



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to service and permit fees assessed by the department of development and environmental services; providing for a temporary fee increase; setting a deadline for executive transmittal of any recommendations from an audit and task force review of the department of development and environmental services; limiting allocation of revenues to the departments reserve funds; directing the executive to review alternative long-term funding options for the code enforcement program; and amending Ordinance 13996, Section 12, and K.C.C. 27.02.066 and Ordinance 13263, Section 33, and K.C.C. 23.24.140.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 13996, Section 12, and K.C.C. 27.02.066 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Fee increases-- fees authorized by Ordinance 13332. All fees authorized by Ordinance 13332, as amended, shall increase (~~ten~~) fifteen percent.

SECTION 2. Effective date. Section 1 of this ordinance shall be effective from January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003.

SECTION 3. DDES executive audit and task force review. The executive shall complete the executive audit and task force review of the department of development and environmental services and transmit recommendations from the audit and task force review by May 1, 2003, for council review and adoption.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 13263, Section 33, and K.C.C. 23.24.140 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Code compliance and abatement fund -- authorized. All ~~((monies))~~ moneys collected from the assessment of civil penalties, from the recovery of the costs of pursuing code compliance and abatement, and ~~((for))~~ from the recovery of abatement costs~~((and work))~~, both retroactively and prospectively, except those ~~((monies))~~ moneys designated for the Sensitive Areas Mitigation Fund as set forth in K.C.C. chapter~~((s 21.54 and))~~ 21A.24, shall be allocated to support expenditures for abatement and code enforcement administrative costs, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, and shall be accounted for through either creation of a fund or other appropriate accounting mechanism in the department issuing the notice and order under which the abatement occurred.

SECTION 5. Effective date and limits on withdrawal. Section 4 of this ordinance shall be effective from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. Withdrawals from the moneys collected under K.C.C. 23.24.140, for the purpose of funding administrative costs within the code enforcement section of the department of development and environmental services, shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

SECTION 6. Limits on reserve account allocations. The department shall not allocate moneys to any reserve account until such time the council adopts recommendations that result from the executive internal audit and task force review of department of development and environmental services fees.

SECTION 7. Long-term funding of code enforcement function. The department shall, in consultation with the King County prosecuting attorney's office, review current county funds and all pertinent statutes and case law regarding the use of revenues generated from permit fees or from permit fee surcharges, for the purpose of identifying options for the long-term funding of the county's code enforcement program.

The department shall submit to the council a report of the findings of that review as part of the transmittal of the executive-proposed 2004 budget.

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