



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 20088

Proposed No. 2026-0132.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding the King County noxious
2 weed control program; revising King County noxious weed
3 control program assessments; amending Ordinance 13325,
4 Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.200 and
5 establishing an effective date.

6 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 7 1. Ordinance 20004, adopted as part of the 2026–2027 King County
8 biennial budget, updated assessment rates for the King County noxious
9 weed control program. Due to a scrivener's error, several numerical
10 values were inaccurately represented when spelled out in Ordinance
11 20004.
- 12 2. The discrepancies between the intended rates and the adopted text
13 would reduce annual noxious weed control program revenues by an
14 estimated \$45,000 beginning in 2026.
- 15 3. A technical correction is necessary to align the assessment with the
16 council's adopted intent and to ensure that adequate revenues are collected
17 to sustain existing service levels.
- 18 4. No policy changes are proposed.

19 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

20 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes technical corrections to the

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21 noxious weed control program assessments adopted in Ordinance 20004.

22 B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240.

23 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13325, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C.

24 4A.670.200 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

25 A. An assessment for the King County noxious weed control program of ~~((eight~~
26 ~~dollars and one hundred twenty-two one thousandths cents))~~ \$8.122 per parcel and
27 ~~((fifty-eight cents))~~ \$0.5801 per acre on all property not classified as forest land shall be
28 imposed annually. Property classified as forest land, as defined in RCW 84.33.035, that
29 is used solely for the planting, growing or harvesting of trees and that is typified by
30 canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory shall be assessed at the rate
31 of ~~((eighty-one and two one thousandths cents))~~ \$0.8122 per parcel and ~~((five and eight~~
32 ~~one thousandths))~~ \$0.058 per acre.

33 B. The amount of the assessment shall constitute a lien against any property for
34 which the assessment has not been paid by the date it is due, as provided in RCW
35 17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such a property.

36 C. Lands owned by the federal government or lands owned by federally
37 recognized tribes or members of such tribes as are located within the historical

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- 38 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.
- 39 SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2027.

Ordinance 20088 was introduced on 5/26/2026 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/23/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Fain, Lewis and Perry
No: 3 - Dembowski, Dunn and von Reichbauer
Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

Sarah Perry

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Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of 7/6/2026, ____.

Signed by:

Girmay Zahilay

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Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

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