



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2007-0294.1

Sponsors Dunn

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

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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 March 15 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 March 15, the manager of the treasury operations
41 section of the finance and business operations division shall file two copies of a written

42 notice with the clerk of the council by March 15, for distribution to the chair of the
43 council. The notification shall list the circumstances causing failure to meet the deadline
44 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

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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

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74 and business operations division shall begin mailing the notice of real estate taxes
75 required under this ordinance in March 2008.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Attachments None
