



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Agenda Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;  
Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,  
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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1. **Call to Order**

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2. **Roll Call**3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Perry*

4. **Approval of Minutes July 8, 2025**

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*Councilmember Perry*

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**6. **Special Item****Proclamation of July 2025 as Disability Pride Month in King County**

*Councilmember Balducci*



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## Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-12

### Consent Item 7

*Councilmember Perry*

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0158.2](#) **Pg. 21**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 19862, adopted by the council on November 19, 2024, which authorized the issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds of the county; and amending Ordinance 19862, Sections 1, 2, 4, 13, 17, and 19 and repealing Ordinance 19862, Attachment B.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

***On 6/10/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.***

***On 7/9/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent.***



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**Budget and Fiscal Management***Councilmember Dembowski***8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0137](#) Pg. 47**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 to provide funds for acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewer system and to pay the costs of issuing such bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of junior lien sewer revenue refunding bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation refunding bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county to refund outstanding obligations of the county payable from sewer revenues and to pay the costs of issuing such refunding bonds; reauthorizing the county's existing commercial paper notes issued for sewer system purposes, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 outstanding at any time; pledging sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on junior lien sewer revenue bonds issued under this ordinance; pledging the annual levy of taxes and an additional pledge of sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) issued under this ordinance; delegating authority to the county's Finance Director to approve the issuance and sale of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) within specified parameters, to remarket and authorize the conversion of the interest rate mode of the bonds, to select one or more remarketing agents and/or commercial paper dealers and enter into, amend, extend or replace mode agreements, dealer agreements, credit enhancements, liquidity facilities, and related documents, as applicable; providing for the form, terms and covenants of the bonds issued under this ordinance; and provided for other matters relating thereto.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

***On 5/13/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.***

***On 7/9/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation.***

**Public Hearing Required**



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**9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0159.2](#) Pg. 150**

AN ORDINANCE making a net supplemental appropriation of \$107,283,000 to various general fund agencies, a net supplemental appropriation of \$154,684,000 to various non-general fund agencies and a net supplemental appropriation of \$253,447,701 from various capital fund budgets; and amending the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Sections 6, 6, 16, 16, 18, 20, 20, 29, 32, 33, 35, 41, 42, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 64, 71, 71, 79, 79, 80, 83, 83 90, 90, 91, 91, 94, 97, 98, 103, 104, 107, 108, 109, 109, 110, 114, 114, 115, 115, 121, 121, 123, and 130, as amended, and Attachment A, as amended, and adding new section to Ordinance 19861.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

***On 6/10/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.***

***On 6/11/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Deferred.***

***On 7/9/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute.***

Public Hearing Required

## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

### Consent Items 10-11

Councilmember Perry

**10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0107](#) Pg. 306**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Neal Black, who works in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

***On 4/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***



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11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0157](#)

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A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Ballentine, who resides in council district five, to the King County veterans advisory board.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

***On 6/10/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***



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**Health, Housing, and Human Services***Councilmember Mosqueda***12. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0173.2](#) Pg. 315**

A MOTION regarding the council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees, and requesting a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda, Dembowski and Barón

***On 6/17/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute.***

**First Reading and Referral of Motions****13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0150](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jesse Anderson, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as King County's primary representative.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee***

**14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0151](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ian Huri, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee***



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15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0191](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jacob Joens-Poulton, who resides in council district four, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** Barón

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0192](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Aneeka Ferrell, who resides in council district five, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has experience with investigations and enforcement of either human or civil rights or both.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0195](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Bishop Steven Sawyer, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0203](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Vanessa Sanchez-Mexicano, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0206](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of an independent monitoring report on the confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P3.

**Sponsors:** Barón

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***



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20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0207](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the status of safety improvements at adult detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P5.

**Sponsors:** Barón

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0210](#)

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Stephen Heard as acting director of the King County department of information technology.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

***First Reading and Referral to the Committee of the Whole***

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0213](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to the position of King County hearing examiner.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***First Reading and Referral to the Employment and Administration Committee***

23. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees****Other Business****Adjournment**

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:41 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:41 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

**3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Zahilay led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2025**

*Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**5. Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

## **Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining**

**There will be one public hearing on Items 6-13**

*The following people spoke:*

*Joe Kunzler*

*Alex Tsimmerman*

### **Government Accountability and Oversight**

**6. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0085**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the personnel system; amending Ordinance 9088, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.12.005, Ordinance 12014, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.12.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.040, Ordinance 12014, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.042, Ordinance 12014, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.044, Ordinance 12014, Section 10, and K.C.C. 3.12.050, Ordinance 12014, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.060, Ordinance 4324, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 12, and K.C.C. 3.12.090, Ordinance 12014, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.100, Ordinance 12014, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.123, Ordinance 12077, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.125, Ordinance 4324, Section 38, and K.C.C. 3.12.140, Ordinance 12014, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.180, Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.184, Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188, Ordinance 12014, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.190, Ordinance 12052, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.210, Ordinance 12014, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.215, Ordinance 18408, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.219, Ordinance 12014, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.220, Ordinance 18191, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.221, Ordinance 15558, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.222, Ordinance 12014, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.223, Ordinance 13743, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.224, Ordinance 7956, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.225, Ordinance 19563, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.227, Ordinance 12014, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.230, Ordinance 12077, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.240, Ordinance 12014, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.250, Ordinance 12014, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.260, Ordinance 9967, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.262, Ordinance 12014, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.270, Ordinance 12014, Section 28, and K.C.C. 3.12.280, Ordinance 12014, Section 29, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.290, Ordinance 12014, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.300, Ordinance 4324, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.12.310, Ordinance 12014, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.330, Ordinance 12498, Sections 1, 4-7, and K.C.C. 3.12.335, Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350, Ordinance 12014, Section 33, and K.C.C. 3.12.360, Ordinance 16640, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.400, Ordinance 12943, Section 13, and K.C.C. 3.12A.010, Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020, Ordinance 12943, Section 15, and K.C.C. 3.12A.030, Ordinance 12943, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12A.040, Ordinance 12943, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.050, Ordinance 12943, Section 18, and K.C.C. 3.12A.060, Ordinance 18696, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.12S.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.010, Ordinance 8179, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.14.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 47, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.060, Ordinance 12014, Section 50, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 54, and K.C.C. 3.15.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 51, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.025, Ordinance 14233, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.030, Ordinance 14233, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.130, Ordinance 14233, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.140, Ordinance 1780, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.050, Ordinance 197, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.010, Ordinance 11480, Section 5, and K.C.C. 3.16.012, Ordinance 10631, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.015, Ordinance 197, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.020, Ordinance 11480, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.025, Ordinance 8658, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040, Ordinance 12014, Section 55, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050, Ordinance 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055, Ordinance 13000, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.060, Ordinance 1902, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.28.010, Ordinance 12077, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.010, Ordinance 11183, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.30.020, Ordinance 10930, Sections 3-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.030, Ordinance 12077, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.050, Ordinance 12077, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.060, Ordinance 10930, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.070, Ordinance 8575, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.010, Ordinance 8575, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.020, Ordinance 8575, Section 3, as

amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.030, Ordinance 17332, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.36.035, Ordinance 16035, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.045, Ordinance 16035, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.055, Ordinance 16035, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.065, Ordinance 16035, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.075, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 3.15, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 3.30, recodifying K.C.C. 3.15.060, K.C.C. 3.15.110, K.C.C. 3.15.120, K.C.C. 3.15.130, K.C.C. 3.15.140, K.C.C. 3.15.145, and K.C.C. 3.15.135, repealing Ordinance 4324, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12.130, Ordinance 4324, Section 37, and K.C.C. 3.12.150, Ordinance 4324, Section 34, and K.C.C. 3.12.160, Ordinance 12014, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.170, Ordinance 11149, Sections 1-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.187, Ordinance 14591, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.218, Ordinance 12014, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.247, Ordinance 4324, Section 33, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.320, Ordinance 4324, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.340, Ordinance 9498, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.365, Ordinance 1282, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.070, Ordinance 8299, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.100, Ordinance 16818, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.150, Ordinance 16818, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.160, Ordinance 16818, Section 3, and K.C.C. 3.15.170, and Ordinance 16818, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.180, and establishing an expiration date.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 19953.*

*Gene Paul, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1B. The motion carried.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

### Consent Items 7-11

**7. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0154**

A MOTION approving the job description for the position of hearing examiner.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16839.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**8. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0178**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mike Flood to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16840.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**9. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0179**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Christopher Hays to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a registered King County voter.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16841.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**10. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0180**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16842.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**11. Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0181.2**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Latasha Mae to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16843.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed On The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

**First Reading of and Action on Motions without Referral to Committee****12. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0211**

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to serve as hearing examiner pro tempore.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16844.*

*Councilmember Perry made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

*Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:53 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.*

*Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

## Reappointment Consent Agenda

### 13. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0126

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Fartun Mohamed, who resides in council district seven, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative of a grassroots organization serving a cultural population or cultural populations.

*The enacted number is 16845.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 14. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0182

AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities, at the Cedar Hills regional landfill, and for construction and demolition waste disposed at landfills by construction and demolition receiving facilities; and amending Ordinance 19805, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021 and establishing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee**

### 15. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0208

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreements for salmon conservation efforts in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watershed within Water Resource Inventory Area 7, the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 8, and the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 9.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

### 16. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0145

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Peter Lewis, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.**

### 17. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0189

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Emily Huynh, who resides in council district two, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has familiarity with King County government, systems, or agencies.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

### 18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0194

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Mona Jaber, who resides in council district seven, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

### 19. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0201

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the results of an analysis of racial disparities in response to infractions as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Barón

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

### 20. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0205

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program plan, in response to the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 16, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

**21. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0209**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on streamlining food business permitting process, in accordance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 104, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.**

**22. Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

*No reports were given.*

**Other Business**

**Required notification pursuant to K.C.C. 4A.100.080**

**June 20, 2025, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from Emergent Need Contingency to the Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital (TDC FAC SECURITY IMPRVMT BUDG).**

*Councilmember Zahilay announced that under K.C.C. 4A.100.080 a transfer of emergent need contingency exceeding 25% of total project costs shall be noticed on two council agendas to give councilmembers an opportunity to object at either of these meetings. In addition to the July 8, 2025, agenda the notification was also included on the July 1, 2025, agenda. Unless a councilmember objects, the transfer will go forward.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0158.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1           AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 19862, adopted by  
2           the council on November 19, 2024, which authorized the  
3           issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds of the  
4           county; and amending Ordinance 19862, Sections 1, 2, 4,  
5           13, 17, and 19 and repealing Ordinance 19862, Attachment  
6           B.

7           PREAMBLE:

8           Pursuant to RCW 39.46.110 and other county authority, the county may  
9           issue limited tax general obligation bonds payable from tax revenues of  
10          the county and such other money lawfully available and pledged or  
11          provided by the county council.

12          The county council has either previously reviewed and approved or  
13          expects to review and approve the capital improvement projects of the  
14          county as generally described in Ordinance 19862.

15          Pursuant to Ordinance 19862, the county is authorized to issue and sell  
16          from time to time one or more series of its limited tax general obligation  
17          bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$604,000,000 to  
18          provide financing for these projects as identified in Ordinance 19862, and  
19          to pay the costs of issuing the bonds.

20 In addition to the projects identified in the Ordinance 19862, the county  
21 council has either previously reviewed and approved or expects to review  
22 and approve a project to replace the distributed antenna system at the King  
23 County Correctional Facility, the King County Courthouse, and the Norm  
24 Maleng Regional Justice Center, and the acquisition of and improvements  
25 to a plant used to process and convert landfill gas to generate alternate gas  
26 products or energy and related facilities and infrastructure. The council  
27 desires to identify these additional projects as projects for which the  
28 county may provide financing from the sale of limited tax general  
29 obligation bonds authorized by Ordinance 19862. Further, the Council  
30 desires to increase the aggregate principal amount of these bonds to an  
31 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$689,000,000 to reflect  
32 inclusion of these projects.

33 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

34 SECTION 1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used in this ordinance have the  
35 meaning given those terms in Ordinance 19862.

36 SECTION 2. Findings. The council finds that it is in the best interest of the  
37 county to amend Ordinance 19862 and to repeal and replace Attachment B thereto in  
38 order to identify additional projects for which the county may provide financing from the  
39 sale of limited tax general obligation bonds authorized by Ordinance 19862, and to  
40 increase the aggregate principal amount of these bonds accordingly to an aggregate  
41 principal amount not to exceed \$689,000,000.

42 SECTION 3. Ordinance 19862, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

43        Definitions. The following capitalized words and terms as used in ~~((this~~  
44        ~~o))~~Ordinance 19862 have the following meanings for all purposes of ~~((this o))~~Ordinance  
45        19862, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

46        "Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, the owner of the beneficial  
47        interest in that Bond.

48        "Bond Account" means, with respect to each Series of Bonds, the bond  
49        redemption account established therefor pursuant to Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~Section 16  
50        ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

51        "Bond Purchase Agreement" means any bond purchase agreement for the sale of a  
52        Series of Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to Ordinance 19862,  
53        ~~((s))~~Section 13.B ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

54        "Bond Register" means the registration books maintained by the Registrar for  
55        purposes of identifying ownership of the Bonds.

56        "Bonds" means the county's Project Bonds, Refunding Bonds, or both, authorized  
57        to be issued under ~~((this o))~~Ordinance 19862.

58        "Capital Improvement Project" means any project that can be capitalized such as,  
59        for example, a project with a scope that includes one or more of the following elements:  
60        acquisition of either a site or existing structure, or both; program or site master planning;  
61        design and environmental analysis; information technology investment; construction;  
62        major equipment acquisition; reconstruction; demolition; or alteration or renovation.

63        "Certificate of Award" means any certificate of award for the sale of a Series of  
64        Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~Section 13.A  
65        ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

66 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on the date of  
67 issuance of a Series of Tax-Advantaged Bonds or Tax-Exempt Bonds or, except as  
68 otherwise referenced herein, as it may be amended to apply to obligations issued on the  
69 date of issuance of the Tax-Advantaged Bonds or Tax-Exempt Bonds, together with  
70 applicable proposed, temporary, and final regulations promulgated, and applicable  
71 official public guidance published, under the Code.

72 "County council" means the Metropolitan King County Council.

73 "Debt Service Fund" means the "King County Limited Tax General Obligation  
74 Bond Redemption Fund," as set forth in Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~Section 16 ~~((of this~~  
75 ~~ordinance))~~.

76 "DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

77 "Fair Market Value" means the price at which a willing buyer would purchase an  
78 investment from a willing seller in a bona fide, arm's-length transaction, except for  
79 specified investments as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.148-5(d)(6), including  
80 United States Treasury obligations, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment  
81 contracts, and investments for yield-restricted defeasance escrows. Fair Market Value is  
82 generally determined on the date on which a contract to purchase or sell an investment  
83 becomes binding, and, to the extent required by the applicable regulations under the  
84 Code, the term "investment" will include a hedge.

85 "Federal Tax Certificate" means the certificate executed by the Finance Director  
86 setting forth the requirements of the Code for maintaining the tax status of the applicable  
87 Tax-Advantaged Bonds or Tax-Exempt Bonds, and attachments thereto.

88 "Finance Director" means the director of the finance and business operations  
89 division of the department of executive services of the county or any other county officer  
90 who succeeds to the duties now delegated to that office or the designee of such officer.

91 "Government Obligations" means "government obligations," as defined in  
92 chapter 39.53 RCW, as such chapter may be hereafter amended or restated, except as  
93 such definition is further limited in the Sale Document.

94 "Letter of Representations" means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations  
95 dated May 1, 1995, by and between the county and DTC, as it may be amended from  
96 time to time, and any successor or substitute letter relating to the operational procedures  
97 of the Securities Depository.

98 "Loan Agreement" means any loan agreement or direct purchase agreement for  
99 the sale of a Series of Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to Ordinance  
100 19862, ~~((s))Section 13.C ((of this ordinance))~~.

101 "MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or any successor to  
102 its functions.

103 "Official Notice of Bond Sale" means, with respect to each Series of Bonds sold  
104 by competitive bid, the official notice of sale therefor prepared pursuant to Ordinance  
105 19862, ~~((s))Section 13.A ((of this ordinance))~~.

106 "Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, without distinction, the Beneficial Owner  
107 or the Registered Owner.

108 "Project Bonds" means the limited tax general obligation bonds of the county  
109 authorized by ~~((this))~~ Ordinance 19862 to be issued in one or more series, in an  
110 aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$((604,000,000))~~ 689,000,000, to provide

111 financing for one or more Projects, and any bond anticipation notes, commercial paper or  
112 other interim financing issued in advance thereof to be repaid from the proceeds of such  
113 bonds, as provided in ~~((this or))~~ Ordinance 19862.

114 "Projects" means Capital Improvement Projects that, collectively, include each of  
115 the projects set forth in Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance 19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed  
116 Ordinance 2025-0158), as generally described therein.

117 "RCW" means the Revised Code of Washington.

118 "Record Date" means, except as otherwise set forth in the applicable Sale  
119 Document, for an interest or principal payment date or for a maturity date, the 15th day of  
120 the calendar month next preceding that date. With respect to redemption of a Bond prior  
121 to its maturity, "Record Date" means the Registrar's close of business on the date on  
122 which the Registrar sends notice of the redemption.

123 "Refunded Bonds" means, for each Series of Refunding Bonds, all or a portion of  
124 the Refunding Candidates that will be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, with  
125 proceeds of that Series of Bonds, as determined by the Finance Director pursuant to  
126 Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Sections 13 and 18 ~~((of this ordinance))~~, and set forth in a closing  
127 certificate or a Refunding Agreement in accordance with Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section  
128 18 ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

129 "Refunding Account" means any account authorized to be created pursuant to  
130 Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 18 ~~((of this ordinance))~~, to provide for the refunding of  
131 any Refunded Bonds.

132 "Refunding Agreement" means a refunding trust agreement entered into between  
133 the county and a Refunding Trustee in connection with the refunding of Refunded Bonds.

134 "Refunding Bonds" means the limited tax general obligation bonds of the county  
135 authorized by ~~((this-))~~ Ordinance 19862 to be issued in one or more series to refund the  
136 Refunded Bonds, including by purchase or exchange, as provided in ~~((this-))~~ Ordinance  
137 19862.

138 "Refunding Candidates" means any limited tax general obligation bonds of the  
139 county and any bond anticipation notes, commercial paper or other interim financing  
140 issued in advance thereof to be repaid from the proceeds of such bonds identified by the  
141 Finance Director as Refunding Candidates, whether currently outstanding or issued after  
142 the effective date of ~~((this-))~~ Ordinance 19862, including any Series of Bonds issued  
143 under ~~((this-))~~ Ordinance 19862.

144 "Refunding Trustee" means each corporate trustee chosen pursuant to the  
145 provisions of Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 18 ~~((of this ordinance))~~, to serve as  
146 refunding trustee or escrow agent in connection with the refunding of Refunded Bonds.

147 "Registered Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, the person in whose name  
148 that Bond is registered on the Bond Register.

149 "Registrar" means, except as may be set forth in the Sale Document, the fiscal  
150 agent of the State appointed from time to time by the Washington State Finance  
151 Committee pursuant to chapter 43.80 RCW, serving as the registrar, authenticating agent,  
152 paying agent and transfer agent for the Bonds.

153 "Rule" means Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the  
154 Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

155 "Sale Document" means the Bond Purchase Agreement, Certificate of Award or  
156 Loan Agreement, as applicable, for a Series of Bonds.

"Securities Depository" means DTC, any successor thereto, any substitute securities depository selected by the county that is qualified under applicable laws and regulations to provide the services proposed to be provided by it, or the nominee of any of the foregoing.

"Series" or "Series of Bonds" means a series of Bonds issued pursuant to this ~~((this or))~~ Ordinance 19862.

"State" means the State of Washington.

"Taxable Bonds" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be issued on a taxable basis pursuant to Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 13 ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

"Tax-Advantaged Bonds" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be issued on a tax-advantaged basis pursuant to Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 13 ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

"Tax-Exempt Bonds" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be issued on a tax-exempt basis pursuant to Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 13 ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

"Term Bonds" means those Bonds identified as such in the Sale Document, the principal of which is amortized by a schedule of mandatory redemptions, payable from a bond redemption fund, prior to their maturity.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 19862, Section 2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Findings. The county council hereby makes the following findings:

A. The Projects will serve a county purpose for which the county and its residents will receive benefits, including contributing to the health, safety and welfare of county residents.

179           B.       The issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds by the county,  
180 payable from property taxes or other revenues and money of the county legally available  
181 for such purposes, to provide financing for the Projects and to pay the costs of issuing  
182 such Project Bonds, will reduce the overall costs of borrowing such funds and is in the  
183 best interests of the county and its residents.

184           C.       It is necessary and advisable that the county now issue and sell from time  
185 to time one or more series of its limited tax general obligation bonds in an aggregate  
186 principal amount not to exceed \$((~~604,000,000~~))689,000,000 to provide financing for  
187 the Projects (the "Project Bonds"), and to pay the costs of issuing the Project Bonds.

188           D.       Because conditions in the capital markets vary and provide opportunities  
189 for debt service savings from time to time, it is in the best interests of the county that the  
190 county retain the flexibility to refund all or a portion of the Refunding Candidates,  
191 including by purchase or exchange, in order to effect a savings to the county or, when  
192 necessary or in the best interest of the county, to refinance interim financing into long-  
193 term debt and/or modify debt service requirements, sources of payment, covenants or  
194 other terms of the Refunded Bonds.

195           E.       It is necessary and advisable for the county to issue and sell from time to  
196 time one or more series of Refunding Bonds for such refunding opportunities, and to pay  
197 the costs of issuing such Refunding Bonds, as provided in ((~~this o~~))Ordinance 19862.

198           F.       In accordance with RCW 36.46.040, the Finance Director is authorized to  
199 serve as the county's designated representative to accept offers to purchase the Bonds on  
200 behalf of the county. This authorization includes the Finance Director's authority to sell  
201 the Bonds in one or more Series, by competitive bid or negotiated sale, or to the federal

government or other purchaser, and to identify any Refunding Candidates to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, in consultation with the county's financial advisors, and consistent with terms and parameters established by ~~((this-))~~ Ordinance 19862 and county debt policy.

SECTION 5. Ordinance 19862, Section 4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Purpose, Authorization and Description of Bonds.

A. Purpose and Authorization of Bonds.

1. To provide funds to finance the Projects, the county is authorized to issue one or more Series of Project Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$((604,000,000))~~ 689,000,000.

2. To provide funds to refund the Refunded Bonds, including by purchase or exchange, the county is authorized to issue one or more Series of Refunding Bonds in principal amounts to be established as provided in Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Sections 13 and 18 ~~((of this ordinance))~~.

B. Description of Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in one or more Series, in principal amounts to be established within the parameters provided in Ordinance 19862, ~~((s))~~ Section 13.D. ~~((of this ordinance))~~. Each Series of Bonds will be designated "King County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation ~~[[and] Refunding]~~ [Bonds] [Bond Anticipation Notes]," with an applicable year and Series designation, all as established by the related Sale Document.

The Bonds shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof within a Series and maturity, except as provided in the Sale Document, provided that no Bond shall represent

more than one maturity within a Series; shall be numbered separately in such manner and with any additional designation as the Registrar deems necessary for purposes of identification; and shall be dated the date and mature on the dates in the years and in the amounts approved by the Finance Director, subject to the parameters set forth in Ordinance 19862, ((s))Section 13.D. ((of this ordinance)).

Each Series of Bonds shall bear interest, computed, unless otherwise provided in the Sale Document, on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, from their dated date, payable on interest payment dates and at the rate or rates approved by the Finance Director, subject to the parameters set forth in Ordinance 19862, ((s))Section 13.D. ((of this ordinance)) and set forth in the Sale Document.

SECTION 6. Ordinance 19862, Section 13, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sale of Bonds. The county hereby authorizes the sale of the Bonds. The Finance Director is authorized to proceed with the sale of the Bonds pursuant to subsections A., B. or C. of this section to refund the Refunded Bonds and finance the costs of any Project that has been approved by the county council or will have been approved by the county council prior to the sale date for such Bonds. The Finance Director is further authorized to proceed under ((this -))Ordinance 19862 with the sale of the Project Bonds for any Project(s) and with the sale of the Refunding Bonds to refund any Refunding Candidate(s), including by purchase or exchange, pursuant to the sale provisions set forth in this section and without regard to the requirements of any prior bond ordinance that authorized the financing of the Project(s) or the refunding of the Refunding Candidate(s).

247           The Bonds will be sold in one or more Series, any of which may be sold in a  
248 combined offering with other bonds or notes of the county, at the option of the Finance  
249 Director. The Finance Director will determine, in consultation with the county's financial  
250 advisors, the principal amount of each Series of the Project Bonds, which of the  
251 Refunding Candidates will be refunded, whether such Refunding Candidates will be  
252 refunded by purchase or exchange, whether any Series of Project Bonds or Refunding  
253 Bonds will be sold separately or in one or more combined Series, whether each Series of  
254 Bonds will be sold by competitive bid, negotiated sale or otherwise and for current or  
255 future delivery, whether such Series of Bonds will be issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged  
256 Bonds, Tax-Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and whether any Series will be designated  
257 as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability bonds, or otherwise.

258           A.     Competitive Bid. If the Finance Director determines that any Series of  
259 Bonds will be sold by competitive bid, bids for the purchase of such Series of Bonds will  
260 be received at such time and place and by such means as the Finance Director will direct.  
261 The Finance Director is authorized to prepare an Official Notice of Bond Sale for each  
262 Series of Bonds to be sold pursuant to competitive bid, which notice will be filed with the  
263 clerk of the county council. The Official Notice of Bond Sale will specify whether the  
264 Bonds of such Series are being issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged Bonds, Tax-Exempt  
265 Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and whether any Series will be designated as "green bonds,"  
266 social impact bonds, sustainability bonds, or otherwise, and will identify the year and any  
267 applicable Series designation, date, principal amounts and maturity dates, interest  
268 payment dates, redemption and purchase provisions and delivery date for such Series of  
269 Bonds.

270           Upon the date and time established for the receipt of bids for a Series of the  
271 Bonds, the Finance Director or the Finance Director's designee will review the bids  
272 received, cause the bids to be mathematically verified, and accept the winning bid by  
273 executing the Certificate of Award, which shall designate any Term Bonds, subject to the  
274 parameters set forth in subsection D. of this section. The county, acting through the  
275 Finance Director, reserves the right to reject any and all bids for such Bonds.

276           B.     Negotiated Sale. If the Finance Director determines that any Series of  
277 Bonds will be sold by negotiated sale, the Finance Director will, in accordance with  
278 applicable county procurement procedures, solicit one or more underwriting firms or  
279 other financial institutions with which to negotiate the sale of such Bonds. Subject to the  
280 parameters set forth in subsection D. of this section, the Bond Purchase Agreement for  
281 such Series of Bonds will specify whether the Bonds of such Series are being issued and  
282 sold as Tax-Advantaged Bonds, Tax-Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and whether any  
283 Series of Bonds are designated as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability  
284 bonds, or otherwise, and will also identify any Term Bonds and the year and any  
285 applicable Series designation, date, principal amounts and maturity dates, interest rates  
286 and interest payment dates, redemption and purchase provisions and delivery date for  
287 such Series of Bonds.

288           C.     Other Sales. If the Finance Director determines that any Series of Bonds  
289 will be sold to the federal government or other purchaser to evidence a loan from that  
290 purchaser, the Finance Director will negotiate the sale of such Bonds and the terms of the  
291 Loan Agreement with the purchaser. Subject to the parameters set forth in subsection D.  
292 of this section, the Loan Agreement for such Series of Bonds will specify whether the

Bonds of such Series are being issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged Bonds, Tax-Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and whether any Series of Bonds are designated as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability bonds, or otherwise, and will also identify any Term Bonds and the year and any applicable Series designation, date, principal amounts and maturity dates, interest rates and interest payment dates, redemption and/or purchase provisions and delivery date for such Series of Bonds.

D. Sale Parameters. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this subsection, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to approve the issuance and sale of any Series of the Bonds upon the Finance Director's approval of the final interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate principal amount, principal maturities and redemption rights for each Series of the Bonds in accordance with the authority granted by this section so long as:

1. The aggregate principal amount for the Series of Project Bonds does not cause the aggregate principal amount of all Project Bonds issued under ~~((this Ordinance 19862 to exceed \$((604,000,000))689,000,000;~~

2. The aggregate principal amount of the Series of Refunding Bonds to be issued does not exceed the aggregate principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, with such Series of Refunding Bonds, plus the amount deemed by the Finance Director as reasonably required to effect such refunding as described in RCW 39.53.050, including amounts reasonably required to acquire or pay the redemption price of the Refunded Bonds, and pay costs of issuance and the refunding;

315                   3.           The final maturity date for the Series of the Project Bonds to be  
316 issued is not later than 31 years after its date of issuance;

317                   4.           The final maturity date for the Series of the Refunding Bonds to  
318 be issued is not later than the end of the fiscal year that includes the final maturity date  
319 for the series of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange,  
320 with such Series of Refunding Bonds; provided, that the final maturity date for any Series  
321 of the Refunding Bonds to be issued to refund any bond anticipation notes, commercial  
322 paper, or other interim financing issued in advance of any limited tax general obligation  
323 bonds of the county and to be repaid from the proceeds of such bonds is not later than 31  
324 years after the date of issuance of the interim financing;

325                   5.           The Series of the Bonds to be issued are sold, in the aggregate, at  
326 a price not less than 95 percent;

327                   6.           The true interest cost for the Series of Bonds does not exceed  
328 5.5% if the Series of Bonds are issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds;

329                   7.           The true interest cost for the Series of Bonds does not exceed  
330 7.5% if the Series of Bonds are issued as Taxable or Tax-Advantaged Bonds; and

331                   8.           The Series of Bonds conforms to all other terms of ~~((this~~  
332 ~~o))~~Ordinance 19862.

333           Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section, the Finance Director  
334 is hereby authorized to execute each Sale Document to be dated the date of sale of the  
335 applicable Series of Bonds. The signature of the Finance Director shall be sufficient to  
336 bind the county.

337           The Finance Director shall provide an annual report to the Executive Finance  
338 Committee and county council describing the sale of any series of Bonds approved  
339 pursuant to the authority delegated in this section. The report must be transmitted by  
340 March 31 of each year. The annual report shall be electronically filed with the clerk of  
341 the county council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to  
342 all councilmembers. The requirement for an annual report provided by this subsection  
343 expires ~~((three years after the effective date of this ordinance))~~December 31, 2027.

344           The authority granted to the Finance Director by this subsection D. to execute  
345 Sale Documents shall expire December 31, 2025; provided that an amendment to a Sale  
346 Document may be executed, and performance pursuant to any Sale Document may be  
347 completed, at any time. If a Sale Document for a Series of the Bonds has not been  
348 executed by December 31, 2025, the authorization for the issuance of the Bonds shall be  
349 rescinded and the Bonds shall not be issued nor their sale approved unless such Bonds  
350 shall have been reauthorized by ordinance of the county council. The ordinance  
351 reauthorizing the issuance and sale of such Bonds may be in the form of a new ordinance  
352 repealing ~~((this or))~~Ordinance 19862 in whole or in part or may be in the form of an  
353 amendatory ordinance approving a bond purchase agreement, certificate of award or loan  
354 agreement or establishing terms and conditions for the authority delegated under this  
355 section.

356           The authority of the county to sell bonds, e.g., enter into a bond purchase  
357 agreement, accept a bid to sell any bonds or enter into a loan or other agreement for the  
358 sale of the bonds, as defined in and pursuant to Ordinance 19530, as amended by  
359 Ordinance 19624, Ordinance 19711 and Ordinance 19789, ~~((will continue after the~~

effective date of this ordinance before terminating)) was terminated on December 31, 2024. All other provisions of Ordinance 19530, as amended by Ordinance 19624, Ordinance 19711 and Ordinance 19789, ~~((will))~~ remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Ordinance 19862, Section 17, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby created a subfund, with appropriate year and series designations for each Project identified in Attachment B, as set forth in Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance 19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158). Each subfund will be a first tier fund managed by the department for each Project identified in Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance 19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158), or any successor to the functions of such department. The exact amount of proceeds from the sale of any Series of Bonds to be deposited into each subfund to provide long-term financing for all or part of the capital costs of the Project associated therewith shall be determined by the Finance Director upon the sale of such Series of Bonds.

B. Notwithstanding the creation of a subfund under this section as set forth in Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance 19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158), pursuant to KCC 4A.200.020, the manager of the finance and business operations division may establish additional administrative subfunds as required to meet legal, administrative, and accounting requirements. If so required, the manager of the finance and business operations division may deposit or transfer proceeds from the sale of any Series of Bonds under this ordinance to the newly established additional administrative subfund or funds to meet such requirements.

382            SECTION 8. Ordinance 19862, Section 19, is hereby amended to read as  
383 follows:

384            Funds deposited in the funds and accounts described in Ordinance 19862,  
385 ~~((s))Sections 16, 17, and 18 ((of this ordinance)),~~ and Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance~~  
386 ~~19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158) will be invested as permitted by  
387 law for the sole benefit of such funds and accounts. Irrespective of the general provisions  
388 of Ordinance 7112 and K.C.C. chapter 4.10, the county current expense fund will not  
389 receive any earnings attributable to such funds and accounts. Money other than proceeds  
390 of the Bonds may be deposited in the funds and accounts described in Ordinance 19862,  
391 ~~((s))Sections 16, 17, and 18 ((of this ordinance)),~~ and Attachment B to ~~((Ordinance~~  
392 ~~19862))~~ this ordinance (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158); provided, however, that  
393 proceeds of each Series of Bonds that are issued as Tax-Advantaged Bonds or Tax-  
394 Exempt Bonds and the earnings thereon will be accounted for separately for purposes of  
395 the arbitrage rebate computations required to be made under the Code and will be  
396 acquired and disposed of at Fair Market Value. For purposes of such computations, Bond

397 proceeds will be deemed to have been expended first, and then any other funds.

