



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 14, 2017**

**Ordinance 18609**

**Proposed No. 2017-0352.2**

**Sponsors Dembowski, Balducci and Kohl-  
Welles**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the provision of discounted  
2 transit fare media to human services agencies; and  
3 amending Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as amended, and  
4 Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C.  
5 4A.700.210.

6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

7 1. K.C.C. 4A.700.210 authorizes a program for the sale and distribution  
8 of fare payment media to human services agencies at ten percent of the  
9 face value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low  
10 income and homeless populations. The total amount of the ninety percent  
11 discount available under the program is capped at three million six  
12 hundred thousand dollars for any one year.

13 2. The discount from the face value of fare media paid by human services  
14 agencies was increased from eighty percent to ninety percent effective  
15 January 1, 2017.

16 3. This increase in the discount resulted in many human services agencies  
17 having funds to purchase additional discounted fare payment media.

18 4. In the spring of 2017, Metro conducted a survey of participating human  
19 services agencies to attempt to determine the extent of unmet demand for

20 discounted fare media. Agencies responding to this survey indicated they  
21 had need for, and could purchase additional discounted fare payment  
22 media.

23 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

24 SECTION 1. Ordinance 17932, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 Ordinance 17932, Section 3, Ordinance 18370, Section 4, ~~((and))~~ Ordinance  
27 18399, ~~((s))~~Section 4, and section 2 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2018.

28 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210  
29 are each hereby amended to read as follows.

30 A. The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution  
31 of fare payment media to human service agencies at ~~((ten percent of their))~~ a discount of  
32 the media's cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of very low  
33 income and homeless populations. ~~((The total amount of the ninety percent discount~~  
34 ~~provided under the program shall not exceed three million six hundred thousand dollars~~  
35 ~~for any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by~~  
36 ~~the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or~~  
37 ~~departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the~~  
38 ~~county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media~~  
39 ~~from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible~~  
40 ~~under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public transportation~~  
41 ~~and paratransit service for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income~~  
42 ~~and homeless populations.))~~ The program shall provide for the following:

43           1. Metro issued fare payment media, including but not limited to bus tickets, to  
44 be sold to human service agencies at ten percent of the cash value; and

45           2. A fare payment medium consisting of a combination of a Metro-issued fare  
46 payment medium and a fare payment medium of another transportation agency, to be sold  
47 to human services agencies at the higher of either the ten percent of the cash value of the  
48 Metro fare medium or the discounted price of the fare medium provided by the other  
49 transportation agency under an interagency agreement between Metro and the other  
50 transportation agency.

51           B. The allocation of discount fare payment media under the program shall be  
52 made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department  
53 or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the  
54 county department or departments shall determine the quantity of fare payment media  
55 from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible  
56 under the program.

57           C. The total amount of discount provided under the program established under  
58 section A. of this section shall not exceed (~~three~~) four million (~~six hundred thousand~~)  
59 dollars for any one year.

60           D. Metro fare payment media sold under the program shall be valid for all Metro

61 transportation and paratransit service as well as for service on those Sound Transit bus  
62 routes agreed to by Metro and Sound Transit.  
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Ordinance 18609 was introduced on 8/28/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/13/2017, by the following vote:

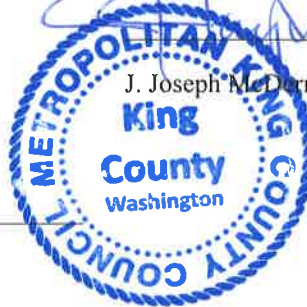
Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 21 day of NOVEMBER 2017.

  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** None