PREFACE

The King County Code is the compilation of ordinances that are permanent or general in nature. The Code is provided in electronic formats and is updated as ordinances become effective as provided in the King County Charter.

Original codification of the King County Code in 1972 and subsequent supplements were compiled, edited and indexed by Book Publishing Company under direction of the King County Council. In 1981, the King County Council began the codification of the Code, including preparation of an index and ordinance and resolution lists, which contain the ordinance or resolution number and its location, if codified, in the Code. In 1999, a section indicating the disposition, such as repeal, decodification or recodification, of former Code sections was added. In 2012, paper supplements to the code were discontinued and versions of the code in Word, PDF and HTML documents began to be posted online.

The Code is organized by subject matter under an expandable three-factor decimal numbering system. Each section number designates, in sequence, the numbers of the title, chapter and section. For example, K.C.C. 11.04.030 is section .030 located in chapter 4 of title 11. Some vacant numbers have not been used in order to accommodate later additions to the Code.

Each section of the Code is followed in parentheses by a legislative history identifying ordinance and resolution sources for the section.

Materials noted as being available in the King County Archives may be obtained through the archives, phone (206) 263-2480, email archives@kingcounty.gov.

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