398        SECTION 9. Ordinance 19862, Attachment B, is repealed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** B. List of Projects and Associated Funds, dated July 9, 2025

**Attachment B: List of Projects and Associated Funds, dated July 9, 2025**

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **List of Projects and Associated Funds**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>General Project Description</b>	<b>Fund Name (Fund No.)</b>	<b>Subfund Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
TOD Affordable Housing	Transit-oriented affordable housing and related transit oriented development	Housing Community Development (2460)	G.O. Bonds Housing	Department of Community and Housing Services
Equitably Community Driven Affordable Housing Development	Affordable housing projects to benefit communities with high risk of displacement	Housing Community Development (2460)	G.O. Bonds Housing	Department of Community and Housing Services
Participatory Budgeting Projects	Capital improvement projects in unincorporated portions of the county, identified through the county participatory budgeting program	Unincorporated King County Capital (3760)	G.O. Bonds Participatory Budgeting	Department of Local Services
Fall City Septic	Design and construct decentralized wastewater treatment solution for Fall City, consisting of on-site septic system and combined community drain field	Unincorporated King County Capital (3760)	G.O. Bonds Fall City Septic	Department of Local Services
Energize Home Appliance Upgrade Project	Install high-efficiency heat pumps and solar panels in homes occupied by county residents with low or moderate incomes	Local Services (1350)	G.O. Bonds Energize Home Appliance	Department of Local Services
Conservation Futures Land Acquisition Projects	Acquire open spaces for conservation purposes	Conservation Futures (3151)	G.O. Bonds Conservation	Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Parks - Fall City Community Center/Climate Equity	Develop the Fall City Community Center	General Fund (0010)	G.O. Bonds Community Facilities Projects	Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Facilities Relocation	Develop new disposal capacity in the southeast section of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill site; relocate existing support facilities to the southeast section of the site or offsite	Solid Waste Construction (3901)	G.O. Bonds Cedar Hills Relocation	Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Projects	Install electric vehicle charging infrastructure for use by the county's electric vehicle fleet	Building Repair and Replacement (3591)	G.O. Bonds Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division

MRJC HVAC and Electrical System	Install HVAC and electrical system upgrades to the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center	Major Maintenance (3421)	G.O. Bonds County Facilities	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
Community Facilities Bond Projects	Grants for capital projects at various community facilities	General Fund (0010)	G.O. Bonds Community Facilities Projects	Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
Property Tax Administration System Project	Implement information technology improvements to the county's property tax administration system	Office of Information Resource Management Capital Projects (3771)	G.O. Bonds PTAS	Department of Assessments of the County
KCIT MFA for Login.KC	Develop, plan, and implement multifactor authentication for jail management system's inmate booking process, including communication plan for criminal justice partners who book inmates into the jail management system	ITS Capital (3781)	G.O Bonds KCIT	King County Information Technology
Renton Red Lion Acquisition	Acquisition of hotel for conversion into affordable housing and/or housing for the homeless	Building Repair and Replacement (3591)	G.O. Bonds Acquisition	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
Skyway Resource Center	Develop the Skyway Resource Center	Parks Recreation Open Space (3160)	G.O. Bonds Skyway Community Center	Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Road Safety Improvements	Making safety improvements to residential roads in the unincorporated area	County Road Major Maintenance (3855)	G.O. Bonds Roads Project	Department of Local Services
KCSO Helicopter Acquisition	Purchase of a helicopter for use by the King County Sheriff's Office	General Fund (0010)	G.O. Bonds KCSO Helicopter	King County Sheriff's Office
Dexter Horton Acquisition	Acquisition of the Dexter Horton Building	Building Repair and Replacement (3591)	G.O. Bonds Acquisition	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
Elections Facility Security Upgrades	Install new workstations, recorders, and network equipment; expand video network and camera locations and digital replacement throughout the building	Major Maintenance (3421)	G.O. Bonds Security Camera	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
DAJD Data Warehouse	Build out data warehouse system infrastructure; develop process to move data from jail management system into warehouse; reacquire historical data from Looking Glass database; and restructure Looking Glass data to work within jail management system	General Technology Capital (3280)	G.O. Bonds KCIT	King County Adult and Juvenile Detention

King County Courthouse Fire Alarm System	Upgrade and replacement of the existing fire alarm system in the King County Courthouse	Major Maintenance (3421)	G.O. Bonds County Facilities	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
KCSO Payroll System	Replacement of the KCSO payroll and timekeeping system	General Technology Capital (3280)	G.O. Bonds KCIT	King County Sheriff's Office
KCIT Shared Device Telephony Solution	Replacement of shared devices across County locations	ITS Capital (3781)	G.O. Bonds KCIT	King County Information Technology
Animal Shelter	Acquisition and Construction of new RASKC Shelter	Building Repair and Replacement (3591)	G.O. Bonds Acquisition	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
RCECC Fiber Optical Network Path	Construction of fiber optical network path at Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center	ITS Capital (3781)	G.O. Bonds KCIT	King County Information Technology
Distributed Antenna System Replacement	Replacement of the distributed antenna system at the King County Correctional Facility, King County Courthouse, and Maleng Regional Justice Center	Major Maintenance (3421)	G.O. Bonds County Facilities	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
Landfill Gas Processing Facilities Acquisition and Improvements	Acquisition of plant used to process and convert landfill gas to generate alternate gas products or energy and related facilities and infrastructure	Solid Waste Construction (3901)	G.O. Bonds Landfill Gas Plant Acquisition	Department of Natural Resources and Parks



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

### REVISED STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6	<b>Name:</b>	April Sanders
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0158	<b>Date:</b>	July 9, 2025

### COMMITTEE ACTION

***Proposed Substitute Ordinance 2025-0158.2, which would amend adopted LTGO Bond Ordinance 19862 to add two additional projects, passed out of committee on July 9, 2025, with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The Proposed Ordinance was amended in committee with Amendment 1 to make technical corrections to the ordinance and Attachment B.***

### SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158 would amend adopted limited tax general obligation (LTGO) bond ordinance 19862.

### SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance would amend the adopted LTGO bond ordinance, Ordinance 19862, to add two additional capital projects. First, \$5 million for the Distributed Antenna System project in the Facilities Management Division, the appropriation authority for which is being requested in the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus<sup>1</sup>. Second, \$80 million for the acquisition of and improvements to a landfill gas processing facility in the Solid Waste Division, approval for which is being requested through Proposed Ordinances 2025-0176<sup>2</sup> and 2025-0177<sup>3</sup>.

### BACKGROUND

<sup>1</sup> [King County - File #: 2025-0159](#)

<sup>2</sup> [King County - File #: 2025-0176](#)

<sup>3</sup> [King County - File #: 2025-0177](#)

In November 2024, the council adopted Ordinance 19862<sup>4</sup>, which authorized the issuance of \$604 million in limited tax general obligation (LTGO) bonds. This proposed ordinance would be the first amendment to that LTGO bond ordinance.

## **ANALYSIS**

**Projects Proposed to be Added to Bond Authorization.** The proposed bond amendment would add an additional \$85 million in bond authority, which would bring the total authorized debt issuance to \$689 million.

The projects proposed to be added to the bond ordinance are identified in Table 1 below. Table 1 also shows the debt service anticipated in the Executive's transmitted fiscal note; the projects newly proposed for bond financing are anticipated to be financed for 7 years at 4% and 20 years at 4.5%, respectively.

**Table 1. Projects Proposed to be Added to Bond Ordinance in Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158 and Anticipated Debt Service**

	<b>PO 2025-0158 (Proposed)</b>	<b>Anticipated Biennial Debt Service</b>	<b>Anticipated Terms<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Distributed Antenna System	\$5,000,000	\$1,667,000	7 years at 4%	General Fund
Cedar Hills Gas Processing Plant	\$80,000,000	\$12,301,000	20 years at 4.5%	Solid Waste
<b><i>Total for new proposed projects</i></b>	<b><i>\$85,000,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,968,000</i></b>		

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0159, the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus, requests appropriation authority for the Distributed Antenna System project, which is a capital project to stabilize the legacy Distributed Antenna System in the King County Corrections Facility, the Maleng Regional Justice Center, and the King County Courthouse. For more information on this project, please see the Building Repair and Replacement subfund capital fund write-up in the staff report for Proposed Ordinance 2025-0159.

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0176<sup>6</sup> would authorize the Executive to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the landfill gas processing plant located at Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0177<sup>7</sup> requests \$80 million in appropriation authority to the Solid Waste construction fund for the acquisition of and

<sup>4</sup> [King County - File #: 2024-0307](#)

<sup>5</sup> Debt payment amounts will be determined at debt issuance, when interest rates, repayment schedules, and the cost of issuance are set.

<sup>6</sup> [King County - File #: 2025-0176](#)

<sup>7</sup> [King County - File #: 2025-0177](#)

improvements to that landfill gas processing plant. More information can be found in the forthcoming staff report for Proposed Ordinance 2025-0176.

The LTGO bond ordinance would allow the Executive to bond for the capital expenses identified above.

**Councilmanic bond projects.** Executive staff indicate that, of the \$13.6 million in Councilmanic bond projects included in Ordinance 19861, the bond ordinance update adopted concurrently with the 2025 Annual Budget, no councilmanic bond projects have been found to be ineligible for bond financing.

From the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, of the \$21.8 million in Councilmanic bond projects, one project was deemed ineligible for financing and the moneys were reallocated through an omnibus budget. In 2023-2024, \$8.2 million of these projects were financed. The remaining projects are anticipated to be financed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025 or in 2026.

### **AMENDMENT**

Amendment 1 would replace Attachment B, List of Projects and Associated Funds with an updated version making technical corrections to the new projects.



**Signature Report**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No. 2025-0137.1**

**Sponsors Dembowski**

1           AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of one  
2           or more series of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and  
3           multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable  
4           from sewer revenues) of the county in an aggregate  
5           principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 to provide  
6           funds for acquiring and constructing improvements to the  
7           sewer system and to pay the costs of issuing such bonds;  
8           authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of  
9           junior lien sewer revenue refunding bonds and multi-modal  
10          limited tax general obligation refunding bonds (payable  
11          from sewer revenues) of the county to refund outstanding  
12          obligations of the county payable from sewer revenues and  
13          to pay the costs of issuing such refunding bonds;  
14          reauthorizing the county's existing commercial paper notes  
15          issued for sewer system purposes, in the aggregate  
16          principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 outstanding  
17          at any time; pledging sewer revenues to pay the principal of  
18          and interest on junior lien sewer revenue bonds issued  
19          under this ordinance; pledging the annual levy of taxes and  
20          an additional pledge of sewer revenues to pay the principal

of and interest on multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) issued under this ordinance; delegating authority to the county's Finance Director to approve the issuance and sale of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) within specified parameters, to remarket and authorize the conversion of the interest rate mode of the bonds, to select one or more remarketing agents and/or commercial paper dealers and enter into, amend, extend or replace mode agreements, dealer agreements, credit enhancements, liquidity facilities, and related documents, as applicable; providing for the form, terms and covenants of the bonds issued under this ordinance; and provided for other matters relating thereto.

PREAMBLE:

The county owns and operates facilities for the conveyance and treatment of sewage and the control of combined sewer overflows that include wastewater treatment plants, interceptor and trunk sewers, pumping stations, regulator stations, outfall sewers, lands for application of biosolids, property rights and buildings and other structures and equipment (collectively, the "System"), all in accordance with a comprehensive plan

43 for metropolitan water pollution abatement under the authority of chapters  
44 36.56 and 35.58 of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW").

45 Long-term service agreements with participating municipalities and other  
46 entities (the "Participants") obligate the county to treat and dispose of  
47 sewage collected by the Participants. The Participants must pay the costs  
48 of these services, including debt service on bonds payable from sewer  
49 revenues, including the bonds authorized by this ordinance, and other  
50 indebtedness payable from and secured by sewer revenues. Comparable  
51 rates and charges have been established for customers who deliver sewage  
52 to the System but are not subject to a contract with the county for this  
53 service.

54 In accordance with RCW 35.58.200(3), the county has declared that the  
55 health, safety and welfare of people within the metropolitan area require  
56 that certain Participants discharge sewage collected by those Participants  
57 into facilities of the System.

58 It is necessary and desirable for the county to issue and sell, from time to  
59 time, one or more series of its bonds payable from sewer revenues in an  
60 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 (the "Project  
61 Bonds") to pay costs of capital improvements to the System, in accordance  
62 with the Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Improvement Budget, and to  
63 pay the costs of issuing the bonds.

64 In addition, the county may have opportunities to refund, including by  
65 purchase or exchange, or to defease all or portions of its currently

66 outstanding obligations of the county payable from sewer revenues, as  
67 further described below: (a) to effect a saving to the county and ratepayers  
68 of the System; (b) when necessary or in the best interest of the county and  
69 ratepayers of the System to modify debt service or reserve requirements,  
70 sources of payment, covenants or other terms of the obligations to be  
71 refunded; (c) in connection with a conversion between interest rate modes;  
72 and/or (d) to extend, amend or replace credit facilities, liquidity facilities  
73 or bondowner agreements.

74 The county has issued its sewer revenue bonds secured by a lien on  
75 Revenue of the System as set forth in Attachment A, Section I, to this  
76 ordinance (as further defined herein, the "Parity Bonds").

77 The county has issued its limited tax general obligation bonds additionally  
78 secured by a lien on Revenue of the System junior and subordinate to the  
79 lien thereon of the Parity Bonds, as set forth in Attachment A, Section II,  
80 to this ordinance (as further defined herein, the "Parity Lien Obligations").

81 The county has issued its sewer revenue bonds secured by a lien on  
82 Revenue of the System junior and subordinate to the lien thereon of the  
83 Parity Lien Obligations (as further defined herein, the "Junior Lien  
84 Obligations"), as set forth in Attachment A, Section III, to this ordinance.

85 The county has issued its limited tax general obligation bonds additionally  
86 secured by a lien on Revenue of the System, junior and subordinate to the  
87 lien thereon of the Junior Lien Obligations (as further defined herein, the  
88 "Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds"), which includes multi-

89 modal limited tax general obligation notes (payable from sewer revenues)  
90 in the commercial paper mode, as set forth in Attachment A, Section IV,  
91 to this ordinance.

92 The county has reserved the right to issue certain revenue bonds or other  
93 revenue obligations with a lien on Revenue of the System junior and  
94 inferior to the lien thereon of the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue  
95 Bonds (as further defined herein, the "Subordinate Lien Obligations").

96 The county has entered into loan agreements with the State Department of  
97 Ecology under the State water pollution control revolving fund loan  
98 program (the "SRF Loans") and with the State Department of Commerce  
99 under the Public Works Board loan program (the "Public Works Board  
100 Loans"), the repayment obligations of which are secured by a lien on  
101 Revenue of the System junior and subordinate to the lien thereon of the  
102 Subordinate Lien Obligations.

103 It is necessary and advisable for the county to issue and sell, from time to  
104 time, one or more series of its bonds payable from sewer revenue (the  
105 "Refunding Bonds," and together with the Project Bonds, the "Bonds") to  
106 effect the refunding of Parity Bonds, Parity Lien Obligations, Junior Lien  
107 Obligations, Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, SRF Loans and  
108 Public Works Board Loans, and any Future Junior Lien Obligations,  
109 Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien  
110 Obligations, and future SRF Loans and Public Works Board Loans, and to  
111 pay the costs of issuing the bonds and accomplishing the refunding.

112 It is in the best interest of the county to designate, pursuant to RCW  
113 39.46.040 and other authority of the county, the county's Finance Director  
114 to serve as its designated representative to accept offers to purchase the  
115 Bonds on behalf of the county consistent with terms and parameters  
116 established by this ordinance and county debt policy.

117 As designated representative, the Finance Director has authority to sell the  
118 Bonds in one or more series, as either Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-  
119 Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, or a combination thereof, by  
120 competitive bid or negotiated sale, or to the federal government or another  
121 direct purchaser, to identify any obligations to be refunded, including by  
122 purchase or exchange, with the proceeds of the Bonds, to remarket and  
123 authorize the conversion of the interest rate mode of the Bonds in one or  
124 more series, to select one or more remarketing agents and/or commercial  
125 paper dealers and enter into, amend, extend or replace mode agreements,  
126 dealer agreements, credit enhancements, liquidity facilities, and related  
127 documents, as applicable, all in consultation with the county's financial  
128 advisors, and consistent with terms and parameters established by this  
129 ordinance and county debt policy.

130 The sale of any series of the Bonds shall be reported to the county council  
131 and the Executive Finance Committee, as part of the annual report  
132 provided for in this ordinance.

133 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

134            **SECTION 1. Definitions.** The following words and terms as used in this  
135 ordinance have the following meanings for all purposes of this ordinance, unless some  
136 other meaning is plainly intended.

