

July 16, 1985

INTRODUCED BY GARY GRANT

PROPOSED NO. 85-337

ORDINANCE NO. 7343

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the electors of King County at a special election to be held therein on November 5, 1985, in conjunction with the State-wide general election to be held on the same date, of a proposition imposing the levy of a general tax each year for six years beginning in 1985 in a sum of \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on taxable property within the County pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session, passed by the Legislature of the State of Washington on May 14, 1979, for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of purpose. The council finds that:

A. Emergency medical services are among the most important services provided county residents. These services include basic and advanced life support, training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, an effective communications system, emergency medical technician training, defibrillation training, injury prevention, and related services. In combination, these programs have made the emergency services network in King County an invaluable life-saving effort and an important part of the quality of life standards afforded citizens of this county.

B. Cardio-vascular disease is the leading cause of death in the nation and in King County. The delivery of paramedic services in King County has tripled the survival rate of victims of cardiac arrest; the initiation of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation by bystanders or emergency medical technicians has doubled discharge rates.

1 C. King County should exercise leadership in and assume  
2 responsibility for assuring the orderly and comprehensive  
3 development and provision of emergency medical service throughout  
4 the county.

5 D. The concern for assuring a county-wide emergency medical  
6 services program is shared by King County cities and fire  
7 protection districts who participate in emergency medical services  
8 programs.

9 E. Emergency medical services provided to county residents  
10 should be of high quality and should meet uniform service delivery  
11 standards.

12 F. The demand for emergency medical services has grown over  
13 the years; however, such demand has not been accompanied by a  
14 stable source of revenues.

15 G. Emergency medical services are essential and should be  
16 afforded a stable and discreet funding base.

17 H. Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session  
18 recognizes the needs and concerns described above and provides a  
19 funding source for the provision of such emergency medical  
20 services.

21 I. The provision of emergency medical services on a county-  
22 wide basis is a public purpose of King County. In order to assure  
23 such a provision of services, it is both necessary and appropriate  
24 that an additional regular property tax of \$.25 per \$1,000 of  
25 assessed valuation be levied as provided for in this ordinance.

26 J. Reimbursement and transfer to the City of Seattle of all  
27 tax revenues collected pursuant to the levy provided for in this  
28 ordinance from taxable property located within the legal  
29 boundaries of the City of Seattle will not affect the county's  
30 ability to provide emergency medical services throughout King  
31 County.

1        SECTION 2. Authorization of levy. The authorization for this  
2 additional regular property tax levy for the support of emergency  
3 medical services is found in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First  
4 Extraordinary Session passed in extra session of the Washington  
5 State Legislature on May 14, 1979 and codified in Chapter  
6 84.52.069 RCW.

7        SECTION 3. Approval of cities over 50,000 population.  
8 Pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session  
9 approval to impose this additional regular property tax has been  
10 obtained from the legislative bodies of all cities over 50,000  
11 population in the county.

12        SECTION 4. City of Seattle reimbursement. It is recognized  
13 that the City of Seattle operates and funds an emergency medical  
14 services program that is separate from the county program. During  
15 the period of this six-year levy as set forth herein and as  
16 authorized by the qualified electors of King County, all tax  
17 revenues collected pursuant to such six-year levy from taxable  
18 property located within the legal boundaries of the City of  
19 Seattle and King County Fire Protection District Number 5 - so  
20 long as services are provided to its residents by the City program  
21 - shall be reimbursed and transferred to the City of Seattle at  
22 the levy rate authorized herein.

23        SECTION 5. Type of levy. Pursuant to the authorization in  
24 Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session, this levy  
25 is a regular property tax levy in addition to the statutory tax  
26 rate limit of RCW 84.52.043 and is not subject to the 106%  
27 limitation of RCW 85.55.010 for the first levy imposed, but is  
28 subject thereto for the remaining five levies.

29        SECTION 6. Levy rate. The rate at which this levy shall be  
30 submitted to the voters shall be the sum of \$.25 per \$1,000 of  
31 assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years.  
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1        SECTION 7. Deposit of funds. The share of this collection  
2 designated for the City of Seattle under Section 4 of this  
3 Ordinance shall be deposited into the Seattle Emergency Medical  
4 Services Tax Fund and dispersed from said Fund. All other funds  
5 collected under this levy shall be deposited into the King County  
6 Emergency Medical Services Fund.

7        SECTION 8. Ratification by voters. This six-year levy must  
8 be approved by a majority of at least three-fifths of the electors  
9 of King County voting on the proposition, at which election the  
10 number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute  
11 three-fifths of a number equal to forty per centum of the total  
12 votes cast in King County at the last preceding general election  
13 when the number of electors voting on the proposition does not  
14 exceed forty per centum of the total votes cast in King County in  
15 the last preceding general election; or by a majority of at least  
16 three-fifths of the electors of King County voting on the  
17 proposition to levy when the number of electors voting on the  
18 proposition exceeds forty per centum of the total votes cast in  
19 King County in the last preceding general election.

20        SECTION 9. Call for special election. Pursuant to  
21 RCW 29.13.010, it is hereby deemed that an emergency exists  
22 requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county  
23 at a special county election to be held therein on  
24 November 5, 1985, in conjunction with the state-wide general  
25 election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing  
26 the previously described six-year levy for emergency medical  
27 services. The manager of the division of records and elections  
28 shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance  
29 with the State Constitution and general law and to submit to the  
30 qualified electors of the county at the said special county  
31 elections, the proposition hereinafter set forth.

32        The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed to  
33 certify that proposition to the manager of the King County

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1 division of records and elections in substantially the following  
2 form:

3 King County, Washington

4 Proposition \_\_\_\_\_: Regular Property Tax  
5 Levy for Emergency Medical Services

6 Shall King County levy a regular property tax each year for six  
7 consecutive years beginning in 1985, to be collected beginning  
8 1986, in the sum of \$.25/1,000 of assessed valuation for the  
9 provision of emergency medical services, all as provided in King  
10 County Ordinance 7343.

11 Proposition, yes . . . . .

12 Proposition, no. . . . .

13 SECTION 10: Severability. Should any section, subsection,  
14 sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared  
15 unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, that determination  
16 shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this  
17 ordinance.

18 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26th day of  
19 August, 1985.

20 PASSED this 9th day of September, 1985.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

23 Gary Grant  
24 CHAIRMAN

25 ATTEST:

26 Jessie M. Owens  
27 Clerk of the Council

28 APPROVED this 9th day of September, 1985.

29 Randy Revelle  
30 RANDY REVELLE  
31 King County Executive  
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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
Regarding Emergency Medical Services

BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF BELLEVUE  
AND  
KING COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT, is entered into by and between the City of Bellevue (the "City") and King County (the "County");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to place before the qualified electors of King County a ballot proposition authorizing the County to levy an additional regular property tax on all taxable property within King County for the support of emergency medical services pursuant to the powers granted it in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess.; and

WHEREAS, the City has given its approval for said levy pursuant to resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City provides emergency medical services, which include basic and advanced life support services within its own jurisdiction and also by contract to Medina, Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point, Beaux Arts, and Fire District #14; and

WHEREAS, by contract the City also provides advanced life support services to Mercer Island, Issaquah, portions of Kirkland and Redmond, and to portions of Fire District #10 and Fire District #25; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to allocate a portion of said property tax levy revenues to the City for support of its emergency medical services program; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, RCW 39.34; now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall submit to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held therein on November 5, 1985 in conjunction with the state-wide general election to be held on the same date or at such other time as the County may determine, subject to the provisions of RCW 29.13.010 regarding the calling of a special county elections, a proposition

authorizing the levy of an additional regular property tax on taxable property within the County pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess., in the sum of not more than 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, each year for six years beginning in 1985 for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services.

2. This Agreement shall commence upon the authorization of the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy as set forth in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess., and the imposition of said levy by King County Council ordinance. This Agreement shall terminate December 31, 1991. The County shall incur no obligation for the payments specified hereinafter except to the extent that the additional regular property tax authorized by Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess. is approved by the voters of King County, is actually levied and the tax revenues resulting therefrom are collected and the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled.

3. This cooperative undertaking shall be administered by the King County Emergency Medical Services Division. The City and the County shall negotiate contracts each year for six years beginning in 1986 to provide for the actual administration of services by the City. The City agrees that any equipment purchased in whole or in part with tax levy revenues is upon its purchase or receipt the property of the City and shall be used only for the purposes set forth in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess.

4. King County agrees to provide to the City of Bellevue funds for the support of basic life support services in an amount proportionate to the total funds to be made available annually for basic life support services to all jurisdictions within the County's paramedic service area. Such amount shall be determined annually for basic life support services to all jurisdictions within the County's paramedic service areas. Such amount shall be determined annually as follows:

- a) one-third based on the City's assessed value as a percentage of the total assessed value of all jurisdictions in the County's paramedic service areas.

- b) one-third based on the City's aid calls for the previous year as a percentage of the total number of aid calls of all jurisdictions in the County's paramedic service areas.
- c) one-third based on the City's population as a percentage of the total population of the County's paramedic service areas.

