



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 9, 2007**

**Ordinance 15865**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0294.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, Phillips, Lambert, Hague,  
Patterson, Constantine and  
Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE requiring the mailing of a notice  
2 concerning real estate taxes to all taxpayers whose lender  
3 has requested and received the tax information for the  
4 taxpayer's property; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C.  
5 Title 4.

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 8 1. King County is a regional government providing a broad array of basic  
9 services to approximately one million eight hundred thousand residents of  
10 King County.
- 11 2. King County is also the local government for nearly three hundred fifty  
12 thousand residents living in unincorporated King County outside city  
13 boundaries.
- 14 3. A large source of the revenue necessary to both the regional and local  
15 services is property tax.
- 16 4. The manager of the treasury operations section of the finance and  
17 business operations division mails to the taxpayer listed on the tax roll an

18 annual real estate tax statement for each tax parcel, except no tax  
19 statement is sent to a taxpayer whose lender has requested and is sent the  
20 tax information for that parcel.

21 5. The King County council believes it is in the best interest of the county  
22 to provide the information contained in the tax statement to taxpayers who  
23 receive no real estate tax statement because their lender requests and is  
24 sent the tax information concerning their property.

25 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

26 SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this ordinance should constitute a new  
27 chapter in K.C.C. Title 4.

28 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. A. RCW 84.56.050 requires the county treasurer  
29 to notify each taxpayer of the amount of the real and personal property, the current and  
30 delinquent amount of tax due on the real and personal property and to print on the notice  
31 the name of each tax and the levy included in the statement.

32 B. It is the intent of the council that all taxpayers, as listed on the tax roll, with a  
33 designated mortgage lender, be sent an annual written notice concerning the real estate  
34 taxes, fees and charges owed on their property when the lender of a taxpayer has  
35 requested and been sent the tax information.

36 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. A. The treasury operations section of the finance  
37 and business operations division shall provide the notice set forth in section 2 of this  
38 ordinance by the first Wednesday in April of each year.

39 B. If the treasury operations section of the finance and business operations  
40 division does not send out the notice by the first Wednesday in April the manager of the

41 treasury operations section of the finance and business operations division shall file two  
42 copies of a written notice with the clerk of the council by the first Wednesday in April,  
43 for distribution to the chair of the council. The notification shall list the circumstances  
44 causing failure to meet the deadline and include a timeline for completing the mailing.

45 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. The treasury operation section of the finance and  
46 business operations division shall determine the design and descriptive title for the notice  
47 concerning real estate taxes, which notice shall at a minimum contain amounts for the  
48 following information:

49 A. The amount of the current tax year billing information, as set forth on the tax  
50 statement;

51 B. The current billing distribution of the current year taxes to local taxing  
52 districts as set forth on the tax statement. The current billing distribution includes:

- 53 1. State;
- 54 2. Local school support;
- 55 3. County;
- 56 4. City;
- 57 5. Unincorporated road;
- 58 6. Port;
- 59 7. Fire;
- 60 8. Sewer and water;
- 61 9. Library;
- 62 10. Other;
- 63 11. Emergency medical services; and

64 12. Other charges; and

65 C. Delinquency information including tax year, and delinquent principal taxes,  
66 fees and charge, interest and penalties.

67 NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. The treasury operations section of the finance  
68 and business operations division shall clearly indicate on the notice concerning real estate  
69 taxes that the notice is not a bill and is for informational purposes only. The treasury  
70 operations section of the finance and business operations division should design the  
71 notice concerning real estate taxes in such a way as to have a different appearance than  
72 the real estate tax statement.

73 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. The treasury operations section of the finance  
74 and business operations division shall begin mailing the notice of real estate taxes

75 required under this ordinance in March 2008.

76 SECTION 7. This ordinance expires May 1, 2012.

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Ordinance 15865 was introduced on 5/7/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/9/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

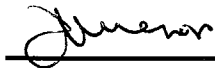
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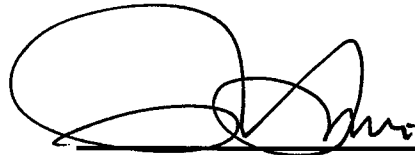
  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 19 day of July, 2007.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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