



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 20, 2001

Ordinance 14263

Proposed No. 2001-0504.3

Sponsors Miller

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding the King County noxious
2 weed control program; revising King County noxious weed
3 control program assessments; and amending Ordinance
4 13325, Sections 1 and 2, and K.C.C. 4.94.010 and
5 Ordinance 13325, Section 3.

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

9 1. On November 23, 1998, by Ordinance 13325 the King County council,
10 at the request of the King County noxious weed control board, initiated the
11 noxious weed control program assessment to fund the noxious weed
12 control board as authorized in RCW 17.10.240.

13 2. The King County noxious weed control board has identified
14 substantially more noxious weed infestations than were projected when
15 the assessment was initiated. The board has also identified a need for
16 additional inspectors and an expansion of the number of months that
17 noxious weed inspection and control services should occur.

18 3. The King County noxious weed control board has also found a positive
19 correlation between the amount of voluntary weed control compliance and
20 the amount of education, information and incentives provided by the
21 noxious weed control program. The board has determined that educating
22 citizens is one of the most effective ways to combat noxious weeds.

23 4. Since the listing of several salmonids under the federal Endangered
24 Species Act in 1999, the public's desire for safer nontoxic effective
25 methods to control both land and aquatic noxious weeds has increased.
26 These methods will grow in importance as efforts to protect salmonids in
27 response to the Endangered Species Act are implemented. Increasing
28 public education about these alternatives is a critical component of the
29 noxious weed control program.

30 5. The King County noxious weed control board also recognizes that
31 increasing the control of aquatic noxious weeds is necessary for public
32 health, safety and water quality reasons.

33 6. For the reasons stated in subsections 2,3,4 and 5 of this statement of
34 facts, the King County noxious weed control board has determined, and
35 the King County council concurs with this determination for the same
36 reasons, that the assessment must be increased to provide the increased
37 services necessary to educate the public and to identify and control both
38 terrestrial and aquatic noxious weed infestations. Therefore, the King
39 County noxious weed control board has petitioned the King County
40 council to increase the noxious weed control assessment and the King

41 County council finds that the requested increase in assessment is necessary
42 and justified.

43 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

46 B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240.

47 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13325, Sections 1 and 2, and K.C.C. 4.94.010 are each
48 hereby amended to read as follows:

49 **Assessment.** A. An assessment for the King County Noxious Weed Control
50 Program of \$~~((0.85))~~ 1.50 per parcel and \$ 0.09 per acre on all property not classified as
51 forest land shall be imposed annually. Property classified as forest land, as defined in
52 RCW 84.33.035, which is used solely for the planting, growing or harvesting of trees and
53 which is typified by canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory shall be
54 assessed at the rate of \$~~((0.085))~~ 0.15 per parcel and \$ 0.009 per acre.

55 B. The amount of such assessment shall constitute a lien against any property for
56 which the assessment has not been paid by the date it is due, as provided in RCW
57 17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such property.

58 SECTION 3. Ordinance 13325, Section 3, is hereby amended to read as follows:

59 The work plan submitted by the board for 1999, as shown in Attachment B to
60 Ordinance 13325, is hereby approved. The executive shall report to the council annually
61 on the work program of the noxious weed control board. The report shall also include the

62 status of noxious weed control on county-owned lands and rights of way.

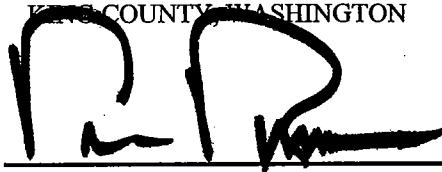
63 SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2002.

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Ordinance 14263 was introduced on 10/22/01 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/19/01, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Hague
No: 5 - Ms. Fimia, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons
Excused: 0

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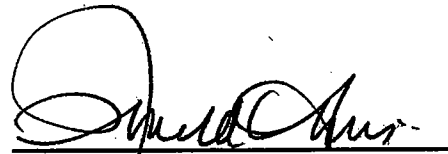
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30 day of November 2001.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None