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6 ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1
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10 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 8.08 of the**
11 **Pierce County Code to Add a New Section 8.08.075, Special**
12 **Assessment and Lien for Recovery of Costs; Providing for a**
13 **Special Assessment and Lien for the Recovery of Pierce**
14 **County's Nuisance Abatement Costs, Pursuant to Revised**
15 **Code of Washington 36.32.120(10).**
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17 **Whereas**, the judicially and statutorily authorized cleanup of nuisances is an
18 important public duty performed by County government; and
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20 **Whereas**, the cost of cleaning up nuisances is a cost best borne by the person
21 creating the nuisance or the property upon which the nuisance is situated; and
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23 **Whereas**, the creation of a high priority nuisance abatement special assessment
24 and lien upon property burdened by a nuisance would make it more likely that the public
25 will not have to bear the cost of abating a nuisance on land owned by another; and
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27 **Whereas**; the cleanup of a nuisance directly benefits the property on which the
28 nuisance was formerly situated; and
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30 **Whereas**, the State of Washington has authorized the creation of such high
31 priority nuisance abatement special assessments and liens; **Now Therefore**,

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33 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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1 Section 1. Chapter 8.08 of the Pierce County Code is hereby amended to add a
2 new Section 8.08.075, as shown below:

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4 **8.08.075 Special Assessment and Lien for Recovery of Costs.**

5 Pursuant to RCW 36.32.120(10), all Pierce County's costs for the abatement of
6 any nuisance defined by any statute or ordinance shall be a special assessment upon
7 the land or premises on which the nuisance is situated and this assessment shall
8 constitute a lien against the property which shall be of equal rank with state, county, and
9 municipal taxes.

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11 **PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2007.**

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13 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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19 **Denise D. Johnson**
20 Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

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24 **John W. Ladenburg**
25 Pierce County Executive
26 Approved _____ Vetoed _____, this
27 _____ day of _____,
28 2007.

29 Date of Publication of
30 Notice of Public Hearing: _____

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32 Effective Date of Ordinance: _____