137            "Accreted Value" means, for any Capital Appreciation Bonds, as of any date of  
138 calculation, the sum of the amounts set forth in the ordinance, resolution, or Sale  
139 Document authorizing such bonds, representing the initial principal amount of such  
140 bonds plus the interest accumulated, compounded, and unpaid thereon as of the most  
141 recent compounding date, as provided in the ordinance, resolution, or Sale Document  
142 authorizing the issuance of such bonds; provided, that if such calculation is not made as  
143 of a compounding date, such amount shall be determined by straight-line interpolation as  
144 of the immediately preceding and the immediately succeeding compounding dates.

145            "Agency Customer" means any city, town, water-sewer district, or other political  
146 subdivision, person, firm, private corporation, or other entity that collects sewage from  
147 customers and disposes of any portion of that sewage into the System and is not a  
148 Participant.

149            "Annual Debt Service" means, for the applicable obligations of the System, with  
150 respect to any calendar year, the sum of the following:

151            1.        The interest on such designated obligations due: (a) on all interest  
152 payment dates, other than January 1, in such calendar year; and (b) on January 1 of the  
153 next succeeding calendar year, plus any Payment Agreement Payments due on such dates  
154 in respect of Payment Agreements for such designated obligations and minus any  
155 Payment Agreement Receipts due in such period in respect of Payment Agreements for  
156 such designated obligations.

157                   a.       For purposes of calculating the amounts required to pay interest on  
158 such designated obligations, capitalized interest, accrued interest paid to the county upon  
159 the issuance of such designated obligations, and Debt Service Offsets pledged to the  
160 payment of such designated obligations will be excluded, e.g., any Debt Service Offsets  
161 shall be deducted from Annual Debt Service, and interest on any Balloon Maturity Bond  
162 shall also be excluded.

163                   b.       The amount of interest deemed to be payable on any such  
164 designated obligations bearing interest at a variable rate will be calculated on the  
165 assumption that the interest rate on those bonds would be equal to the rate (the "assumed  
166 variable rate") that is the average of the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index over the 10  
167 calendar years preceding the quarter in which the calculation is made; provided, that for  
168 purposes of determining actual compliance in any past calendar year with the rate  
169 covenant made in section 20 of this ordinance, the actual amount of interest paid on any  
170 issue of variable rate obligations shall be taken into account.

171                   2.       The principal due, at maturity or upon the mandatory redemption  
172 of Term Bonds prior to their maturity, for such designated obligations other than any  
173 Balloon Maturity Bond: (a) on all principal payment dates, other than January 1, of such  
174 calendar year; and b) on January 1 of the next succeeding year.

175                   3.       The Assumed Debt Service for any Balloon Maturity Bond for that  
176 calendar year.

177                   In the case of Capital Appreciation Bonds, the Accreted Value due at maturity or  
178 upon mandatory redemption shall be included in the calculation of Annual Debt Service,

and references in this ordinance to principal include the Accreted Value due at maturity or upon the mandatory redemption of any Capital Appreciation Bonds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, debt service on any such designated obligations with respect to which a Payment Agreement is in force shall be calculated by the county to reflect the net economic effect of the terms of such designated obligations and the applicable Payment Agreement, in accordance with the requirements set forth in this ordinance and any other applicable requirements from the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such designated obligations.

"Assumed Amortization Period" means an assumed amortization period for a Balloon Maturity Bond as specified in a closing certificate of the Finance Director designating the Balloon Maturity Bond. An Assumed Amortization Period may not be longer than the lesser of: (a) the useful life, as of the date of designation, of the assets being financed; and (b) 75 years. The Assumed Amortization Period for a Balloon Maturity Bond applies, e.g., is not reset, until the Balloon Maturity Bond, and any Balloon Maturity Bond issued to refund that Balloon Maturity Bond, is no longer outstanding.

"Assumed Debt Service" for any Balloon Maturity Bond for any calendar year means an amount equal to the principal and interest that would be payable in each calendar year if that Balloon Maturity Bond were amortized over the Assumed Amortization Period on a substantially level debt service basis, calculated based on the actual interest rate on the Balloon Maturity Bond, if fixed, and based on the average of the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index over the 10 calendar years preceding the quarter in which the calculation is made, if variable.

202 "Balloon Maturity Bonds" means any scheduled principal maturity of any Series  
203 of obligations of the System that the county designates in the closing certificate of the  
204 Finance Director or Sale Document for that Series to be a Balloon Maturity Bond for the  
205 purposes of the definition of Annual Debt Service. Any Balloon Maturity Bond includes  
206 any corresponding scheduled principal maturity of any such designated obligations issued  
207 to refund such Balloon Maturity Bond unless the Balloon Maturity Bond designation is  
208 rescinded in a closing certificate of the Finance Director or Sale Document in connection  
209 with the refunding.

210 "Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, the owner of the beneficial  
211 interest in that Bond.

212 "Bond Purchase Agreement" means any bond purchase agreement for the sale of a  
213 Series of Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to section 27.B. of this  
214 ordinance.

215 "Bond Register" means the registration books maintained by the Registrar for  
216 purposes of identifying ownership of the Bonds.

217 "Bondowners' Trustee" means the bank or financial institution selected by the  
218 Registered Owners of the Bonds pursuant to section 24 of this ordinance.

219 "Bonds" means the county's Project Bonds, Refunding Bonds and CP Program  
220 Notes, authorized to be issued under this ordinance. The Bonds may be issued in one or  
221 more Series of Junior Lien Obligations and/or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue  
222 Bonds, as provided in this ordinance.

223 "Capital Appreciation Bonds" means any obligations of the System the interest on  
224 which is compounded, accumulated and payable only upon redemption or on the maturity

225 date of such obligations; provided, that obligations may be deemed to be Capital  
226 Appreciation Bonds for only a portion of their term pursuant to the ordinance, resolution  
227 or Sale Document authorizing their issuance. On the date on which such obligations are  
228 no longer Capital Appreciation Bonds, they shall be deemed outstanding in a principal  
229 amount equal to their Accreted Value.

230 "Capital Improvement Budget" means the capital improvement budget of the  
231 county in effect from time to time, as such budget may have been amended or  
232 supplemented.

233 "Certificate of Award" means any certificate of award for the sale of a Series of  
234 Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to section 27.C. of this ordinance.

235 "Certified Public Accountant" means an independent certified public accountant, or firm  
236 of certified public accountants, selected by the county and having a favorable national  
237 reputation.

238 "Closing" means the delivery of a Series of the Bonds to, and payment of the  
239 purchase price therefor by, the initial purchaser of that Series of Bonds.

240 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as in effect on the date of  
241 issuance of a Series of Tax-Advantaged Obligations or Tax-Exempt Obligations or,  
242 except as otherwise referenced herein, as it may be amended to apply to obligations  
243 issued on the date of issuance of the Tax-Advantaged Obligations or Tax-Exempt  
244 Obligations, together with applicable proposed, temporary and final regulations  
245 promulgated, and applicable official public guidance published, under the Code.

246 "Comprehensive Plan" means the county's comprehensive water pollution  
247 abatement plan authorized by RCW 35.58.200 and defined in K.C.C. 28.82.150 as the

248 Comprehensive Sewage Disposal Plan adopted by Resolution No. 23 of the Municipality  
249 of Metropolitan Seattle on April 22, 1959, and all amendments thereto, together with any  
250 amendments hereafter approved by ordinance.

251 "Construction Account" means the "Second Water Quality Construction  
252 Account," as designated by Ordinance 12076, Section 30, of the county.

253 "County council" means the Metropolitan King County Council.

254 "CP Program Notes" means the Series A Notes and the Series B Notes.

255 "Credit Enhancement" means any letter of credit, insurance policy, surety bond, line of  
256 credit or other instrument then in effect that secures or guarantees the payment of  
257 principal of and interest on, and/or purchase price of, any Series of Bonds, including any  
258 interfund loan agreement or other self-liquidity instrument provided by the county to  
259 secure the payment of the principal or purchase price of or interest on any Series of  
260 Bonds in advance of pledged amounts becoming available for such purpose.

261 "Credit Provider" means any bank, insurance company, pension fund or other  
262 financial institution that provides a Credit Enhancement for any Series of Bonds.

263 "Customers" means Residential Customers and Residential Customer Equivalents  
264 as defined and determined in the existing Service Agreements.

265 "Dealer" means any dealer for Notes as appointed by the Finance Director  
266 pursuant to this ordinance.

267 "Dealer Agreement" means any commercial paper dealer agreement between the  
268 county and a Dealer for the services of the Dealer with respect to Notes, approved by the  
269 Finance Director pursuant to this ordinance.

270 "Debt Service Offset" means receipts of the county that are: (a) legally available  
271 to pay debt service on obligations payable from Revenue of the System, including federal  
272 interest subsidy payments; and (b) pledged to the payment of obligations payable from  
273 Revenue of the System.

274 "Default" means any of the events or conditions set forth in section 23 of this  
275 ordinance.

276 "DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

277 "Fair Market Value" means the price at which a willing buyer would purchase an  
278 investment from a willing seller in a bona fide, arm's length transaction, except for  
279 specified investments as described in Treasury Regulations § 1.148-5(d)(6), including  
280 United States Treasury obligations, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment  
281 contracts, and investments for yield-restricted defeasance escrows. Fair Market Value is  
282 generally determined on the date on which a contract to purchase or sell an investment  
283 becomes binding, and, to the extent required by the applicable regulations under the  
284 Code, the term "investment" will include a hedge.

285 "Federal Tax Certificate" means the certificate executed by the Finance Director  
286 setting forth the requirements of the Code for maintaining the tax status of the applicable  
287 Tax-Advantaged Obligations or Tax-Exempt Obligations, and attachments thereto.

288 "Finance Director" means the director of the finance and business operations  
289 division of the department of executive services of the county or any other county officer  
290 who succeeds to the duties now delegated to that office, or the designee of such officer.

291 "Fitch" means Fitch Ratings, and its successors and assigns, except that if such  
292 entity is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating

293 agency, then the term "Fitch" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized  
294 securities rating agency selected by the county.

295 "Future Junior Lien Obligations" means any sewer revenue bonds, warrants or  
296 other obligations that may be issued in the future with a lien on Revenue of the System  
297 equal to the lien thereon of the currently outstanding Junior Lien Obligations.

298 "Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds" means any limited tax  
299 general obligation bonds that may be issued in the future that are additionally secured by  
300 a lien on Revenue of the System on a parity with the lien thereon of the currently  
301 outstanding Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

302 "Global Note" means one or more global notes delivered to the Registrar  
303 evidencing the county's obligation to pay principal of and interest on Notes of a Series,  
304 issued from time to time pursuant to this ordinance.

305 "Government Obligations" means "government obligations," as defined in chapter  
306 39.53 RCW, as such chapter may be hereafter amended or restated, except as such  
307 definition is further limited in the Sale Document.

308 "Junior Lien Bond Fund" means the "King County, Washington, Junior Lien  
309 Obligation Redemption Fund" created pursuant to Ordinance 14171, Section 5.01, of the  
310 county for the purpose of paying and securing the payment of the Junior Lien  
311 Obligations.

312 "Junior Lien Obligation Payment Agreement" means a Payment Agreement under  
313 which the county's payment obligations are expressly stated to constitute a charge and  
314 lien on Revenue of the System equal in rank with the charge and lien on Revenue of the

315 System securing amounts required to be paid into the Junior Lien Bond Fund to pay and  
316 secure the payment of principal of and interest on the Junior Lien Obligations.

317 "Junior Lien Obligations" means the outstanding Junior Lien Obligations, which  
318 are identified in Attachment A, Section III, to this ordinance, any Series of Bonds issued  
319 as Junior Lien Obligations, and any Future Junior Lien Obligations.

320 "Letter of Representations" means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations  
321 dated May 1, 1995, by and between the county and DTC, as it may be amended from  
322 time to time, and any successor or substitute letter relating to the operational procedures  
323 of the Securities Depository.

324 "Liquidity Facility" means any letter of credit, line of credit, standby purchase  
325 agreement or other instrument then in effect that provides for the payment of the purchase  
326 price of any Series of Bonds upon the tender thereof if remarketing or refunding proceeds  
327 are insufficient therefor, including any interfund loan agreement or other self-liquidity  
328 instrument provided by the county to pay the principal or purchase price of or interest on  
329 any Series of Bonds in advance of pledged amounts becoming available for such purpose.

330 "Liquidity Provider" means any bank, insurance company, pension fund or other  
331 financial institution that provides a Liquidity Facility.

332 "Loan Agreement" means any loan agreement or direct purchase agreement for  
333 the sale of a Series of Bonds approved by the Finance Director pursuant to section 27.D.  
334 of this ordinance.

335 "Mode Agreement" means an agreement entered into in connection with the  
336 issuance, sale or remarketing of any Series of the Bonds setting forth the daily mode,  
337 weekly mode, commercial paper mode, term mode, index floating mode, fixed mode or

other mode or modes in which such Series of Bonds will be sold or remarketed, establishing minimum and maximum rate(s), alternate rate(s) and default rate(s), providing for conversion between modes, providing for optional and mandatory tender for purchase on dates and at prices and additional provisions relating to redemption, defaults and remedies, all as set forth in the Mode Agreement. The Mode Agreement may be in the form of a continuing covenant or purchase agreement, loan agreement, Remarketing Agent Agreement, tender agent agreement, paying agent agreement, calculation agent agreement, Credit Enhancement, or other credit facility, Liquidity Facility or other agreement, or an annex or amendments thereto, consistent with this ordinance and approved by the Finance Director pursuant to the authority in section 27 of this ordinance.

"Moody's" means Moody's Ratings, and its successors and assigns, except that if that corporation is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating agency, then the term "Moody's" will be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency selected by the county.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or any successor to its functions.

"Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund" means the special fund of the county designated the "King County, Washington, Multi-Modal Limited Tax General Obligation (Payable from Sewer Revenue) Bond Fund" that has been created for the purpose of paying Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

"Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds" means the outstanding Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, which are identified in Attachment A, Section IV, to this

ordinance, any Series of Bonds issued as Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, and any other Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

"Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Payment Agreement" means a Payment Agreement under which the county's payment obligations are expressly stated to constitute a charge and lien on Revenue of the System equal in rank with the charge and lien on Revenue of the System securing amounts required to be paid into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund to pay and secure the payment of principal of and interest on Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

"Net Revenue" means Revenue of the System less Operating and Maintenance Expenses.

"Notes" means Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds in the commercial paper mode, including the CP Program Notes.

"Official Notice of Bond Sale" means, with respect to each Series of Bonds sold by competitive bid, the official notice of sale therefor prepared pursuant to section 27.C. of this ordinance.

"Operating and Maintenance Expenses" means all normal expenses incurred by the county in causing the System to be maintained in good repair, working order and condition and includes payments to any private or governmental agency for the operation or maintenance of facilities or for the disposal of sewage but excludes any allowance for depreciation.

"Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, without distinction, the Beneficial Owner or the Registered Owner.

383 "Parity Bond Fund" means the "Water Quality Revenue Bond Account"  
384 designated pursuant to Ordinance 12076, Section 30, of the county for the purpose of  
385 paying and securing the payment of the Parity Bonds.

386 "Parity Bond Reserve Account" means the bond reserve account in the Parity  
387 Bond Fund securing the payment of the Parity Bonds.

388 "Parity Bonds" means the bonds identified as such in Attachment A, Section I, to  
389 this ordinance, together with any Parity Bonds that may be issued in the future. The term  
390 "Parity Bonds" includes any Parity Payment Agreements and parity reimbursement  
391 agreements entered into with the provider of a credit facility securing any Parity Bonds.

392 "Parity Lien Obligation Bond Fund" means the "Water Quality Limited Tax  
393 General Obligation Bond Redemption Fund" established pursuant to Ordinance 11241,  
394 Section 8, of the county to provide for payment of Parity Lien Obligations.

395 "Parity Lien Obligation Payment Agreement" means a Payment Agreement under  
396 which the county's payment obligations are expressly stated to constitute a charge and  
397 lien on Revenue of the System equal in rank with the charge and lien on Revenue of the  
398 System securing amounts required to be paid into the Parity Lien Obligation Bond Fund  
399 to pay and secure the payment of principal of and interest on the Parity Lien Obligations.

400 "Parity Lien Obligations" means bonds identified as such in Attachment A,  
401 Section II, to this ordinance, together with any sewer revenue bonds, warrants or other  
402 obligations that may be issued in the future with a lien on Revenue of the System equal to  
403 the lien thereon of those bonds. The term "Parity Lien Obligations" includes any Parity  
404 Lien Obligation Payment Agreements and parity reimbursement agreements entered into  
405 with the provider of a credit facility securing any Parity Lien Obligations.

406 "Parity Payment Agreement" means a Payment Agreement under which the  
407 county's payment obligations are expressly stated to constitute a charge and lien on  
408 Revenue of the System equal in rank with the charge and lien on Revenue of the System  
409 securing amounts required to be paid into the Parity Bond Fund to pay and secure the  
410 payment of principal of and interest on the Parity Bonds.

