



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

August 23, 2016

Ordinance 18333

Proposed No. 2016-0287.2

Sponsors Upthegrove, Dunn, Dembowski,
Lambert, Kohl-Welles, Gossett and von
Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy collection of the
2 sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the
3 delivery of mental health and chemical dependency
4 services, and therapeutic courts; continuing the sales and
5 use tax by revising the expiration date of Ordinance 15949,
6 as amended; and amending Ordinance 15949, Section 9.

7 PREAMBLE:

8 In 2005, recognizing the need for additional mental health and chemical
9 dependency programs, the state legislature authorized counties to
10 implement a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to support new
11 programs.

12 The one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax supporting new or
13 expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and
14 services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court
15 programs and services, known as the mental illness and drug dependency
16 ("MIDD") sales and use tax, generates between fifty and sixty-five million
17 dollars annually for King County.

20 expire January 1, 2017. As provided under Ordinance 15949, the county
21 chooses to amend the expiration date to provide for continued collection of
22 the sales and use tax.

23 King County's MIDD is a comprehensive approach to creating
24 improvements across the continuum of the behavioral health system and
25 making progress toward public policy goals such as reduced jail and
26 emergency department use, reduced psychiatric hospitalizations, and
27 reductions in incidence and severity of chemical dependency and mental
28 and emotional disorders in youth and adults. Aggregated MIDD
29 evaluation data finds that MIDD supported programs are successful and
30 effective in meeting the policy goals established by Ordinance 15949 and
31 warrants a continuation of the sale and use tax.

32 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

33 **SECTION 1. Findings:** Continuing the mental illness and drug dependency
34 sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent authorized by RCW 82.14.460 and by
35 Ordinance 15949 enables the county to maintain and build upon the successes of mental
36 illness and drug dependency sales and use tax supported programs and services to:
37 promote adequate, stable public funding for community behavioral health services in
38 King County; ensure timely, affordable and culturally-appropriate access to behavioral
39 health services that focus on recovery and resilience; improve community-based services
40 and programs; and better meet the behavioral needs of people in need of services, thereby
41 reducing costly incarceration and emergency room utilization.

42 SECTION 2. Ordinance 15949, Section 9, as amended, is hereby amended to
43 read as follows:

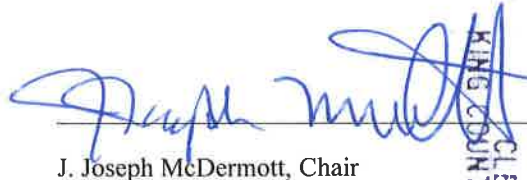
44 ~~((This e))~~ Ordinance 15949, as amended, expires ~~((January 1, 2017))~~ January 1,
45 2026.

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Ordinance 18333 was introduced on 6/13/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/22/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 1 day of SEPTEMBER 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive