ORDINANCE NO. 3431

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, authorizing a .85 percent increase in property tax for 1999 according to the implicit price deflator established pursuant to State Referendum 47.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and after providing all appropriate notice, the City Council held a public hearing on November 17, 1998, to consider the City of Kent's current expense budget for the 1999 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, after this hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, the City Council determined that the City of Kent requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year's revenues, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, annexations and any increase in the value of state-assessed property and the refund fund levy, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City and in order to protect the best interests of the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, to best preserve the public health, safety and welfare and in order to best serve the citizens of Kent through a continued commitment to capital improvements projects throughout the City, an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, annexations and any increase in the value of state-assessed property and the refund fund levy, should be authorized to one hundred percent (100%) plus the percentage change in inflation as measured by the implicit price deflator for Tax Increase - Inflation.
personal consumption, which for 1999 taxes will be a .85 percent increase from the previous year's property tax levy, calculated to be $129,123.00; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Property Tax Levy Established. In addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, annexations and any increase in the value of state-assessed property and the refund fund levy, the regular property tax levy for 1999 is increased to and established at one hundred percent (100%) plus the percentage change in inflation as measured by the implicit price deflator for personal consumption, which for 1999 taxes will be a .85 percent increase from the previous year's property tax levy, calculated to be $129,123.00.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

JIM WHITE, MAYOR
ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: 8th day of December, 1998.

APPROVED: 9th day of December, 1998.

PUBLISHED: 11th day of December, 1998.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3431, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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