411 "Participant" means each city, town, county, water-sewer district, municipal  
412 corporation, person, firm, private corporation or other entity that disposes of any portion  
413 of its sanitary sewage into the System and has entered into a Service Agreement with the  
414 county.

415 "Payment Agreement" means, to the extent permitted from time to time by  
416 applicable law, a written agreement entered into by the county: (a) in connection with or  
417 incidental to the issuance, incurring or carrying of bonds or other obligations of the  
418 county secured in whole or in part by a lien on Revenue of the System; (b) for the  
419 purpose of managing or reducing the county's exposure to fluctuations or levels of  
420 interest rates, currencies or commodities or for other interest rate, investment, or asset or  
421 liability management purposes; (c) with a Qualified Counterparty; and (d) which  
422 provides, on either a current or forward basis, for an exchange of payments determined in  
423 accordance with a formula specified therein.

424 "Payment Agreement Payments" means the amounts periodically required to be  
425 paid by the county to the Qualified Counterparty pursuant to a Payment Agreement. The  
426 term "Payment Agreement Payments" does not include any termination payment required  
427 to be paid with respect to a Payment Agreement.

428 "Payment Agreement Receipts" means the amounts periodically required to be  
429 paid by the Qualified Counterparty to the county pursuant to a Payment Agreement.

430 "Permitted Investments" means any investment permitted by law, but only to the  
431 extent that the same is acquired at Fair Market Value.

432 "Professional Utility Consultant" means a licensed professional engineer, a  
433 Certified Public Accountant, or other independent person or firm selected by the county  
434 having a favorable reputation for skill and experience with sewer systems of comparable  
435 size and character to the System in such areas as are relevant to the purposes for which  
436 they are retained.

437 "Project Bonds" means the bonds of the county authorized by this ordinance to be  
438 issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 to pay costs of  
439 acquiring and constructing improvements to the System, and any bond anticipation notes,  
440 commercial paper or other interim financing issued in advance thereof to be repaid from  
441 the proceeds of such bonds. The Project Bonds may be issued in one or more Series of  
442 Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as provided in  
443 this ordinance.

444 "Public Works Board Loans" means loans to the county by the State Department  
445 of Commerce under the Public Works Board loan program pursuant to loan agreements  
446 in effect as of the date of this ordinance and any loan agreements hereafter entered into  
447 by the county under the Public Works Board loan program, the repayment obligations of  
448 which are secured by a lien on Revenue of the System equal to the lien thereon  
449 established by such loan agreements in effect as of the date of this ordinance.

450 "Qualified Counterparty" means, with respect to a Payment Agreement, an entity:  
451 (a) whose senior long-term debt obligations, other senior unsecured long-term obligations  
452 or claims-paying ability or whose payment obligations under a Payment Agreement are  
453 guaranteed by an entity whose senior long-term debt obligations, other senior unsecured  
454 long-term obligations or claims-paying ability are rated, at the time the Payment  
455 Agreement is entered into, at least as high as A3 by Moody's and A- by S&P, and A- by  
456 Fitch for any Parity Lien Obligation Payment Agreement, or the equivalent thereof by  
457 any successor thereto; and (b) who is otherwise qualified to act as the other party to a  
458 Payment Agreement under any applicable laws of the State.

459 "Qualified Insurance" means any unconditional municipal bond insurance policy  
460 or surety bond issued for the benefit of the registered owners of Parity Bonds by any  
461 insurance company licensed to conduct an insurance business in any state of the United  
462 States or by a service corporation acting on behalf of one or more such insurance  
463 companies, which insurance company or service corporation, as of the time of issuance of  
464 such policy or surety bond, is then rated in one of the two highest rating categories by  
465 Moody's, S&P, and any other rating agency then maintaining a rating on the Parity Bonds  
466 and maintains a policy owner's surplus in excess of \$500,000,000.

467 "Qualified Letter of Credit" means any irrevocable letter of credit issued by a  
468 bank for the account of the county and for the benefit of the registered owners of Parity  
469 Bonds, provided, that such bank maintains an office, agency or branch in the United  
470 States, and provided further, that as of the time of issuance of such letter of credit, such  
471 bank is currently rated in one of the two highest rating categories by Moody's, S&P, and  
472 any other rating agency then maintaining a rating on the Parity Bonds.

473 "Rate Stabilization Fund" means the fund of that name created pursuant to  
474 Ordinance 12314, Section 13.D., of the county and continued pursuant to section 14.B. of  
475 this ordinance.

476 "RCW" means the Revised Code of Washington.

477 "Rebate Amount" means the amount, if any, determined to be payable with  
478 respect to the Bonds by the county to the United States of America in accordance with  
479 Section 148(f) of the Code.

480 "Record Date" means, except as otherwise set forth in the applicable Sale  
481 Document, for an interest or principal payment date or for a maturity date, the 15th day of  
482 the calendar month next preceding that date. With respect to redemption of a Bond prior  
483 to its maturity, "Record Date" means the Registrar's close of business on the date on  
484 which the Registrar sends notice of the redemption, except as otherwise set forth in the  
485 applicable Sale Document.

486 "Refunded Bonds" means, for each Series of Refunding Bonds, all or a portion of  
487 the Refunding Candidates that will be refunded, including by purchase or exchange with  
488 proceeds of or in exchange for that Series of Bonds, as determined by the Finance  
489 Director pursuant to sections 18 and 27 of this ordinance and set forth in a closing  
490 certificate or a Refunding Agreement in accordance with sections 18 and 27 of this  
491 ordinance.

492 "Refunding Account" means any account authorized to be created pursuant to  
493 section 18 of this ordinance to provide for the refunding of any Refunded Bonds.

494 "Refunding Agreement" means a refunding trust agreement entered into between  
495 the county and a Refunding Trustee in connection with the refunding of Refunded Bonds.

496 "Refunding Bonds" mean the bonds authorized by this ordinance to be issued in  
497 one or more series to refund the Refunded Bonds, including by purchase or exchange.  
498 The Refunding Bonds may be issued in one or more Series of Junior Lien Obligations or  
499 Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as provided in this ordinance.

500 "Refunding Candidates" mean any Parity Bonds, Parity Lien Obligations, Junior  
501 Lien Obligations, Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien  
502 Obligations, SRF Loans, or Public Works Board Loans, and any bond anticipation notes,  
503 commercial paper, or other interim financing issued in advance thereof to be repaid from  
504 the proceeds of such bonds identified by the Finance Director as Refunding Candidates,  
505 whether currently outstanding or issued after the effective date of this ordinance,  
506 including any Series of Bonds issued under this ordinance.

507 "Refunding Trustee" means each corporate trustee chosen pursuant to the  
508 provisions of section 18 of this ordinance to serve as refunding trustee or escrow agent in  
509 connection with the refunding of Refunded Bonds.

510 "Registered Owner" means, with respect to a Bond, the person in whose name  
511 that Bond is registered on the Bond Register.

512 "Registrar" means, unless otherwise designated in the Sale Document, the fiscal  
513 agent of the State, as the same may be designated by the State from time to time, for the  
514 purposes of registering and authenticating the Bonds, maintaining the Bond Register,  
515 effecting the transfer of ownership of the Bonds and paying principal of and premium, if  
516 any, and interest on the Bonds.

517 "Remarketing Agent" means each remarketing firm qualified under the applicable  
518 Mode Agreement to act as Remarketing Agent for the applicable Bonds and appointed by  
519 the Finance Director on behalf of the county.

520 "Remarketing Agreement" means any remarketing agreement between the county  
521 and the Remarketing Agent whereby the Remarketing Agent undertakes to perform the  
522 duties of the Remarketing Agent as provided in the applicable Mode Agreement.

523 "Revenue Fund" means the "Water Quality Operating Account" as designated by  
524 Ordinance 12076, Section 30.

525 "Revenue of the System" means all the earnings, revenues and money received by  
526 the county from or on account of the operations of the System and the income from the  
527 investment of money in the Revenue Fund or any account within such fund, but shall not  
528 include: (a) any money collected pursuant to the Service Agreements applicable to  
529 administrative costs of the county other than costs of administration of the System; or (b)  
530 any Debt Service Offsets. For certain purposes described in section 14.B. of this  
531 ordinance, deposits from the Rate Stabilization Fund into the Revenue Fund may be  
532 included in calculations of "Revenue of the System."

533 "Rule" means Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the  
534 Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

535 "S&P" means S&P Global Ratings and its successors and assigns, except that if  
536 that entity is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities  
537 rating agency, then the term "S&P" will be deemed to refer to any other nationally  
538 recognized securities rating agency selected by the county.

539 "Sale Document" means the Bond Purchase Agreement, Certificate of Award,  
540 Loan Agreement, Mode Agreement or Remarketing Agreement, as applicable, for a  
541 Series of Bonds.

542 "Securities Depository" means DTC, any successor thereto, any substitute  
543 securities depository selected by the county that is qualified under applicable laws and  
544 regulations to provide the services proposed to be provided by it, or the nominee of any  
545 of the foregoing.

546 "Senior Lien Payments" means, for any calendar year, the sum of the following:

- 547 1. Annual Debt Service for such year for the Parity Bonds and Parity  
548 Lien Obligations then outstanding; and
- 549 2. Other payments described in paragraphs "Second" through "Fifth"  
550 of section 15 of this ordinance required to be made during such year.

551 "Series" means any series of Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal  
552 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

553 "Series A Notes" means the King County, Washington, Multi-Modal Limited Tax  
554 General Obligation Notes (Payable from Sewer Revenues) (Commercial Paper), Series A,  
555 issued from time to time pursuant to section 3.B. of this ordinance.

556 "Series B Notes" means the King County, Washington, Multi-Modal Limited Tax  
557 General Obligation Notes (Payable from Sewer Revenues) (Commercial Paper), Series B  
558 (Taxable), issued from time to time pursuant to section 3.B. of this ordinance.

559 "Service Agreements" means the sewage disposal agreements entered into  
560 between the county and municipal corporations, persons, firms, private corporations, or

561 governmental agencies providing for the disposal by the county of sewage collected from  
562 such contracting parties.

563 "SRF Loans" means loans to the county by the State Department of Ecology  
564 pursuant to loan agreements in effect as of the date of this ordinance and any loans and  
565 loan agreements hereafter entered into by the county under the State water pollution  
566 control revolving fund loan program, the repayment obligations of which are secured by a  
567 lien on Revenue of the System equal to the lien thereon established by such loan  
568 agreements in effect as of the date of this ordinance.

569 "State" means the State of Washington.

570 "Subordinate Lien Obligations" means those revenue bonds or other revenue  
571 obligations that may be issued by the county in the future with a lien on Revenue of the  
572 System junior and inferior to the lien thereon of the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue  
573 Bonds, and payable from Revenue of the System that is available after first making the  
574 payments required to be made under paragraph "First" through "Seventh" but before  
575 making the payments required to be made under paragraph "Ninth" of section 15 of this  
576 ordinance.

577 "System" means the sewers and sewage disposal facilities now or hereafter  
578 acquired, constructed, used or operated by the county for the purpose of carrying out the  
579 Comprehensive Plan.

580 "Taxable Obligations" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be issued on  
581 a taxable basis pursuant to section 27 of this ordinance.

582 "Tax-Advantaged Obligations" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be  
583 issued upon a tax-advantaged basis pursuant to section 27 of this ordinance.

584 "Tax-Exempt Obligations" means the Bonds of any Series determined to be  
585 issued on a tax-exempt basis pursuant to section 27 of this ordinance.

586 "Term Bonds" means those Bonds identified as such in the Sale Document, the  
587 principal of which is amortized by a schedule of mandatory redemptions.

588 SECTION 2. Findings. The county council hereby makes the following  
589 findings:

590 A. It is in the best interests of the county and ratepayers of the System that  
591 the county issue its Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue  
592 Bonds to finance or refinance improvements to the county sewer system and/or refund  
593 the Refunded Bonds, including by purchase or exchange, to reduce the overall costs of  
594 borrowing funds and/or enable the county to refinance interim financing into long-term  
595 debt, and/or modify debt service or reserve requirements, sources of payment, covenants  
596 or other terms of the Refunded Bonds.

597 B. Because conditions in the capital markets are volatile, it is in the best  
598 interests of the county and ratepayers of the System that the county retain the flexibility  
599 to issue the Bonds in one or more Series, as Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal  
600 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, to sell or remarket the Bonds from time to time in the  
601 same interest rate mode or a different mode, including the sale, remarketing and  
602 reissuance of commercial paper notes, to refund all or a portion of the Refunding  
603 Candidates, and to enter into, amend, extend or replace Credit Enhancements, Liquidity  
604 Facilities, and/or agreements with Bondowners, as applicable.

605 C. To achieve this flexibility, it is in the best interests of the county and  
606 ratepayers of the System to delegate to the Finance Director the authority to sell the

Bonds in one or more Series, as Junior Lien Obligations and/or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as Tax-Exempt Obligations, Tax-Advantaged Obligations or Taxable Obligations, by competitive bid or negotiated sale, or to the federal government or another purchaser, for current or future delivery, to identify any Refunding Candidates to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, with the proceeds of the Bonds, to sell, remarket or reissue the Bonds in one or more interest rate modes, including commercial paper mode, and to authorize the conversion of such interest rate modes, to select one or more remarketing agent and/or commercial paper dealers and enter into, amend, extend or replace Mode Agreements, Dealer Agreements, Credit Enhancements, Liquidity Facilities, and related documents, as applicable, in consultation with the county's financial advisors and consistent with terms and parameters established by this ordinance and county debt policy.

**SECTION 3. Authorization and Description.**

A. Bonds. To provide funds necessary to pay costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping improvements, additions or betterments to the System as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Improvement Budget, the county is authorized to issue one or more Series of Project Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000. To provide funds to refund any of the Refunding Candidates, including by purchase or exchange, the county is authorized to issue one or more Series of Refunding Bonds in principal amounts to be established within the parameters provided in sections 18 and 27 of this ordinance.

The Bonds may be issued in one or more Series of Junior Lien Obligations and/or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as provided in section 27 of this ordinance.

630 Except as otherwise provided in subsection B. of this section or in a Sale Document, each  
631 such Series of Junior Lien Obligations shall be designated as "King County, Washington,  
632 Junior Lien Sewer Revenue [and Refunding] Bonds [Bond Anticipation Notes][Notes]"  
633 with an applicable year and Series designation, and each such Series of Multi-Modal  
634 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds shall be designated as "King County, Washington, Multi-  
635 Modal Limited Tax General Obligation [and Refunding] Bonds [Bond Anticipation  
636 Notes][Notes] (Payable from Sewer Revenues)" with an applicable year and Series  
637 designation. The Bonds shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest; shall be  
638 numbered separately in such manner and with any additional designation as the Registrar  
639 deems necessary for purposes of identification; and shall be in the denominations, dated  
640 the date and mature on the dates, in the years and in the amounts established as provided  
641 in section 27 of this ordinance.

642 Except as otherwise provided in a Mode Agreement, each Series of Bonds shall  
643 bear interest, computed, unless otherwise provided in the Sale Document, on the basis of  
644 a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, from their dated date or from the most recent  
645 interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, whichever is  
646 later, payable on interest payment dates and at the rate or rates established as provided in  
647 section 27 of this ordinance and set forth in the Sale Document. The Accreted Values of  
648 any Bonds that are Capital Appreciation Bonds shall be set forth in a Sale Document.

649 B. Existing Commercial Paper Note Program. Pursuant to Ordinance 18898,  
650 passed May 22, 2019, as amended by Ordinance 19324, passed September 7, 2021,  
651 Ordinance 19114, passed June 23, 2020, and Motion 15771, adopted December 8, 2020  
652 (collectively, the "CP Program Legislation"), the county established a commercial paper

653 program (the "CP Program"). The CP Program provides for the issuance of multi-modal  
654 limited tax general obligation notes (payable from sewer revenues) in the commercial  
655 paper mode, with a total aggregate outstanding principal amount not to exceed  
656 \$250,000,000 at any time, to provide funds for acquiring and constructing improvements  
657 to the county sewer system and for the purpose of refunding obligations of the sewer  
658 system. The CP Program Legislation authorized the issuance of new money CP Program  
659 Notes in an aggregate outstanding principal amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 at any  
660 time. The final maturity date for the CP Program is December 15, 2050.

661       The CP Program and the issuance of CP Program Notes are hereby reauthorized  
662 pursuant to this ordinance. CP Program Notes issued hereafter will be evidenced by a  
663 Global Note, which may be an amended and restated Global Note, to be delivered on the  
664 date such Global Notes are issued. CP Program Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance  
665 constitute Notes, and are subject to the terms and parameters set forth herein, including  
666 this section 3.B and section 27 of this ordinance, as applicable, except as to the following:  
667 the total aggregate principal amount of CP Program Notes outstanding at any time,  
668 including any and all such notes whether issued for new money or refunding purposes,  
669 may not exceed \$250,000,000. As reauthorized, the CP Program no longer separately  
670 restricts the maximum allowable principal amount for CP Program Notes issued for new  
671 money purposes. The final maturity date for the CP Program remains December 15,  
672 2050.

673       For clarity, the limitations set forth in this subsection 3.B. are inapplicable to  
674 Notes that are not CP Program Notes. Notes that are not CP Program Notes may be  
675 issued as Refunding Bonds, subject to the total aggregate principal amount limitations set

676 forth in section 18 and section 27.F of this ordinance, or as Project Bonds, subject to the  
677 total aggregate principal amount limitations set forth in section 3.A. and section 27.F. of  
678 this ordinance.

679 **SECTION 4. Registration, Exchange and Payments.**

680 A. Registrar/Bond Register. Unless otherwise specified in the Sale  
681 Document, the county, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.84, adopts for the Bonds the  
682 system of registration specified and approved by the Washington State Finance  
683 Committee, which utilizes the fiscal agent of the State as Registrar. The Registrar shall  
684 keep, or cause to be kept, at its designated corporate trust office, the Bond Register,  
685 which shall be open to inspection by the county at all times. The Bond Register shall  
686 contain the name and mailing address of the Registered Owner of each Bond and the  
687 principal amount and number of each of the Bonds held by each Registered Owner. The  
688 Registrar is authorized, on behalf of the county, to authenticate and deliver Bonds  
689 transferred or exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the Bonds and this  
690 ordinance, to serve as the county's paying agent for the Bonds and to carry out all of the  
691 Registrar's powers and duties under this ordinance.

692 The Registrar shall be responsible for the representations contained in its  
693 Certificate of Authentication on the Bonds. The Registrar may become the Owner of  
694 Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not the Registrar and, to the extent  
695 permitted by law, may act as depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to  
696 act as members of, or in any other capacity with respect to, any committee formed to  
697 protect the rights of Owners.

698           B.       Registered Ownership. The Bonds shall be issued only in registered form  
699 as to both principal and interest and shall be recorded on the Bond Register. The county  
700 and the Registrar, each in its discretion, may deem and treat the Registered Owner of  
701 each Bond as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the county nor the  
702 Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Payment of each Bond shall be  
703 made as described in subsection D. of this section, but registration of ownership of each  
704 Bond may be transferred as provided herein. All payments made as described in  
705 subsection D. of this section shall be valid and shall satisfy and discharge the liability of  
706 the county upon such Bond to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

707           C.       Use of Depository. Each Bond registered in the name of the Securities  
708 Depository shall be held fully immobilized in book-entry only form by the Securities  
709 Depository in accordance with the provisions of the Letter of Representations. Neither  
710 the county nor the Registrar shall have any obligation to participants of any Securities  
711 Depository or the persons for whom they act as nominees regarding the accuracy of any  
712 records maintained by the Securities Depository or its participants. Neither the county  
713 nor the Registrar shall be responsible for any notice that is permitted or required to be  
714 given to the Registered Owner of any Bond registered in the name of the Securities  
715 Depository except such notice as is required to be given by the Registrar to the Securities  
716 Depository.

717           If and for so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of the Securities  
718 Depository, the Securities Depository shall be deemed to be the Registered Owner for all  
719 purposes hereunder, and all references to Registered Owners shall mean the Securities  
720 Depository and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners. Registered ownership of any

Bond registered in the name of the Securities Depository may not be transferred except:  
(a) to any successor Securities Depository; (b) to any substitute Securities Depository  
appointed by the county; or (c) to any person if the Bond is no longer to be held by a  
Securities Depository.

Upon the resignation of the Securities Depository, or upon a termination of the  
services of the Securities Depository by the county, the county may appoint a substitute  
Securities Depository. If the Securities Depository resigns and the county does not  
appoint a substitute Securities Depository, or if the county terminates the services of the  
Securities Depository, the Bonds no longer shall be held in book-entry only form and the  
registered ownership of each Bond may be transferred to any person as provided in this  
ordinance or as set forth in the Sale Document.

D. Place and Medium of Payment. Principal of and premium, if any, and  
interest on the Bonds are payable in lawful money of the United States of America.  
Principal of and premium, if any, and interest on each Bond registered in the name of the  
Securities Depository are payable in the manner set forth in the Letter of Representations.  
Unless otherwise specified in the Sale Document, interest on each Bond not registered in  
the name of the Securities Depository is payable by electronic transfer on the interest  
payment date, or by check or draft of the Registrar mailed on the interest payment date to  
the Registered Owner at the address appearing on the Bond Register on the Record Date.  
The county is not required to make electronic transfers except pursuant to a request by a  
Registered Owner in writing received on or prior to the Record Date and at the sole  
expense of the Registered Owner. Unless otherwise specified in the Sale Document, the  
principal of and premium, if any, on each Bond not registered in the name of the

744 Securities Depository are payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bond by the  
745 Registered Owner to the Registrar at maturity or upon prior redemption in full.

746 E. Transfer or Exchange of Registered Ownership; Change in  
747 Denominations. The registered ownership of any Bond may be transferred or exchanged,  
748 but no transfer of any Bond shall be valid unless it is surrendered to the Registrar with the  
749 assignment form appearing on such Bond duly executed by the Registered Owner or such  
750 Registered Owner's duly authorized agent in a manner satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon  
751 such surrender, the Registrar shall cancel the surrendered Bond and shall authenticate and  
752 deliver, without charge to the Registered Owner or transferee therefor, a new Bond, or  
753 Bonds, at the option of the new Registered Owner, of the same Series, date, maturity and  
754 interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount in any authorized denomination,  
755 naming as Registered Owner the person or persons listed as the assignee on the  
756 assignment form appearing on the surrendered Bond, in exchange for such surrendered  
757 and cancelled Bond. Any Bond may be surrendered to the Registrar and exchanged,  
758 without charge, for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same Series,  
759 date, maturity and interest rate, in any authorized denomination. The Registrar shall not  
760 be obligated to exchange or transfer any Bond after the Record Date for any principal  
761 payment or redemption date, or, in the case of any proposed redemption of a Bond, after  
762 mailing of the notice of the call of the Bond for redemption.

763 **SECTION 5. Redemption Provisions; Purchase of Bonds.**

764 A. Optional Redemption. All or some of the Bonds of a Series may be  
765 subject to redemption, including extraordinary redemption, prior to their stated maturity

766 dates at the option of the county at the times and on the terms set forth in the Sale  
767 Document.

768           B.       Mandatory Redemption. The county shall redeem any Term Bonds, if not  
769 redeemed under the optional redemption provisions set forth in the Sale Document or  
770 purchased under the provisions set forth herein, randomly, or in such other manner as set  
771 forth in the Sale Document or as the Registrar shall determine, at par plus accrued interest  
772 on the dates and in the years and principal amounts set forth in the Sale Document.

773           If the county redeems Term Bonds under the optional redemption provisions set  
774 forth in the Sale Document or purchases for cancellation or defeases Term Bonds, the  
775 Term Bonds so redeemed, purchased or defeased, irrespective of their redemption or  
776 purchase prices, shall, unless otherwise provided in the Sale Document, be credited  
777 against one or more scheduled mandatory redemption amounts for those Term Bonds as  
778 determined by the county.

779           C.       Partial Redemption. Whenever less than all of the Bonds of a single  
780 maturity of a Series are to be redeemed, the Securities Depository shall select the Bonds  
781 registered in the name of the Securities Depository to be redeemed in accordance with the  
782 Letter of Representations, and the Registrar shall select all other Bonds to be redeemed  
783 randomly, or in such other manner set forth in the Sale Document or as the Registrar shall  
784 determine.

785           Portions of the principal amount of any Bond, in authorized denominations, may  
786 be redeemed, unless otherwise provided in the Sale Document. If less than all of the  
787 principal amount of any Bond is redeemed, upon surrender of that Bond to the Registrar,  
788 there shall be issued to the Registered Owner, without charge therefor, a new Bond, or

789 Bonds, at the option of the Registered Owner, of the same Series, maturity and interest  
790 rate in any authorized denomination in the aggregate total principal amount of such Bond  
791 remaining outstanding.

792 D. Purchase. The county reserves the right and option to purchase, for cash  
793 or exchange consideration, any or all of the Bonds offered to the county at any time at  
794 any price acceptable to the county plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

795 SECTION 6. Notice and Effect of Redemption. Notice of redemption of each  
796 Bond registered in the name of the Securities Depository shall be given in accordance  
797 with the Letter of Representations. Notice of redemption of each other Bond, unless  
798 waived by the Registered Owner, shall be given by the Registrar not less than 20 nor  
799 more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption by first-class mail, postage  
800 prepaid, to the Registered Owner at the address appearing on the Bond Register on the  
801 Record Date, except as otherwise set forth in the Sale Document. The requirements of  
802 the preceding sentences shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when notice has been  
803 mailed as so provided, whether or not it is actually received by any Owner. Notice of  
804 redemption shall also be mailed or sent electronically within the same period to the  
805 MSRB, to any nationally recognized rating agency then maintaining a rating on the  
806 Bonds at the request of the county, and to such other persons and with such additional  
807 information as the Finance Director shall determine, but such further notice shall not be a  
808 condition precedent to the redemption of any Bond.

809 In the case of an optional redemption, the notice of redemption may state that the  
810 county retains the right to rescind the redemption notice and the redemption by giving a  
811 notice of rescission to the affected Registered Owners at any time on or prior to the date

fixed for redemption. Any notice of optional redemption that is so rescinded shall be of no effect, and each Bond for which a notice of optional redemption has been rescinded shall remain outstanding.

Interest on each Bond called for redemption shall cease to accrue on the date fixed for redemption, unless either the notice of optional redemption is rescinded as set forth above or money sufficient to effect such redemption is not on deposit with the Registrar or in a trust account established to refund or defease the Bond.

**SECTION 7. Form and Execution of Bonds.** Bonds issued as Junior Lien Obligations, including Global Notes, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Attachment B to this ordinance (with appropriate insertions, deletions and revisions to reflect the global nature of any Global Notes). Bonds issued as Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, including Global Notes, as applicable, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Attachment C to this ordinance (with appropriate insertions, deletions and revisions to reflect the global nature of any Global Notes). The Bonds shall be signed by the county executive and the clerk of the county council, either or both of whose signatures may be manual or in facsimile, and the seal of the county or a facsimile reproduction thereof shall be impressed or printed thereon.

Only a Bond bearing a Certificate of Authentication in the form set forth in Attachment B or Attachment C to this ordinance, as applicable, manually signed by the Registrar, shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to the benefits of this ordinance. The authorized signing of a Certificate of Authentication shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly executed, authenticated and delivered and is entitled to the benefits of this ordinance.

835           If any officer whose manual or facsimile signature appears on a Bond ceases to be  
836 an officer of the county authorized to sign bonds before the Bond bearing that officer's  
837 manual or facsimile signature is authenticated by the Registrar or issued or delivered by  
838 the county, that Bond nevertheless may be authenticated, issued and delivered and, when  
839 authenticated, issued and delivered, shall be as binding on the county as though that  
840 person had continued to be an officer of the county authorized to sign bonds. Any Bond  
841 also may be signed on behalf of the county by any person who, on the actual date of  
842 signing of the Bond, is an officer of the county authorized to sign bonds, although they  
843 did not hold the required office on the dated date of the Bond.

844           SECTION 8. Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds. If any Bond is lost, stolen or  
845 destroyed, the Registrar may authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of like  
846 amount, date, Series, interest rate and tenor to the Registered Owner thereof upon the  
847 Registered Owner paying the expenses and charges of the county and the Registrar in  
848 connection therewith and upon filing with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the  
849 Registrar that such Bond was actually lost, stolen or destroyed and of registered  
850 ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the county and the Registrar with indemnity  
851 satisfactory to the Finance Director and the Registrar.

852           SECTION 9. Junior Lien Bond Fund. A special fund of the county designated  
853 the "King County, Washington, Junior Lien Obligation Redemption Fund" has heretofore  
854 been created, and is hereby continued, for the purpose of paying Junior Lien Obligations.  
855 The Junior Lien Bond Fund shall be held separate and apart from all other funds and  
856 accounts of the county and shall be a trust fund for the owners of Junior Lien Obligations.

857           The county hereby irrevocably obligates and binds itself to set aside and pay into  
858   the Junior Lien Bond Fund out of Revenue of the System amounts sufficient, together  
859   with income from the investment of money in the Junior Lien Bond Fund, and any other  
860   money on deposit in the Junior Lien Bond Fund and legally available, to pay all Bonds  
861   that are issued as Junior Lien Obligations as the same become due and payable.

862           Any Series of the Bonds also may be payable from and secured by Credit  
863   Enhancement or be payable from a Liquidity Facility that provides for payment of that  
864   Series of Bonds, and such Credit Enhancement or Liquidity Facility need not secure  
865   payment of any other Series of the Bonds. The county's payment obligation with respect  
866   to Bonds secured by Credit Enhancement shall be deemed satisfied if provided by draws  
867   on the Credit Enhancement.

868           There is hereby authorized to be created a special account in the Junior Lien Bond  
869   Fund for the Bonds. All money required by this section to be deposited into the Junior  
870   Lien Bond Fund for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds that are issued  
871   as Junior Lien Obligations may be deposited into the account created for such Bonds, and  
872   the county hereby covenants to budget for each such payment of principal and interest  
873   when due. Money in the account will be treated in all respects as all other money in the  
874   Junior Lien Bond Fund, but will be accounted for separately for the purpose of  
875   calculating any Rebate Amount payable with respect to such Bonds.

876           Payments on account of the Bonds that are issued as Junior Lien Obligations will  
877   be made out of Revenue of the System into the applicable account in the Junior Lien  
878   Bond Fund on or before the day each payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds is  
879   due.

880           If any Bonds are designated as Term Bonds pursuant to section 27 of this  
881 ordinance, there shall be set forth in the Sale Document a mandatory redemption schedule  
882 to amortize the principal of those Term Bonds. Payments of principal of Term Bonds  
883 under any such mandatory redemption schedule shall be made from the Junior Lien Bond  
884 Fund, as provided in this section, to the extent not credited pursuant to section 5.B. of this  
885 ordinance.

886           SECTION 10. Pledge of Sewer Revenues to Junior Lien Obligations. The  
887 Bonds that are issued as Junior Lien Obligations are special fund obligations payable  
888 only from amounts in deposit in the Junior Lien Bond Fund.

889           The amounts covenanted in this ordinance to be paid out of Revenue of the  
890 System into the Junior Lien Bond Fund and the accounts therein constitute, and the  
891 county hereby grants to the Registered Owners of the Bonds and to any Credit Provider  
892 and Liquidity Provider with respect to obligations owed to them under a related  
893 reimbursement agreement or Liquidity Facility, a lien and charge on Revenue of the  
894 System junior, subordinate and inferior to Operating and Maintenance Expenses; junior,  
895 subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System for the  
896 payments required to be made into the Parity Bond Fund and the accounts therein, and  
897 Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Parity Bond Payment Agreements, and  
898 payments required to be made in connection with Qualified Insurance, a Qualified Letter  
899 of Credit or the Parity Bond Reserve Account as set forth in section 15 of this ordinance;  
900 junior, subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System for the  
901 payments required to be made into the Parity Lien Obligation Bond Fund and the  
902 accounts therein, and Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Parity Lien

Obligation Payment Agreements as set forth in section 15 of this ordinance; equal to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System to pay and secure the payment of the outstanding Junior Lien Obligations and any Future Junior Lien Obligations, including Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Junior Lien Obligation Payment Agreements and to make any payments required to be made to providers of any credit enhancements or liquidity facilities for Junior Lien Obligations; and superior to all other liens and charges of any kind or nature, including, inter alia, the lien and charge on Revenue of the System to pay and secure the payment of Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Obligations, SRF Loans and Public Works Board Loans.

The Bonds issued as Junior Lien Obligations are not a general obligation of the county. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the county or the State or any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of the Bonds issued as Junior Lien Obligations.

**SECTION 11. Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund.** A special fund of the county designated the "King County, Washington, Multi-Modal Limited Tax General Obligation (Payable from Sewer Revenue) Bond Fund" has heretofore been created for the purpose of paying Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds. The Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund shall be held separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the county and shall be a trust fund for the owners of Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

The county hereby irrevocably obligates and binds itself to set aside and pay into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund, from the sources described in

sections 12 and 13 of this ordinance, on or prior to the respective dates the same become due, and if such payment is made on the due date, such payment must be made in immediately available funds: (a) such amounts as are required to pay the interest scheduled to become due on the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds; and (b) such amounts with respect to the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds as are required to pay maturing principal, to make any required sinking fund payments and to redeem such Bonds in accordance with any mandatory redemption provisions, and the county hereby covenants to budget for each such payment of principal and interest when due.

Any Series of the Bonds also may be payable from and secured by Credit Enhancement or be payable from a Liquidity Facility that provides for the payment of only that Series of Bonds, and such Credit Enhancement or Liquidity Facility need not secure payment of any other Series of the Bonds. The county's payment obligation with respect to Bonds secured by Credit Enhancement shall be deemed satisfied if provided by draws on the Credit Enhancement.

If any Bonds that are issued as Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds are designated as Term Bonds pursuant to section 27 of this ordinance, there shall be set forth in the Sale Document for that Series of Bonds a mandatory redemption schedule to amortize the principal of those Term Bonds. Payments of principal of Term Bonds under any such mandatory redemption schedule shall be made from the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund, as provided in this section, to the extent not credited pursuant to section 5.B. of this ordinance.

**SECTION 12. Pledge of Sewer Revenues to Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.** The Bonds that are issued as Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue

949 Bonds are payable from and secured by a pledge of Revenue of the System. The county  
950 hereby irrevocably obligates and binds itself to set aside and pay into the Multi-Modal  
951 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund out of Revenue of the System, on or prior to the  
952 respective dates the same become due, the amounts required by section 11 of this  
953 ordinance.

954       The amounts covenanted in this ordinance to be paid out of Revenue of the  
955 System into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund constitute, and the  
956 county hereby grants to the Registered Owners of the Bonds and to any Credit Provider  
957 and Liquidity Provider with respect to obligations owed to them under a related  
958 reimbursement agreement or Liquidity Facility, a lien and charge on Revenue of the  
959 System junior, subordinate and inferior to Operating and Maintenance Expenses; junior,  
960 subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System for the  
961 payments required to be made into the Parity Bond Fund and the accounts therein, and  
962 Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Parity Payment Agreements, and payments  
963 required to be made in connection with Qualified Insurance, a Qualified Letter of Credit  
964 or the Parity Bond Reserve Account as set forth in section 15 of this ordinance; junior,  
965 subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System for the  
966 payments required to be made into the Parity Lien Obligation Bond Fund and the  
967 accounts therein, and Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Parity Lien  
968 Obligation Payment Agreements as set forth in section 15 of this ordinance; junior,  
969 subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System to pay and  
970 secure the payment of any Junior Lien Obligations, and Payment Agreement Payments  
971 with respect to Junior Lien Obligation Payment Agreements and required payments to

providers of credit enhancement or liquidity facilities for Junior Lien Obligations as set forth in section 15 of this ordinance; equal to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System to pay and secure the payment of any outstanding Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds and any Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, and Payment Agreement Payments with respect to Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Payment Agreements and required payments to providers of credit enhancement or liquidity facilities for Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds; and superior to all other liens and charges of any kind or nature, including, inter alia, the lien and charge on Revenue of the System to pay and secure the payment of any Subordinate Lien Obligations, SRF Loans and Public Works Board Loans.

**SECTION 13. Pledge of Taxation and Credit to Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.** The county hereby irrevocably covenants and agrees for as long as any Bonds that are issued as Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, that each year it will include in its budget and levy an ad valorem tax upon all the property within the county subject to taxation in an amount that will be sufficient, together with all other revenues and money of the county legally available for such purposes, to make the payments into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund required by section 11 of this ordinance as the same become due. All of the taxes so collected will be paid into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund no later than the date those funds are required for the payments required by section 11 of this ordinance.

The county hereby irrevocably pledges that the annual tax herein authorized to be levied for the payment of such amounts shall be within and a part of the tax levy

permitted to counties without a vote of the people, and that a sufficient portion of the taxes to be levied and collected annually by the county prior to the full payment of the amounts required by section 11 of this ordinance will be and is hereby irrevocably set aside, pledged and appropriated for the payment of the amounts required by section 11 of this ordinance.

The full faith, credit and resources of the county are hereby irrevocably pledged for the annual levy and collection of such taxes and for the prompt payment of the amounts required by section 11 of this ordinance as the same become due.

**SECTION 14. Revenue Fund; Rate Stabilization Fund.**

A. Revenue Fund. A special fund of the county known as the "Water Quality Operating Account" (the "Revenue Fund") has heretofore been created and is hereby continued. All Revenue of the System shall be deposited in the Revenue Fund. All Operating and Maintenance Expenses shall be paid out of the Revenue Fund or appropriate reserves therein.

B. Rate Stabilization Fund. In anticipation of increases in revenue requirements of the System, a special fund of the county designated as the "Sewer Rate Stabilization Fund" (the "Rate Stabilization Fund") has heretofore been established and is hereby continued. The county may from time to time appropriate or budget amounts in the Revenue Fund for deposit in the Rate Stabilization Fund, as provided in section 15 of this ordinance, and may from time to time withdraw amounts therefrom for deposit in the Revenue Fund to prevent or mitigate sewer rate increases or for other lawful purposes of the county related to the System, including calculations of "Net Revenue" and "Revenue

1017 of the System" for the purposes of satisfying requirements of sections 20 and 25 of this  
1018 ordinance.

1019 For any fiscal year: (a) amounts withdrawn from the Revenue Fund and  
1020 deposited into the Rate Stabilization Fund for that fiscal year must be subtracted from Net  
1021 Revenue for that fiscal year; and (b) amounts withdrawn from the Rate Stabilization Fund  
1022 and deposited in the Revenue Fund for that fiscal year may be added to Revenue of the  
1023 System for that fiscal year.

1024 **SECTION 15. Sewer Revenue Priorities of Payment.** So long as any Bond is  
1025 outstanding, all Revenue of the System shall be deposited into the Revenue Fund and  
1026 used and applied in the following order of priority:

1027 First, to pay all Operating and Maintenance Expenses;

1028 Second, to make all required deposits into the Parity Bond Fund to provide for the  
1029 payment of principal of and interest on Parity Bonds as the same become due and payable  
1030 and to make any Payment Agreement Payments with respect to any Parity Payment  
1031 Agreements;

1032 Third, to make all payments required to be made pursuant to a reimbursement  
1033 agreement or agreements, or other equivalent documents, in connection with Qualified  
1034 Insurance or a Qualified Letter of Credit; provided, that if there is not sufficient money to  
1035 make all payments under such reimbursement agreements, the payments will be made on  
1036 a pro rata basis;

1037 Fourth, to establish and maintain the Parity Bond Reserve Account, including  
1038 making deposits into such account and paying the costs of obtaining Qualified Insurance  
1039 or a Qualified Letter of Credit therefor;

1040 Fifth, to make all required payments of principal and interest on the Parity Lien  
1041 Obligations and to make any Payment Agreement Payments with respect to any Parity  
1042 Lien Obligation Payment Agreements;

1043 Sixth, to make all required payments of principal of and interest on the Junior  
1044 Lien Obligations as the same become due and payable, to make all Payment Agreement  
1045 Payments with respect to any Junior Lien Obligation Payment Agreements, and to make  
1046 any payments required to be made to providers of any Credit Enhancements or Liquidity  
1047 Facilities, including the county, for Junior Lien Obligations;

1048 Seventh, to make all required payments of principal of and interest on the Multi-  
1049 Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds as the same become due and payable, to make all  
1050 Payment Agreement Payments for any Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond  
1051 Payment Agreements, and to make any payments required to be made to providers of  
1052 Credit Enhancements or Liquidity Facilities, including the county, for any Multi-Modal  
1053 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds;

1054 Eighth, to make all required payments of principal of and interest on any  
1055 Subordinate Lien Obligations as the same become due and payable;

1056 Ninth, to make all required payments of principal of and interest on bonds, notes,  
1057 warrants and other evidences of indebtedness, the lien and charge on Revenue of the  
1058 System of which are junior and inferior to the Subordinate Lien Obligations, as the same  
1059 become due and payable; and

1060 Tenth, to make all required payments of principal of and interest due on the SRF  
1061 Loans and the Public Works Board Loans.

Any surplus money that the county may have on hand in the Revenue Fund after making all required payments set forth above may be used by the county: (a) to make necessary improvements, additions and repairs to and extensions and replacements of the System;;(b) to purchase or redeem and retire outstanding sewer revenue bonds of the county; (c) to make deposits into the Rate Stabilization Fund; or (d) for any other lawful purposes of the county related to the System.

**SECTION 16. Disposition of Bond Proceeds.** The proceeds of each Series of the Bonds will be deposited as follows:

A. The amount equal to the interest, if any, accruing on each Series of the Bonds from their dated date to the date of their Closing will be deposited in the appropriate subaccount for the Series created in the Junior Lien Obligation Bond Fund or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund, as applicable;

B. The balance of the proceeds of any Series of Project Bonds or Notes issued for new money purposes will be deposited in the appropriate Construction Subaccount, including an escrow account that may be established for capitalized interest, as provided in section 17 and applied as provided therein; provided that the amount of such proceeds allocated by the Finance Director to pay the costs of issuing such Series of Project Bonds or Notes will be deposited in the appropriate fund or account of the county, as determined by the Finance Director, and used for such purpose.

C. The balance of the proceeds of any Series of Refunding Bonds or Notes issued for refunding purposes will be deposited into the appropriate Refunding Account and applied as provided in section 18 of this ordinance; provided that the amount of such proceeds allocated by the Finance Director to pay the costs of issuing such Series of

Refunding Bonds or Notes will be deposited in the appropriate fund or account of the county, as determined by the Finance Director, and used for such purpose.

**SECTION 17. Construction Account.** There has heretofore been created a special fund of the county known as the "Second Water Quality Construction Account" (the "Construction Account"). For purposes of separately accounting for investment earnings on the proceeds of the Project Bonds and Notes to facilitate compliance with the requirements of this ordinance, there is hereby established for each Series of Project Bonds or Notes issued hereunder a special subaccount within the Construction Account to be designated as the "Series [applicable year designation] Construction Subaccount" (each a "Construction Subaccount"). Money in each Construction Subaccount will be held and applied to pay costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping improvements, additions or betterments to the System as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Improvement Budget and all costs incidental thereto, including engineering, architectural, planning, financial, legal, urban design or any other incidental costs, and to repay any advances heretofore or hereafter made on account of such costs, provided that if deficiencies exist in the Junior Lien Bond Fund or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund, money in any Construction Subaccount may be transferred to such fund in any amounts necessary to pay principal of and interest on Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as applicable. Proceeds from the sale of a Series of Project Bonds or Notes may be designated to pay capitalized interest on those Project Bonds or Notes and may be held in the applicable Construction Subaccount or in a trust account to be established with an escrow agent or refunding trustee appointed by

the Finance Director, as determined by the Finance Director upon the sale of such Series of Project Bonds or Notes.

**SECTION 18. Refunding Account; Plan of Refunding.**

A. Refunding Account; Refunding Authorization. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to determine whether to (i) transfer the proceeds of the sale of a Series of the Bonds or Notes to the Registrar on or prior to the redemption or purchase date for payment of the purchase price, principal of, and interest coming due on the Refunding Candidates selected for redemption, including by purchase or exchange, or (ii) establish one or more special accounts of the county to be maintained with the Refunding Trustee, each to be known as a "King County [year and Series designation] [Junior Lien] [Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer] Revenue Bonds Refunding Account" (each a "Refunding Account"). Each Refunding Account will be drawn upon for the sole purpose of paying the purchase price, principal of and premium, if any, and interest on, the applicable Refunded Bonds and of paying costs of issuing that Series of Refunding Bonds or Notes and refunding the applicable Refunded Bonds. Proceeds of the sale of any Refunding Bonds or Notes, together with other county funds that may be designated for that purpose, will be transferred to the Registrar or deposited into the applicable Refunding Account to provide for refunding the applicable Refunded Bonds, including by purchase or exchange, in accordance with the ordinances authorizing the Refunded Bonds, and to pay the costs of issuing the Refunding Bonds or Notes.

The Finance Director is authorized to determine, in consultation with the county's financial advisors, which of the Refunding Candidates, if any, are to be refunded or purchased, for cash or exchange consideration, and whether such refunding shall be a

1130 current refunding, i.e., the redemption, purchase, or exchange of Refunded Bonds paid  
1131 for with proceeds of a Series of Bonds issued 90 or fewer days prior to the redemption  
1132 date of the Refunded Bonds, or an advance refunding, i.e., the redemption, purchase, or  
1133 exchange of Refunded Bonds paid for with proceeds of a Series of Bonds issued more  
1134 than 90 days prior to the redemption, purchase or exchange date of the Refunded Bonds.  
1135 The Finance Director is authorized to negotiate and approve terms for the acquisition of  
1136 Refunding Candidates by purchase or exchange, and to negotiate, approve, and execute  
1137 any offer, dealer manager agreements, or other documents in connection therewith,  
1138 including amendments thereto from time to time.

1139         In determining which of the Refunding Candidates, if any, should be refunded  
1140 under this ordinance, including by purchase or exchange, in order to effect a saving to the  
1141 county and ratepayers of the System, the county council intends that the Finance Director  
1142 adhere to the applicable present value savings targets identified in the adopted debt  
1143 management policy of the county in effect at the time of sale. These requirements do not  
1144 apply to the refunding of any Refunding Candidates, including by purchase or exchange,  
1145 when necessary or in the best interest of the county and ratepayers of the System to  
1146 modify debt service or reserve requirements, sources of payment, covenants or other  
1147 terms of the Refunding Candidates.

1148         B.       Plan of Refunding. Each plan of refunding and call for redemption,  
1149 purchase or exchange of Refunded Bonds shall be set forth in the Refunding Agreement  
1150 or set forth in a closing certificate. Bond or Note proceeds held by the county may be  
1151 invested for a period not to exceed 30 days prior to the transfer of such funds to the  
1152 Registrar to accomplish the redemption, purchase or exchange, and shall be invested by

the county pending such transfer in any investments permitted for funds of the county consistent with the Federal Tax Certificate or otherwise as approved by the county's bond counsel. Money in each Refunding Account shall be used immediately upon receipt thereof to defease the applicable Refunded Bonds and discharge the other obligations of the county relating thereto under the ordinances that authorized the Refunded Bonds, by providing for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds as set forth in such agreement. The county will defease such bonds and discharge such obligations by the use of the money in each Refunding Account to purchase Government Obligations (should the purchase of such obligations be deemed by the Finance Director as being in the best interest of the County, and if so purchased, "Acquired Obligations") bearing interest and maturing as to principal in such amounts and at such times that, together with any necessary beginning cash balance, will provide for the payment of such Refunded Bonds, as set forth in the Refunding Agreement. Such Acquired Obligations shall be purchased at a yield not greater than the yield permitted by the Code and regulations relating to the obligations acquired in connection with refunding bond issues.

In connection with the issuance of a Series of Refunding Bonds or Notes to carry out the refunding and defeasance of Refunded Bonds, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to appoint a Refunding Trustee qualified by law to perform the duties described herein. Any beginning cash balance and the Acquired Obligations will be irrevocably deposited with the Refunding Trustee in an amount sufficient to defease the Refunding Bonds in accordance with this section and the applicable Refunding Agreement.

1176           The county will take such actions as are found necessary to see that all necessary  
1177 and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the Refunding Trustee are paid when due.  
1178 The proper officers and agents of the county are directed to negotiate an agreement with  
1179 each Refunding Trustee setting forth the duties, obligations and responsibilities of the  
1180 Refunding Trustee in connection with the redemption and retirement of the Refunded  
1181 Bonds as provided herein and setting forth provisions for the payment of the fees,  
1182 compensation and expenses of the Refunding Trustee as are satisfactory to it. To carry  
1183 out the Refunding Account purposes of this section, the Finance Director is authorized  
1184 and directed to execute and deliver to each Refunding Trustee a Refunding Agreement  
1185 and, if requested, a costs of issuance agreement, in forms approved by the county's bond  
1186 counsel.

1187           C.       Required Findings. The Refunding Agreement or closing certificate shall  
1188 set forth the findings of the Finance Director made on behalf of the county that the sale of  
1189 the Refunding Bonds accomplishes either:

1190                   1.       savings and defeasance regarding the Refunded Bonds authorized  
1191 to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, from the proceeds of each Series of  
1192 Refunding Bonds or Notes; or

1193                   2.       the best interest of the county and ratepayers of the System from:  
1194 modifying debt service or reserve requirements, sources of payment, covenants or other  
1195 terms of the Refunded Bonds authorized to be refunded from the proceeds of each Series  
1196 of Refunding Bonds or Notes; the conversion between Modes; or the replacement,  
1197 extension or amendment of a Credit Enhancement, Liquidity Facility and/or agreement  
1198 with Bondowners.

1199           **SECTION 19. Due Regard for Expenses and Sewer Revenues Pledged.** The  
1200 county hereby declares that, in fixing the amounts to be paid into the Junior Lien Bond  
1201 Fund and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund, as applicable, and the  
1202 accounts therein, out of Revenue of the System, it has exercised due regard for the  
1203 Operating and Maintenance Expenses and has not obligated the county to set aside in  
1204 such funds and accounts a greater amount of Revenue of the System that in its judgment  
1205 will be available over and above the Operating and Maintenance Expenses and Revenue  
1206 of the System previously pledged.

1207           **SECTION 20. Rate Covenants.**

1208           A.       General Rate Covenant. The county will establish, maintain and collect  
1209 rates and charges for sewage disposal service for each calendar year that are fair and  
1210 nondiscriminatory and adequate to provide the county with Revenue of the System  
1211 sufficient: (a) to pay all Operating and Maintenance Expenses during that calendar year;  
1212 (b) to pay punctually all amounts described in paragraphs "Second" through "Tenth" in  
1213 section 15 of this ordinance due during that calendar year; and (c) to pay any and all  
1214 amounts that the county is now or may hereafter become obligated by law or contract to  
1215 pay during that calendar year from the Revenue of the System.

