



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Signature Report

Ordinance 19698

Proposed No. 2023-0356.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation,
 2 adopting a one-year increase to the limit of lost revenue
 3 from waiving or discounting fares; amending Ordinance
 4 12643, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.610
 5 and Ordinance 12643, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C.
 6 4A.700.610 and establishing an effective date.

7 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 8 1. K.C.C. 4A.700.610 authorizes the director of the Metro transit
 9 department to waive or discount fare or pass prices for the purpose of
 10 attracting new ridership, relieving congestion, developing market
 11 strategies, testing prices or experimental service, and implementing special
 12 transit programs or promotions.
- 13 2. The annual loss in revenue of all such programs, promotions, and fare
 14 discounts is limited to three hundred fifty thousand dollars.
- 15 3. Due to the extraordinary nature of the Major League Baseball All-Star
 16 Game and its economic impact and tourism opportunities, the executive
 17 announced free Metro transit department fares for the MLB All-Star Game
 18 week in July 2023.

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19 4. With the systemwide fare waivers during the MLB All-Star Game
20 week, the annual loss in revenue for the year 2023 is expected to exceed
21 the current limit.

22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

23 SECTION 1. Findings:

24 A. The annual loss in revenue for the year 2023 from the systemwide fare waiver
25 during the MLB All-Star Game is estimated at four hundred seventy five thousand
26 dollars.

27 B. The Metro transit department also plans to continue prior years practice of
28 offering free fares on New Year's Eve, as well as issue limited free ride tickets and
29 promotions that meet the criteria of K.C.C. 4A.700.610.

30 C. The cumulative amount of fare waivers for the year 2023 is estimated to
31 exceed six hundred thousand dollars.

32 D. Due to the expected exceeding of the existing cap in 2023, retroactive
33 application of this ordinance is deemed prudent and appropriate.

34 SECTION 2. Section 3 of this ordinance is retroactive and applies to January 1,
35 2023, and thereafter.

36 SECTION 3. Ordinance 12643, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.610
37 are each amended to read as follows:

38 For the purpose of attracting new ridership, relieving congestion, developing
39 market strategies, testing prices or experimental service, and implementing other special
40 transit programs or promotions, the director may waive or discount the fare or pass prices
41 otherwise established in this chapter whenever the waiver or discount is not expected to

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42 require the addition of regularly scheduled public transportation services and, in the
43 judgement of the director, the value of the program or promotion and the benefit to the
44 public exceeds the expected loss of revenue. The loss in revenue of all such programs,
45 promotions and fare discounts shall, in the aggregate be no greater than ~~((three))~~ seven
46 hundred ~~((fifty))~~ thousand dollars annually.

47 SECTION 4. Section 5 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2024.

48 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.610
49 are each amended to read as follows:

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53 otherwise established in this chapter whenever the waiver or discount is not expected to
54 require the addition of regularly scheduled public transportation services and, in the
55 judgement of the director, the value of the program or promotion and the benefit to the
56 public exceeds the expected loss of revenue. The loss in revenue of all such programs,


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57 promotions and fare discounts shall, in the aggregate be no greater than ((seven)) three
58 hundred fifty thousand dollars annually.


Ordinance 19698 was introduced on 10/17/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/28/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay


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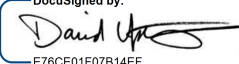
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