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1 ..Title

2 AN ORDINANCE requiring the mailing of a notice  
3 concerning real estate taxes to all taxpayers whose lender  
4 has requested and received the tax information for the  
5 taxpayer's property; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C.  
6 Title 4.

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8 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 9 1. King County is a regional government providing a broad array of basic  
10 services to approximately one million eight hundred thousand residents of  
11 King County.
- 12 2. King County is also the local government for nearly three hundred fifty  
13 thousand residents living in unincorporated King County outside city  
14 boundaries.
- 15 3. A large source of the revenue necessary to both the regional and local  
16 services is property tax.
- 17 4. The manager of the treasury operations section of the finance and  
18 business operations division mails to the taxpayer listed on the tax roll an  
19 annual real estate tax statement for each tax parcel, except no tax  
20 statement is sent to a taxpayer whose lender has requested and is sent the  
21 tax information for that parcel.

22           5. The King County council believes it is in the best interest of the county  
23           to provide the information contained in the tax statement to taxpayers who  
24           receive no real estate tax statement because their lender requests and is  
25           sent the tax information concerning their property.

26           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

27           SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this ordinance should constitute a new  
28 chapter in K.C.C. Title 4.

29           NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. A. RCW 84.56.050 requires the county treasurer  
30 to notify each taxpayer of the amount of the real and personal property, the current and  
31 delinquent amount of tax due on the real and personal property and to print on the notice  
32 the name of each tax and the levy included in the statement.

33           B. It is the intent of the council that all taxpayers, as listed on the tax roll, with a  
34 designated mortgage lender, be sent an annual written notice concerning the real estate  
35 taxes, fees and charges owed on their property when the lender of a taxpayer has  
36 requested and been sent the tax information.

37           NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. A. The treasury operations section of the finance  
38 and business operations division shall provide the notice set forth in section 2 of this  
39 ordinance by March 15 of each year.

40           B. If the treasury operations section of the finance and business operations  
41 division does not send out the notice by March 15, the manager of the treasury operations  
42 section of the finance and business operations division shall file two copies of a written  
43 notice with the clerk of the council by March 15, for distribution to the chair of the

44 council. The notification shall list the circumstances causing failure to meet the deadline  
45 and include a timeline for completing the mailing.

46 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. The treasury operation section of the finance and  
47 business operations division shall determine the design and descriptive title for the notice  
48 concerning real estate taxes, which notice shall at a minimum contain amounts for the  
49 following information:

50 A. The amount of the current tax year billing information, as set forth on the tax  
51 statement;

52 B. The current billing distribution of the current year taxes to local taxing  
53 districts as set forth on the tax statement. The current billing distribution includes:

- 54 1. State;
- 55 2. Local school support;
- 56 3. County;
- 57 4. City;
- 58 5. Unincorporated road;
- 59 6. Port;
- 60 7. Fire;
- 61 8. Sewer and water;
- 62 9. Library;
- 63 10. Other;
- 64 11. Emergency medical services; and
- 65 12. Other charges; and

66 C. Delinquency information including tax year, and delinquent principal taxes,  
67 fees and charge, interest and penalties.

68 NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. The treasury operations section of the finance  
69 and business operations division shall clearly indicate on the notice concerning real estate  
70 taxes that the notice is not a bill and is for informational purposes only. The treasury  
71 operations section of the finance and business operations division should design the  
72 notice concerning real estate taxes in such a way as to have a different appearance than  
73 the real estate tax statement.

74 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. The treasury operations section of the finance  
75 and business operations division shall begin mailing the notice of real estate taxes  
76 required under this ordinance in March 2008.