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Introduced By:

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Proposed No.:

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ORDINANCE NO. **13324**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the county regular property tax levy for tax collection in 1999; implementing the provisions of RCW 84.55.0101, finding substantial need for and providing for a limit factor other than that otherwise provided by RCW 84.55.010.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Finding of substantial need.

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 84.55.0101, and in order to support the county government and the services it provides, the council hereby finds that there is substantial need to use a limit factor other than that otherwise provided by RCW 84.55.010. The following items warrant this finding of substantial need:

Dramatic increases in prisoner population due to changes beyond the County's control, such as more aggressive law enforcement, the impact of new laws, longer sentencing and increases in the number of inmates booked within the jail system, have driven the need for increased funding. Increased arrests and attendant case referrals have increased by 17 percent in the previous twelve months. The Regional Justice Center in Kent was a commitment to the citizens of south King County to make court and jail systems more accessible than a downtown Seattle location. The end of one-time criminal justice fund reserves which were used to help offset start-up costs resulting from this commitment

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has taken place at the same time that increased prisoner population has swelled, straining the system beyond funding capacity, necessitating a current expense fund adjustment.

SECTION 2. Limit factor.

The limit factor to be used for the county regular property tax levy for taxes to be collected in 1999 shall be 104.5 percent.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 9th day of November, 1998.

PASSED by a vote of 9 to 4 this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Annemore
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 4 day of December, 1998

Deedee Ann
King County Executive

Attachments: None