5. King County agrees to provide to the City funds for the support of basic life support services to the Cities of Bellevue, Medina, the Towns of Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point and Beaux Arts, and King County Fire Protection District No. 14 annually in an amount to be derived pursuant to Section 4 above: PROVIDED, that so long as the City of Bellevue continues to provide basic life support services to such jurisdictions, it shall receive funding of not less than \$208,502 annually during the period of this described Agreement unless the sum of the percentages in sections 4(a), (b) and (c) above declines: PROVIDED FURTHER, in the event one of the above jurisdictions terminates its agreement with the City of Bellevue for basic life support services or the City terminates its agreement with one of the jurisdictions the amount the City shall receive from the County shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with Section 4 above. It shall be the responsibility of the City of Bellevue to secure the said written agreements from such jurisdictions prior to the release of said funds by the County.

6. The City agrees to provide advanced life support services to the Cities of Bellevue, Medina, Mercer Island, Issaquah, portions of Kirkland and Redmond, Towns of Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point, Beaux Arts, and King County Fire Protection District No. 14 and to those portions of King County Fire Protection Districts No. 10 and No. 25 being served as of January 1, 1985 and to such other areas as may be mutually agreed to in writing by the City and the County, subject to the approval of the King County Emergency Medical Services Review Committee.

7. King County agrees to provide to the City of Bellevue funds for the support of advanced life support services as provided in the King County Emergency Medical Services System Paramedic Service Area Standards on the basis of a standard paramedic unit cost which shall be not less than \$475,544 annually.



8. The City agrees to comply with the King County Emergency Medical Services System Paramedic Service Area Standards in force as of the effective date of this Agreement and such modifications as are subsequently recommended by the King County Division of Emergency Medical Services and approved by the King County Emergency Medical Services Review Committee.

9. Upon approval by the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy described herein, this Agreement shall supercede and terminate all previous agreements between the parties relating to emergency medical services property tax levies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the date first above stated.

KING COUNTY

THE CITY OF

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acting under authority of  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Acting under authority of  
Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:

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Prosecuting Attorney

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City Attorney

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
FOR ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

AND

KING COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to Ch. 239, Laws of 1967, the "Interlocal Cooperation Act" codified as Ch. 39.34 RCW, by and between The City of Seattle ("The City") and King County ("The County");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to place before the qualified electors of King County a ballot proposition authorizing the County to levy an additional regular property tax in the sum of 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years on all taxable property within King County for the support of emergency medical services pursuant to the powers granted to it in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess.; and

WHEREAS, the City operates and funds an emergency medical services program which is independent from the County's program; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenues to be collected pursuant to said levy will be attributable to taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City; and King County Fire Protection District Number 5, which is served by the City's program; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to reimburse and transfer to the City for the support of its emergency medical services program all revenues to be collected pursuant to said levy from the taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City of Seattle and King County Fire Protection District Number 5; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the reimbursement and transfer agreement set forth above will not affect the County's

ability to provide emergency medical service throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess. provides that no County levy proposal may be placed on the ballot without approval of the legislative authority of the City;

Now, Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall submit to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held therein on November 5, 1985 in conjunction with the state-wide general election to be held on the same date or at such other time as the County may determine, subject to the provisions of RCW 29.13.010 regarding the calling of special county elections, a proposition authorizing the County to levy an additional regular property tax each year for six years beginning in 1985 on taxable property within the County in the sum of 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess. for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services.

2. This Agreement shall commence upon the approval by the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy as set forth in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess., and the imposition of said levy by King County Council ordinance. The County shall levy said voter approved regular property tax beginning in 1985, and each year thereafter for five consecutive years. This Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 1991.

3. The County shall reimburse and transfer to the City all revenues collected pursuant to said levy from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City and taxable property located within the legal boundaries of King County Fire Protection District Number 5 - as long as the City provides emergency medical services to residents of King County Fire Protection District Number 5 - all at the levy rate authorized herein.

4. Reimbursement and transfer of the revenues set forth in Section 3 above, shall be administered by the King County Office of Finance in the manner and at such times as revenues produced pursuant to levies authorized by RCW 84.52.043.

5. All revenues received pursuant to said levy and this Agreement shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services as specified in Section 1(3) of Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, 1st Ex. Sess., and shall be deposited into a special revenue fund established by the City for that purpose.

6. In return for the reimbursement and transfer as set forth in Section 3 above, the City gives its approval by ordinance for the submission to the qualified electors of King County of the County-wide-six-year additional property tax levy proposition for emergency medical services set forth in Section 1 above.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit the City from levying an annual excess levy to fund emergency medical services.

8. The parties hereto expressly reserve for themselves the right to amend this agreement. No amendment hereto will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

9. Upon approval by the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy described herein, this Agreement shall supercede and terminate all previous agreements between the parties relating to emergency medical services property tax levies.

KING COUNTY

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