



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 12, 2014

Ordinance 17934

Proposed No. 2014-0396.2

Sponsors McDermott

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

6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. On November 15, 2007, the King County council adopted Ordinance
8 15958 at the request of the King County noxious weed board to raise the
9 noxious weed control program assessment in order to expand noxious weed
10 control services as authorized in RCW 17.10.240.
- 11 2. Since the last noxious weed parcel assessment increase in 2007, there
12 have been increases in the costs of providing noxious weed prevention and
13 control services, increases in the number and acreage of noxious weed sites
14 in King County that are mandated for control by chapter 17.10 RCW,
15 including an unprecedented increase in the number of sites infested with
16 garlic mustard sites, a highly challenging and damaging Class A noxious
17 weed that is mandated for eradication, and a decrease in external grant
18 funding for the riparian knotweed program.

19 3. The King County noxious weed control board resolved on May 21,
20 2014, that the noxious weed control program assessment must be increased
21 to provide the services necessary to educate the public about noxious weeds
22 harmful to the economy and environment of King County, and to identify
23 and control both terrestrial and aquatic noxious weed infestations mandated
24 for control by chapter 17.10 RCW.

25 4. The King County noxious weed control board's budget for noxious weed
26 control for 2015 and 2016 is included in the King County budget for 2015
27 and 2016 submitted to the King County council by the King County
28 executive, and based on this budget an increase in the noxious weed control
29 program assessment is warranted on all property not classified as forest
30 land from two dollars and ten cents to three dollars and seventeen and one-
31 tenth cents per parcel, and from fifteen cents to twenty-two and sixty-five
32 one-hundredth cents in the per acre fee, and on property classified as forest
33 land, from twenty-one cents to thirty-one and seventy-one one-hundredth
34 cents per parcel, and from one and one-half cents to two and two-hundred-
35 sixty-five one-thousandth cents in the per acre fee, in order to address the
36 increases in noxious weed infestation and the decrease in external grant
37 funding for noxious weed control.

38 5. Lands owned by the federal government or by federally recognized
39 tribes or members of such tribes that are located within the historical
40 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed
41 control program.

42 6. It is in the public interest, and is necessary for the protection of health,
43 safety and welfare for the residents of King County that the necessary costs
44 of providing noxious weed control program services continue to be paid,
45 and that such costs continue to be charged against those parcels benefitting
46 from these services.

47 7. The King County noxious weed control board has petitioned the King
48 County council to increase the noxious weed control program assessment
49 and the King County council finds that the requested increase in assessment
50 is necessary and justified.

51 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

52 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes to revise the noxious weed
53 control program assessments.

54 B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240.

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

56 4A.670.200 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

57 A. An assessment for the King County noxious weed control program of ~~((two~~
58 ~~dollars and ten))~~ three dollars and seventeen and one-tenth cents per parcel and ~~((fifteen))~~
59 twenty-two and sixty-five one-hundredth cents per acre on all property not classified as
60 forest land shall be imposed annually. Property classified as forest land, as defined in
61 RCW 84.33.035, that is used solely for the planting, growing or harvesting of trees and
62 that is typified by canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory shall be
63 assessed at the rate of ~~((twenty-one))~~ thirty-one and seventy-one one-hundredth cents per

64 parcel and (~~one and one-half~~) two and two-hundred-sixty-five one-thousandth cents per
65 acre.

66 B. The amount of the assessment shall constitute a lien against any property for
67 which the assessment has not been paid by the date it is due, as provided in RCW
68 17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such a property.

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

71 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.

72 SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2015.

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Ordinance 17934 was introduced on 9/29/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/10/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 1 - Mr. Dembowski
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of NOVEMBER, 2014.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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