ORDINANCE NO. 3630

AN ORDINANCE of the city council of the city of Kent, Washington, authorizing the 2002 property tax levy for the 2003 budget at the previous year’s tax levy, plus an increase within the statutory allowable amount, in addition to increases resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, the refund fund levy, and annexed properties.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and after providing all appropriate notice, the city council held a public hearing on September 17, 2002, to consider the city of Kent’s proposed operating and capital budget for the 2003 calendar year, and held a public hearing on November 19, 2002, to address the city’s 2002 property tax levy, revenues, and limit factors, as well as the proposed 2003 budget, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, any increase in property tax revenue other than that 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, requires the adoption of a separate ordinance from the tax levy ordinance specifically authorizing the increase in terms of both dollars and percentage; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that to best protect 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 increase its tax levy over last year, NOW, THEREFORE, 

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

SECTION 1. - Recitals Incorporated  The city council finds that the foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein

SECTION 2. - Property Tax Levy Authorized  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, the refund fund levy, the 2002 regular property tax dollar levy for the 2003 budget is authorized at the previous year’s property tax levy, plus $206,321, representing 1.0%.

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
BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM.

TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED. 10 day of December, 2002
APPROVED. 10 day of December, 2002
PUBLISHED 14 day of December, 2002

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3630 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 (SEAL)
BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK