



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 14, 2018**

**Ordinance 18821**

**Proposed No. 2018-0473.2**

**Sponsors Upthegrove**

1 AN ORDINANCE regarding the King County noxious  
2 weed control program; revising King County noxious weed  
3 control program assessments; and amending Ordinance  
4 13325, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
5 4A.670.200 and Ordinance 13325, Sections 5, 6 and 7, as  
6 amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.460

7 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

8 1. On November 11, 2014, the King County council adopted Ordinance  
9 17934 at the request of the King County noxious weed board to raise the  
10 noxious weed control program assessment in order to expand noxious  
11 weed control services as authorized in RCW 17.10.240.

12 2. Since the last noxious weed parcel assessment increase in 2014, there  
13 have been increases in the costs of providing noxious weed prevention and  
14 control services, increases in the number and acreage of noxious weed  
15 sites in King County that are mandated for control by chapter 17.10 RCW,  
16 and new species of noxious weeds discovered in King County. In  
17 addition, widespread non-regulated invasive weeds are creating  
18 increasingly negative impacts to farms, forests and urban greenspaces, and  
19 additional resources are needed to achieve higher levels of control of these

20           damaging species through incentives and landowner assistance, especially  
21           to underserved communities and in areas being protected by conservation  
22           efforts.

23           3. The King County noxious weed control budget for 2019 and 2020 is  
24           included in the King County budget for 2019 and 2020, submitted to the  
25           King County council by the King County executive, and based on this  
26           budget an increase in the noxious weed control program assessment is  
27           warranted on all property not classified as forest land from \$3.171 per  
28           parcel to \$5.32 per parcel, and from 22.65 cents to 38 cents in the per-acre  
29           fee, and on property classified as forest land, from 31.71cents to 53.20  
30           cents per parcel, and from 2.265 cents to 3.8 cents in the per-acre fee, in  
31           order to address the increases in noxious weed infestation and the decrease  
32           in external grant funding for noxious weed control.

33           4. Lands owned by the federal government or by federally recognized  
34           tribes or members of such tribes that are located within the historical  
35           boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed  
36           control program.

37           5. It is in the public interest, and is necessary for the protection of health,  
38           safety and welfare for the residents of King County that the necessary costs  
39           of providing noxious weed control program services continue to be paid,  
40           and that such costs continue to be charged against those parcels benefitting  
41           from these services.

42           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

45            B. These assessments are authorized under RCW 17.10.240.

46            SECTION 2. Ordinance 17934, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
47 4A.670.200 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

48            A. An assessment for the King County noxious weed control program of (~~three~~  
49 ~~dollars and seventeen and one-tenth~~) five dollars and thirty-two cents per parcel and  
50 (~~twenty-two and sixty-five one-hundredth~~) thirty-eight cents per acre on all property not  
51 classified as forest land shall be imposed annually. Property classified as forest land, as  
52 defined in RCW 84.33.035, that is used solely for the planting, growing or harvesting of  
53 trees and that is typified by canopies so dense as to prohibit the growth of an understory  
54 shall be assessed at the rate of (~~thirty-one and seventy-one one-hundredth~~) fifty-three  
55 and two tenths cents per parcel and (~~two and two-hundred-sixty-five one-thousandth~~)  
56 three and eight tenths cents per acre.

57            B. The amount of the assessment shall constitute a lien against any property for  
58 which the assessment has not been paid by the date it is due, as provided in RCW  
59 17.10.240. A notice of lien shall be sent to each owner of such a property.

60            C. Lands owned by the federal government or lands owned by federally  
61 recognized tribes or members of such tribes as are located within the historical  
62 boundaries of a reservation shall not be assessed for the noxious weed control program.

63            SECTION 3. Ordinance 13325, Sections 5, 6 and 7, as amended, and K.C.C.  
64 4A.200.460 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

65            A. There is hereby created the noxious weed control fund.

66 B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund.

67 C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the fund  
68 manager of the noxious weed control fund.

69 D. The proceeds of the special assessment imposed by ((K.C.C. 4.94.010))  
70 K.C.C. 4A.670.200 shall be credited to the fund.

71 E. The fund may only be used to support the activities of the King County  
72 noxious weed control board and the department of natural resources and parks to control

73 noxious weeds.

74 SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2019.

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Ordinance 18821 was introduced on 10/1/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/13/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

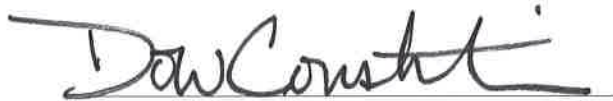


Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 19 day of NOVEMBER 2018.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None