



KING COUNTY

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**RECORDS & ELECTIONS
DIVISION**

Ordinance 13896

RECEIVED BY: L. Sanchez
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Proposed No. 2000-0368.3

Sponsors Nickels and Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the
2 qualified electors of King County, at a special election to be
3 held in conjunction with the general election on September
4 19, 2000, of a proposition authorizing the county to issue its
5 general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount
6 of not to exceed \$193,130,000 or so much thereof as may be
7 issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of
8 counties, for the purpose of providing funds to pay for
9 seismic and public health and safety improvements for
10 Harborview Medical Center.

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13 **PREAMBLE:**

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15 The county has made significant efforts to determine whether existing county
16 facilities comply with seismic standards and to make improvements to those
17 facilities that do not comply with seismic standards. Harborview Medical Center,

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18 including facilities used by the Medical Examiner's Office, is among the county's
19 most essential public health and safety facilities that fail to meet seismic
20 standards.

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22 Harborview Medical Center is the only designated level one trauma center in a
23 four-state region providing emergency patient care. Because Harborview plays a
24 key role in emergency services and disaster planning in King County, the county
25 wishes to undertake a seismic retrofit of its facilities to achieve the appropriate
26 standards of seismic stability for such facilities as established by the Federal
27 Emergency Management Administration and to make related public health and
28 safety improvements to meet the region's critical health care needs. Because the
29 King County Medical Examiner plays a key role in investigating and prosecuting
30 violent crimes in King County, the county also wishes to undertake improvements
31 to the inadequate facilities currently housing the Medical Examiner's Office.

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33 The county's plan for seismic and public health and safety improvements to
34 facilities of Harborview Medical Center is designed to assure uninterrupted
35 trauma care and other emergency operations. The plan requires the demolition of
36 seismically unsound buildings, the construction of new buildings to house
37 services displaced from the demolished buildings, and expansion and renovation
38 of existing facilities to provide seismic stability for those and adjacent facilities
39 and to provide additional critical health care capacity. Inpatient and outpatient
40 clinical services and the public health services provided by the county's Medical

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41 Examiner's Office are among the services that will be displaced from the
42 demolished buildings.

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44 To provide financing for the seismic and health and public safety improvements
45 for Harborview Medical Center authorized by this ordinance, it is deemed
46 necessary and advisable that the county issue and sell its unlimited tax general
47 obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$193,130,000.

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49 The constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of
50 whether or not the county may issue such bonds be submitted to the qualified
51 electors of the county for their ratification or rejection;

52 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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54 SECTION 1. Findings; Authorization of Capital Improvements. The county
55 council hereby finds that Harborview Medical Center is a "public health and safety
56 facility" as such term is defined in RCW 36.89.010, and finds further that the essential
57 public health and safety services provided by this facility are of general benefit to all of
58 the residents of King County. To minimize disruptions in the public health and safety
59 services provided by Harborview Medical Center, the county council therefore further
60 finds that the best interests of all of the residents of the county require the county to
61 undertake seismic and related health and public safety improvements to Harborview, as
62 further described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference
63 (collectively, the "Improvements").

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64 In accordance with RCW 36.89.040, the county council hereby finds and declares
65 that the proposition authorized to be submitted to the voters by this ordinance and the
66 Improvements authorized thereby and described in this ordinance have for their object the
67 furtherance and accomplishment of a system of public health and safety facilities for the
68 benefit of all the residents of King County and constitute a single purpose.

69 The cost of all necessary design, engineering and other consulting services,
70 inspection and testing, administrative expenses, permitting and mitigation costs, and
71 other costs incurred in connection with the Improvements shall be deemed a part of the
72 costs of such Improvements.

73 The total estimated cost of the Improvements, including the cost of issuing and
74 selling the bonds provided in this ordinance, is declared to be, as nearly as may be
75 determined, the amount of \$193,130,000.

