 1993, requires compliance with the livestock management standards or the

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The Basic budget is as follows:

Income

Assessment	\$669,527
Interest	<u>2,800</u>
TOTAL	\$672,327

Expense

District Operations	\$474,202
County Collections Fee	6,695
City/County Contracts	<u>191,430</u> ^{1/}
TOTAL	\$672,327

Work Plan

The wide variety of work to be performed by KCD is to be divided between farms/livestock, urban and administration components with subcategories of each. These categories recognize that the jurisdiction includes unincorporated King County as well as incorporated

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- o Serve on three King County Basin and nonpoint implementing committees to represent livestock and agricultural interest.
- o Participate in selected watershed forums as needed.
- o Serve on King County Groundwater Basin and nonpoint implementing committees to represent livestock and agricultural interests.
- o Provide technical assistance to King County Surface Water Management. Environmental, Environmental Division, Grading and SEPA for soil erosion control and education and other similar assistance.
- o Manage and coordinate use of Totem Lake Wetlands Trail with the City of Kirkland and other groups for educational purposes. This is a KCD owned property with a recently completed access trail and interpretive facilities.

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Budget - \$191.430

District staffing needs will be determined during the year as individual contracts are developed with the 28 entities. During 1994 and 1995 about \$28,000 work was contracted to the District for services.

1. Examples of services which can be provided or have been performed recently:
 - o Fish passageway design to inaccessible pond.
 - o Car wash water collection design.
 - o Riparian area enhancement design and supervision.
 - o Native plant procurement and holding facilities design.
 - o Neighborhood drainage and dispute resolution.

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2. Various cities have used their cash allotments to do similar work themselves plus various other projects ranging from providing small grants to neighborhood groups to assisting with environmental education in local schools and supplementing local funding for major projects such as flood control work.

II. Farms/Livestock

King Conservation District staff will provide technical assistance and education to farmers and livestock owners in both urban and rural areas within District boundaries. This assistance will include the preparation of Farm Management Plans (FMP) as defined in the County's livestock management standards (KCC 21A30) in unincorporated areas. The King Conservation District anticipates that no less than 75% of the \$365,553 funding allocated for farm/livestock programs in 1997 will be allocated to FMP development in an effort to complete the priority plans which are defined as those adjacent to streams and wetlands. King County has approximately 200 commercial farms and 10,000 non-commercial farms in cities as well as unincorporated areas. King Conservation District will continue to provide technical assistance and education to as many people as possible to assist in reducing water pollution

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- o Assist livestock owners to meet requirements of state and county and local rules and regulations.
- o Develop plans for livestock manure storage facilities according to the 1990 County SAO for exemptions to clearing and grading permits.
- o Assist King County and Divisions such as Cooperative Extension, Surface Water Management, Environmental Division, Health Department and others with water quality coordination and protection.
- o Coordinate and communicate as partners with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to carry out joint projects and development of future projects.
- o Assist cities as requested, develop livestock zoning ordinance for livestock and agricultural uses.
- o Conduct a survey to determine the most effective way to assure Best Management