Ordinance No. 3494

["Beginning July 1, 1998"]

(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

Readopting, re-enacting, ratifying and confirming by Ord. 3533
ORDINANCE NO. 3494

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, authorizing a one hundred six percent (106%) property tax levy limit factor for 2000 to protect the City's future property tax levy capacity.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and after providing all appropriate notice, the City Council held a public hearing on November 16, 1999, to consider the City of Kent's current expense budget for the 2000 calendar year, and held a separate meeting on November 23, 1999, at a special City Council meeting to address the City's 2000 property tax levy, revenues and limit factors; and

WHEREAS, upon a finding of a "substantial need" and the vote of a majority plus one of the council, the City can adopt an ordinance protecting its future tax levy capacity; and

WHEREAS, to best preserve the public health, safety and welfare, to best protect the City's future property tax levy capacity, to best serve the citizens of Kent by maintaining an appropriate level of service throughout the City, to appropriately discharge the City's expected expenses and obligations, and to best serve the citizens of Kent through a continued commitment to capital improvements throughout the City, a substantial need exists to protect the City's future property tax levy capacity by authorizing a tax levy limit factor, pursuant to RCW 84.55.0101, of one hundred six percent (106%); and
WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to protect tax levy capacity; it does not increase property taxes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

**SECTION 1.** Findings. The City Council finds that the foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth in the body of this ordinance;

**SECTION 2.** Property Tax Levy Limit Factor Authorized. Based on the foregoing findings that a substantial need exists to increase the regular property tax levy limit factor and to best protect the City's future property tax levy capacity, 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 limit factor for 2000 is authorized to one hundred six percent (106%), which would allow a six percent (6%) increase from the previous year's highest allowable property tax levy.

**SECTION 3.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after the date of publication of this ordinance.

[Signature]

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

2 Tax Levy - Protected
ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: 23 day of November, 1999.

APPROVED: 24 day of November, 1999.

PUBLISHED: 27 day of November, 1999.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3494, 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