76 The exact specifications for projects included in the Improvements shall be
77 determined by the county council or its designated agency. If construction of any or all
78 of the Improvements is managed by an agency designated by the county council, such
79 designation shall be made by agreement approved the county council before any bond
80 proceeds are disbursed to such agency for such Improvements. If additional
81 unanticipated funds from other sources are secured for the Improvements, those funds
82 will be used for the Improvements. If the county council shall determine that it has
83 become impractical to acquire, construct or equip any portion of the Improvements by
84 reason of changed conditions, or costs substantially in excess of the amount of bond
85 proceeds or other funds estimated to be available, the county shall not be required to
86 acquire, construct or equip such portions. If all of the Improvements shall have been

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87 accomplished or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the county may apply the
88 bond proceeds or any portion thereof to the payment of principal of and interest on the
89 Bonds or to other capital improvements, as the council, by ordinance and in its discretion,
90 shall determine.

91 SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the
92 funds necessary to pay costs of the Improvements, the county shall issue and sell its
93 general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed
94 \$193,130,000. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount
95 approved by the qualified electors of the county or exceeding the amount permitted by
96 the constitution and laws of the State of Washington. The balance, if any, of the cost of
97 the Improvements shall be paid out of any money that the county now has or may later
98 have on hand that is legally available for such purpose.

99 The bonds to be issued shall be issued in such amounts and at such time or times
100 as found necessary and advisable by the county council. The bonds may be issued in one
101 or more series and shall bear interest payable at a rate or rates not to exceed the
102 maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such
103 amounts and at such times within a maximum term of 20 years from date of issue, but
104 may mature at an earlier date or dates as authorized by the county council and as
105 provided by law. The exact date, form, terms, options of redemption, maturities and
106 conditions of sale of the bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by ordinance of the county
107 council passed for such purpose. The bonds shall be general obligations of the county
108 and, unless paid from other sources, both principal of and interest on the bonds shall be
109 payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the

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110 county without limitation as to rate or amount. After voter approval of the bond
111 proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the county may issue short
112 term obligations as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

113 SECTION 3. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency
114 exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county of a proposition
115 authorizing the county to issue bonds for the purposes set forth in this ordinance at a
116 special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on September 19,
117 2000. The King County Department of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of
118 elections, is hereby requested to find the existence of such emergency and to assume
119 jurisdiction of and to call and conduct said special election to be held within the county
120 and to submit to the qualified electors of the county the proposition hereinafter set forth.

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144 Approved

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146 Rejected”

147 The polls for such special election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

148 The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified

149 copy of this ordinance to the King County Department of Records and Elections.

150 SECTION 4. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this

151 ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or

152 invalidate any other provision of this ordinance or the bonds, but this ordinance and the

153 bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained

154 herein; provided, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall

155 be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

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SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective 10 days after its

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enactment, in accordance with Article II of the county charter.

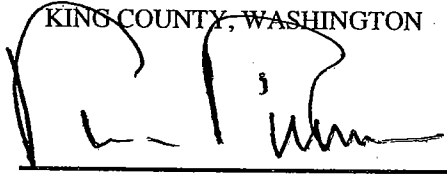
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Ordinance 13896 was introduced on 6/19/00 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/10/00, by the following vote:

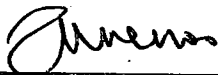
Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons
No: 1 - Mr. Pullen
Excused: 1 - Ms. Fimia

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
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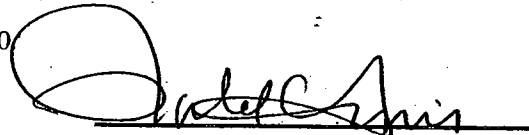
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of July, 2000



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments EXHIBIT A. Description of Improvements

EXHIBIT A

Seismic and Health and Public Safety Improvements
For Harborview Medical Center

- Demolition of seismically unsound buildings
- Construction of new buildings to house services displaced from the demolished buildings, including inpatient and outpatient clinical services and the Medical Examiner's Office
- Renovation, retrofitting and expansion of existing buildings to increase seismic stability, upgrade mechanical, electrical, telecommunications and other building systems, and to increase critical health care capacity
- Street improvements, landscaping, and mitigation required in connection with the above improvements