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KING COUNTY

Signature Report

Ordinance 19535

Proposed No. 2022-0379.2 **Sponsors** McDermott 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 5, 6 and 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.460 5 and Ordinance 13325, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and 6 K.C.C. 4A.670.200 and establishing an effective date. 7 STATEMENT OF FACTS: 8 1. Since the last noxious weed parcel assessment increase in 2018 under 9 Ordinance 18821, there have been increases in the costs of providing noxious 10 weed prevention and control services, increases in the number and acreage of 11 noxious weed sites in King County that are mandated for control by chapter 17.10 12 RCW, and new species of noxious weeds discovered in King County. In addition, 13 widespread nonregulated invasive weeds are creating increasingly negative 14 impacts to farms, forests and urban greenspaces, and additional resources are 15 needed to achieve higher levels of control of these damaging species through 16 incentives and landowner assistance, especially to underserved communities and 17 in areas being protected by conservation efforts. 18 3. The King County noxious weed control budget for 2023 and 2024 is included 19 in the King County budget for 2023 and 2024, submitted to the King County

council by the King County executive, and based on this budget an increase in the

noxiou	s weed control program assessment is warranted on all property not
classifi	ed as forest land from five dollars and thirty-two cents to six dollars and
twenty	cents per parcel and from thirty-eight cents to forty-four and twenty-nine
one tho	ousandth cents per acre on all property not classified as forest land, which
shall be	e assessed annually. The noxious weed control program assessment for
propert	ty classified as forest land, as defined in RCW 84.33.035, that is used
solely f	for the planting, growing or harvesting of trees and that is typified by
canopie	es so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory, shall be increased
from fi	fty-three and two tenths to sixty-two cents per parcel and from three and
eight te	enths to four and forty-three one-thousandth cents per acre, which shall be
assesse	ed annual. The noxious weed control program assessments proposed in this
ordinar	nce will address the increases in noxious weed infestation and the decrease
in exter	rnal grant funding for noxious weed control.
4. Lan	ds owned by the federal government or by federally recognized tribes or
membe	ers of such tribes that are located within the historical boundaries of a
reserva	ation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.
5. It is	in the public interest, and is necessary for the protection of health, safety
and we	elfare for the residents of King County that the necessary costs of providing
noxiou	s weed control program services continue to be paid, and that such costs
continu	ne to be charged against those parcels benefitting from these services.
BE IT	ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
SECTION	ON 1. Ordinance 13325, Sections 5, 6 and 7 and K.C.C. 4A.200.460 are
each hereby an	mended to read as follows:

44 A. There is hereby created the noxious weed control fund. B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund. 45 46 C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the fund 47 manager of the noxious weed control fund. 48 D. The proceeds of the special assessment imposed by K.C.C. ((4.94.010)) 49 4A.670.200 shall be credited to the fund. 50 E. The fund may only be used to support the activities of the King County 51 noxious weed control board and the department of natural resources and parks to control 52 noxious weeds. 53 SECTION 2. A. Section 3 of this ordinance proposes to revise the noxious weed 54 control program assessments. B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240. 55 SECTION 3. Ordinance 13325, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 56 57 4A.670.200 are each hereby amended to read as follows: 58 A. An assessment for the King County noxious weed control program of ((five 59 dollars and thirty two)) six dollars and twenty cents per parcel and ((thirty eight)) forty-60 four and twenty-nine one thousandth cents per acre on all property not classified as forest land shall be imposed annually. Property classified as forest land, as defined in RCW 61 62 84.33.035, that is used solely for the planting, growing or harvesting of trees and that is 63 typified by canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory shall be assessed 64 at the rate of ((fifty three and two tenths)) sixty-two cents per parcel and ((three and eight tenths)) four and forty-three one-thousandths cents per acre. 65

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56	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
58	17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such a property.
59	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

ATTEST:

Attachments: None

- 71 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.
- SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2023. 72

Ordinance 19535 was introduced on 10/4/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/15/2022, by the following vote:

> Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

> > KING COUNTY COUNCIL

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