



postage, and to pay any postage due, and

WHEREAS, a long-term solution should be found to avoid situations in the future whereby return envelopes for mail ballots require extra postage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. Official King County policy is hereby established that the county will pay any additional postage due on mail ballot envelopes for the November 7, 2006, general election and future elections;

B. The executive is requested to study the feasibility and advisability of asking mail ballot voters to affix only the amount of a single first class stamp for postage regardless of ballot weight; and

C. The executive is further requested to study and consider whether new vote-

tabulating equipment might allow for the use of a lighter grade of paper, reducing the likelihood that future ballots will require extra postage.