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SUBJECT: King County Fire Protection District 10 Fire Benefit Charge Notices Mailed

The Commissioners of Fire District 10 have authorized the mailing of the 2010 Fire Benefit Charge Notices to each parcel owner within the Fire District. The notice includes a letter of explanation and the actual per parcel benefit charge information.

Included in the per parcel information is the benefit charge formula, the square footage of record received from the King County Assessor's office, the use category and the total charge that will be included in the parcel owners 2010 property tax bill.

Dave Gray, District 10 Board Secretary, notes that, "The notice is not a bill and parcel owners are not required to do anything with it, unless they believe there is an error. The notice is an opportunity for the parcel owner to review the information used to calculate the charge before it is applied to their 2010 Property Tax Bill. The charge will appear on the bill under the "Special" category. "

District 10 Commissioner, Chairman Rick Gaines, reminds parcel owners that, "The regular assessed value portion of their property tax bill for Fire Suppression and related services has been reduced by one third and is being replaced by the Benefit Charge. In 2010, the Benefit Charge remains below the 50 cents per thousand of assessed value of reduced property taxes.

According to Dave Gray, "Parcel owners who feel that the Fire Benefit Charge for a parcel is in error may appeal directly to the Board of Commissioners. Appeal instructions are on

the notice. Appeal Forms may be obtained from the Eastside Fire & Rescue/District 10 Headquarters at 175 Newport Way, Issaquah, by visiting our web page, or by making a request for us to fax or mail one to you. To return the completed form, the parcel owner may deliver, mail or fax the Appeal Form to EF&R Headquarters. Appeal Forms must be received by 5 p.m. on February 1, 2010.

No appeals will be considered by the Board of Commissioners unless an Appeal Form was received by the February 1st date. Parcel owners do not need to be present at an appeal hearing for their appeal to be considered. The Benefit Charge may be appealed in person (after filing a written appeal by February 1st) at the Appeal Hearing on February 17th at 4 p.m.

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