



King County

Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	14	Name:	Jenny Giambattista
Proposed No.:	2016-0492	Date:	October 25-27, 2016

SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 updates the current schedule of fees charged by the Department of Information Technology. The proposed fees will generate \$640,000 in the biennium to the KCIT services fund.

SUMMARY

King County Code Chapter 2.99 authorizes the establishment of fees for services by county agencies. The current schedule of fees charged by the department of information technology, codified in K.C.C. chapter 4A.660 is outdated. Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 would update this section of code to reflect new services provided by King County Information Technology (KCIT), change fee amounts for certain existing services, and to eliminate obsolete services no longer provided by department.

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BACKGROUND

King County Code Chapter 2.99 authorizes the establishment of fees for services by county agencies. The current schedule of fees charged by the department of information technology, codified in K.C.C chapter 4A.660 is outdated and is proposed to be updated with Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492.

ANALYSIS

Many Fees Eliminated

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 proposes to eliminate almost 50 fees for services that are no longer offered, largely because the information is now available on-line for free and thus there is no need for KCIT to provide the information. Examples of services no longer provided include. Many of deleted fees are related to microfiche copies of property data and paper printouts of registered voters.

Fees Updated

Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 proposes to change the amount charged for the fees in Table One. To determine the new fee structure, KCIT reviewed actual costs to offer the services and used those actual costs to set future rates.

**Table One
Fee Change**

Fee	Current Fee	New Fee
<p>Access Fee for Customer Owned Terminals (Lines 39-48) This allows companies to have remote access to the Assessor-Treasury database to search for property information. The largest customers are title companies, the City of Seattle, and Seattle Police Departments. There are currently 20 customers and 700 users. KCIT establishes an Exchange account for every authorized user.</p>	<p>\$425 per month, per location</p>	<p>\$1,745 per company per year, plus \$932 per user per year.</p> <p>KCIT has included a per user fee to reflect the costs associated with establishing an exchange account for new users.</p> <p>KCIT anticipates this fee change will generate an additional \$120,000 annually.</p>
<p>Online Property Inquiries (Line 49-57) Access & Inquiries are basically the same in the rehosted environment. Only one fee is charged for obtaining Assessor-Treasury data. Thus, this fee will not be charged.</p> <p>Subsequent to the transmittal, Executive staff report this fee can be eliminated one of the fees from the Code. This change is reflected in the amendment.</p>	<p>.60 per transaction</p>	<p>\$1,745 per company per year, plus \$932 per user per year.</p>
<p>Local Improvement District (LID) Assessment Roll and Master File This replaces LID assessment Roll and Master File on Microfiche, previously item c.</p> <p>(LID) are “self-taxing” neighborhood projects that King County Treasury Operations bills, collects, and distributes based upon the property tax parcel number and a project number.</p>	<p>\$245</p>	<p>\$100</p>

(Line 61-62)		
Plat Index Data File (line 63) This includes a listing of parcel information: name, type, number, and location. Replaces the fee listed on line 80.	162	\$50
Plat Index Hard Copy (Line 64) Same as Plat Index Data File but in paper format Replaces the fee listed on line 81	\$43	\$50
Real Property Master File Extract (Line 66) A listing by parcel that includes property values and billed/paid amounts used by property tax and title research companies.	\$350	\$100
Real Property Tax Roll on Microfiche (Line 68) A listing of property address and taxpayer name and mailing address by parcel used by Estate Tax, Title research and Property Information companies.	\$245	\$100 This will no longer be a microfiche. Instead, information will be saved to a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) folder and/or to a DVD and mailed to the customer.
Real Property Full Legal Description Extract (Line 86) Provides legal description data for each <i>active</i> real property parcel on the tax roll. Users of this report are Mortgage companies and Title Research companies.	\$200	\$100

New Fees

As shown in Table Two, Proposed Ordinance 2016-0492 also includes two new fees

Table Two –New Fees

Fee	New
Levy Code Fund and Summary Report (ASCRPT by Levy Code and District)	\$100

(Line 59) Assessed valuation and extended tax certification by Levy and District. This is an annual report used by integrated brokerage companies and investment banks.	
Real Property Account Extract (Line 65) Provides Account Number, Parcel Number, Plat Name, address, taxpayer name, mailing address. Used by Estate Tax, Title research and Property Information companies.	\$100

AMENDMENT

Subsequent to the transmittal of this Ordinance, KCIT reported the “Access Fee for Customer-Owned Terminals” on lines 39 to 48 is no longer necessary because there is a charge for the same service listed in lines 49 to 57. Amendment 1 deletes the “Access Fee for Customer-Owned Terminals” and also adds an effective date of January 1, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance
2016-0489
2. Amendment
3. Fiscal Note

INVITED

1. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
2. Bill Kehoe, Director, Department of Information Technology