1216           B.       Coverage Covenant. Subject to the provisions of subsection C. of this  
1217 section, the county will establish, maintain and collect rates and charges for sewage  
1218 disposal service that, together with the interest to be earned on investments made of  
1219 money in the Revenue Fund, Parity Bond Fund, Parity Lien Obligation Bond Fund,  
1220 Junior Lien Bond Fund, Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund and  
1221 Construction Account will provide in each calendar year Net Revenue, after deducting

therefrom amounts required in such year to pay Annual Debt Service on Parity Bonds and Parity Lien Obligations, in an amount equal to at least 1.10 times the amounts required to pay Annual Debt Service for all Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds for that year.

C. Rate Stabilization Fund. In determining compliance with the requirements of this section, Revenue of the System and Net Revenue shall be calculated by taking into account deposits and withdrawals from the Rate Stabilization Fund as provided in section 14.B. of this ordinance.

**SECTION 21. Certain Other Covenants of the County Regarding the Bonds.**

The county hereby covenants with the Registered Owner of each of the Bonds, for as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding, as follows:

A. Maintain in Good Order. The county will cause the System and the business in connection therewith to be operated in a safe, sound, efficient and economic manner in compliance with all health, safety and environmental laws, regulatory body rules, regulatory body orders and court orders applicable to the county's operation of the System, and will cause the System to be maintained, preserved, reconstructed, expanded and kept, with all appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, in good repair, working order and condition, and will from time to time cause to be made, without undue deferral, all necessary or proper repairs, replacements and renewals, so that all times the operation of the System will be properly and advantageously conducted;

B. Books and Records. The county will cause proper books of record and accounts of operation of the System to be kept, including an annual financial report;

1244           C.       Annual Audit. The county will cause its books of accounts, including its  
1245           annual financial report, to be audited annually by the State auditor's office or other State  
1246           department or agency as may be authorized and directed by law to make such audits or, if  
1247           such an audit is not made for twelve months after the close of any fiscal year of the  
1248           county, by a Certified Public Accountant. The county will furnish the audit to the Owner  
1249           of any Bond upon written request therefor;

1250           D.       Insurance. The county will at all times carry fire and extended coverage  
1251           and such other forms of insurance on such of the buildings, equipment, facilities and  
1252           properties of the System as under good practice are ordinarily carried on such buildings,  
1253           equipment, facilities and properties by municipal or privately owned utilities engaged in  
1254           the operation of sewer systems and will also carry adequate public liability insurance at  
1255           all times, provided that the county may, if deemed advisable by the county council,  
1256           institute or continue a self-insurance program for any or all of the aforementioned risks;

1257           E.       Construction. The county will cause the construction of any duly  
1258           authorized and ordered portions of the Comprehensive Plan to be performed and  
1259           completed within a reasonable time and at the lowest reasonable cost;

1260           F.       Collection of Revenue. The county will operate and maintain the System  
1261           and conduct its affairs so as to entitle it at all times to receive and enforce payment to it  
1262           of sewage disposal charges payable: (a) pursuant to the ordinance or ordinances  
1263           establishing a tariff of rates and charges for sewage disposal services; and (b) under any  
1264           Service Agreement that the county has now or may hereafter enter into, and to entitle the  
1265           county to collect all revenues derived from the operation of the System. The county shall  
1266           not release the obligations of any person, corporation or political subdivision under such

1267 tariff of rates and charges or the Service Agreements and shall at all times, to the extent  
1268 permitted by law, defend, enforce, preserve and protect the rights and privileges of the  
1269 county and of the Registered Owners of the Bonds under or with respect thereto;

1270         In accordance with RCW 35.58.200(3), the county shall require any county, city,  
1271 special district or other political subdivision to discharge to the System all sewage  
1272 collected by that entity from any portion of the Seattle metropolitan area that can drain by  
1273 gravity flow into facilities of the System that serve such areas if the county council  
1274 declares that the health, safety or welfare of the people within the metropolitan area  
1275 require such action;

1276         G.       Legal Authority. The county has full legal right, power and authority to  
1277 adopt this ordinance, to sell, issue and deliver the Bonds as provided herein, and to carry  
1278 out and consummate all other transactions contemplated by this ordinance;

1279         H.       Due Authorization. By all necessary official action prior to or  
1280 concurrently herewith, the county has duly authorized and approved the execution and  
1281 delivery of, and the performance by the county of its obligations contained in, the Bonds  
1282 and in this ordinance and the consummation by it of all other transactions necessary to  
1283 effectuate this ordinance in connection with the issuance of Bonds, and such  
1284 authorizations and approvals are in full force and effect and have not been amended,  
1285 modified or supplemented in any material respect;

1286         I.       Binding Obligation. This ordinance constitutes a legal, valid and binding  
1287 obligation of the county;

1288         J.       No Conflict. The county's adoption of this ordinance and its compliance  
1289 with the provisions contained herein will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or

default under any constitutional provision, law, administrative regulation, judgment, decree, loan agreement, indenture, bond, note, resolution, ordinance, Sale Document, agreement or other instrument to which the county is a party or to which the county or any of its property or assets are otherwise subject, nor will any such adoption or compliance result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or other security interest or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of the county or under the terms of any such law, regulation or instrument, except as may be provided by this ordinance and the ordinances authorizing the issuance of other Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds;

K. Performance under Ordinance. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used for any purpose other than as provided in this ordinance, and except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the county shall not suffer any amendment or supplement to this ordinance, or any departure from the due performance of the obligations of the county hereunder, that might materially adversely affect the rights of the Registered Owners from time to time of the Bonds; and

L. Sale or Disposition. The county will not sell or voluntarily dispose of all of the operating properties of the System unless provision is made for payment into the applicable debt service funds of a sum sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all outstanding Parity Bonds, Parity Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds in accordance with the terms thereof, nor will the county sell or voluntarily dispose of any part of the operating properties of the System unless the county has first complied with any applicable covenants of the Parity Bonds and Parity Lien Obligations.

1313           **SECTION 22. Federal Tax Law Covenants.** The county will take all actions  
1314 necessary to assure the tax-advantaged status of the Tax-Advantaged Obligations, or the  
1315 exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Obligations from the gross income of the owners  
1316 of the Tax-Exempt Obligations, to the same extent as such interest is permitted to be  
1317 excluded from gross income under the Code as in effect on the date of issuance of the  
1318 Tax-Advantaged or Tax-Exempt Obligations, as applicable and as set forth in the Federal  
1319 Tax Certificate, including but not limited to the following to the extent applicable:

1320           A.       The county will assure that the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Obligations  
1321 are not so used as to cause the Tax-Exempt Obligations issued as governmental bonds to  
1322 satisfy the private business tests of Section 141(b) of the Code or the private loan  
1323 financing test of Section 141(c) of the Code or to cause any other Tax-Exempt  
1324 Obligations to fail to qualify as exempt private activity bonds;

1325           B.       The county will not sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of: (i) any  
1326 personal property components of the projects financed or refinanced with proceeds of the  
1327 Tax-Exempt Obligations (the "Tax-Exempt Projects") other than in the ordinary course of  
1328 an established government program under Treasury Regulation § 1.141-2(d)(4); or (ii)  
1329 any real property components of the Tax-Exempt Projects, unless it has received an  
1330 opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such disposition will not  
1331 affect the treatment of interest on the Tax-Exempt Obligations as excludable from gross  
1332 income for federal income tax purposes, as applicable;

1333           C.       The county will not take any action or permit or suffer any action to be  
1334 taken if the result of such action would be to cause any of the Tax-Exempt Obligations to  
1335 be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code;

1336           D.       The county will take any and all actions necessary to assure compliance  
1337 with Section 148(f) of the Code, relating to the rebate of excess investment earnings, if  
1338 any, to the federal government;

1339           E.       The county will not take, or permit or suffer to be taken, any action with  
1340 respect to the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Obligations which, if such action had been  
1341 reasonably expected to have been taken, or had been deliberately and intentionally taken,  
1342 on the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Obligations would have caused the Tax-  
1343 Exempt Obligations to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the  
1344 Code, as applicable;

1345           F.       The county will maintain a system for recording the ownership of each  
1346 Tax-Exempt Obligation that complies with the provisions of Section 149 of the Code  
1347 until all Tax-Exempt Obligations have been surrendered and canceled;

1348           G.       The county will retain its records of all accounting and monitoring it  
1349 carries out with respect to the Tax-Exempt Obligations for at least three years after the  
1350 Tax-Exempt Obligations mature or are redeemed, whichever is earlier; however, if the  
1351 Tax-Exempt Obligations are refunded and redeemed, the county will retain its records of  
1352 accounting and monitoring at least three years after the earlier of the maturity or  
1353 redemption of the obligations that refunded the Tax-Exempt Obligations;

1354           H.       In the event the county issues one or more Series of Tax-Advantaged  
1355 Obligations eligible for federal tax credits, a federal interest subsidy, or other subsidy, the  
1356 county will comply with the provisions of the Federal Tax Certificate setting forth or  
1357 incorporating applicable requirements; and

1358           I.       The county will comply with the provisions of the Federal Tax Certificate  
1359 with respect to the applicable Tax-Exempt Obligations or Tax-Advantaged Obligations,  
1360 which are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein. In the event of any conflict  
1361 between this section and the Federal Tax Certificate, the provisions of the Federal Tax  
1362 Certificate will prevail. Additional tax covenants as necessary or desirable for any Series  
1363 of Bonds may be set forth in the Sale Document or Federal Tax Certificate for that Series  
1364 of Bonds.

1365           The covenants of this section will survive payment in full or defeasance of the  
1366 applicable Tax-Exempt Obligations or Tax-Advantaged Obligations.

1367           SECTION 23. Defaults. The county hereby finds and determines that the failure  
1368 or refusal of the county or any of its officers to perform the covenants and obligations of  
1369 this ordinance will endanger the operation of the System and the application of Revenue  
1370 of the System and such other money, funds and securities to the purposes herein set forth.  
1371 Any one or more of the following will constitute a Default under this ordinance:

1372           A.       The county fails to make payment of the principal of any Bond when the  
1373 same becomes due and payable, whether by maturity or scheduled redemption prior to  
1374 maturity;

1375           B.       The county fails to make payment of the interest on any Bond when the  
1376 same becomes due and payable;

1377           C.       The county defaults in the observance or performance of any other  
1378 covenant, condition or agreement on the part of the county contained in this ordinance,  
1379 and such default has continued for a period of 30 days; or

1380           D.       The county: (a) admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as  
1381 they become due; (b) files a petition in bankruptcy or seeking a composition of  
1382 indebtedness under any state or federal bankruptcy or insolvency law; (c) makes an  
1383 assignment for the benefit of its creditors; (d) consents to the appointment of a receiver  
1384 for the whole or any substantial part of the System; or (e) consents to the assumption by  
1385 any court of competent jurisdiction under the provisions of any other law for the relief or  
1386 aid of debtors of custody or control of the county or of the whole or any substantial part  
1387 of the System.

1388           SECTION 24. Remedies.

1389           A.       Control by Credit Provider. Upon the occurrence and continuation of a  
1390 Default described in section 23.A. through D. of this ordinance, each Credit Provider will  
1391 be entitled to exercise, on behalf of the Registered Owners of any Bonds secured by  
1392 Credit Enhancement provided by the Credit Provider, any of the remedies provided to the  
1393 Registered Owners of such Bonds under this section and, for so long as the Credit  
1394 Provider is not in default of its obligations under the Credit Enhancement, the Credit  
1395 Provider will be the only person entitled to exercise the remedies provided under this  
1396 section with respect to such Bonds.

1397           B.       Appointment of Bondowners' Trustee. Upon the occurrence of a Default  
1398 and so long as such Default is not remedied, and subject to the rights of any Credit  
1399 Provider as provided in subsection A. of this section, a Bondowners' Trustee may be  
1400 appointed for the Registered Owners of the Bonds by the Registered Owners of a  
1401 majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding by an instrument or  
1402 concurrent instruments in writing signed and acknowledged by such Registered Owners

or by their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized and delivered to the Bondowners' Trustee, notification thereof having been given to the county. Any Bondowners' Trustee appointed under the provisions of this section must be a bank or trust company organized under the laws of a state or a national banking association. The fees and expenses of the Bondowners' Trustee must be borne by the Registered Owners of the Bonds and not by the county. The bank or trust company acting as the Bondowners' Trustee may be removed at any time, and a successor Bondowners' Trustee may be appointed, by the Registered Owners of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing signed and acknowledged by such Registered Owners or by their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized. The Bondowners' Trustee may resign upon 60 days' notice and a new Bondowners' Trustee appointed by the Registered Owners of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding; provided, that no such resignation or removal will be effective until a successor Bondowners' Trustee has been appointed and has delivered to the county and the Registered Owners of the Bonds then outstanding a written instrument of acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of the Bondowners' Trustee under this ordinance.

The Bondowners' Trustee appointed in the manner herein provided, and each successor thereto, is hereby declared to be a trustee for the Registered Owners of all the Bonds then outstanding and is empowered to exercise all the rights and powers herein conferred on the Bondowners' Trustee.

C. Legal Action by Bondowners' Trustee. Subject to the rights of the Credit Provider, if any, as provided in subsection A. of this section, upon the happening of a Default and during the continuation thereof, the Bondowners' Trustee may, and upon the

1426 written request of the Registered Owners of not less than 25 percent in principal amount  
1427 of the Bonds then outstanding must, take such steps and institute such suits, actions or  
1428 other proceedings as it may deem appropriate for the protection and enforcement of the  
1429 rights of such Registered Owners to collect any amounts due and owing to or from the  
1430 county, or to obtain other appropriate relief, and may enforce the specific performance of  
1431 any covenant, agreement or condition contained in this ordinance or in the Bonds. Any  
1432 action, suit or other proceedings instituted by the Bondowners' Trustee hereunder will be  
1433 brought in its name as trustee for the Registered Owners of all Bonds, and all such rights  
1434 of action upon or under any of the Bonds or the provisions of this ordinance may be  
1435 enforced by the Bondowners' Trustee without the possession of any of the Bonds, and  
1436 without the production of the same at any trial or proceedings relating thereto except  
1437 where otherwise required by law. Any such suit or proceeding instituted by the  
1438 Bondowners' Trustee will be brought for the ratable benefit of all of the Registered  
1439 Owners of the Bonds, subject to the provisions of this ordinance. The respective  
1440 Registered Owners of the Bonds, by taking and holding the same, will be conclusively  
1441 deemed irrevocably to have appointed the Bondowners' Trustee the true and lawful  
1442 trustee of the respective Registered Owners of the Bonds, with authority to institute any  
1443 such action, suit or proceeding; to receive as trustee and deposit in trust any sums that  
1444 become distributable on account of the Bonds; to execute any paper or documents for the  
1445 receipt of such money; and to do all acts with respect thereto that such registered owners  
1446 themselves might have done. Nothing herein will be deemed to authorize or empower  
1447 the Bondowners' Trustee to consent to accept or adopt, on behalf of any Registered  
1448 Owner of the Bonds, any plan of reorganization or adjustment affecting such Bonds or

1449 any right of any Registered Owner thereof, or to authorize or empower the Bondowners'  
1450 Trustee to vote the claims of the Registered Owners thereof in any receivership,  
1451 insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization or other proceeding to which the  
1452 county is a party.

1453           D.       Restrictions on Legal Action by Individual Owners. Subject to the rights  
1454 of the Credit Provider, if any, as provided in subsection A. of this section, no Registered  
1455 Owner of any Bonds has any right to institute any action, suit or proceedings at law or in  
1456 equity for the enforcement of the same unless:

- 1457                   1.       a Default has happened and is continuing; and
- 1458                   2.       a Bondowners' Trustee has been appointed as herein provided; and
- 1459                   3.       such Registered Owner previously has given to the Bondowners'  
1460 Trustee written notice of the Default as to which such suit, action or proceeding is to be  
1461 instituted; and
- 1462                   4.       Registered Owners of not less than 25 percent in principal amount  
1463 of the Bonds then outstanding, after the occurrence of such Default, have made written  
1464 request of the Bondowners' Trustee and have afforded the Bondowners' Trustee a  
1465 reasonable opportunity to institute such suit, action or proceedings; and
- 1466                   5.       the Bondowners' Trustee has been offered security and indemnity  
1467 satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or  
1468 thereby; and
- 1469                   6.       the Bondowners' Trustee has refused or neglected to comply with  
1470 such request within a reasonable time.

1471           Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, each Registered Owner of  
1472 the Bonds will have the absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of principal  
1473 of and premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds on and after the due date thereof, and  
1474 to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment.

1475           E.       Waivers of Default; Remedies not Exclusive. The remedies herein  
1476 conferred upon or reserved to the Registered Owners of the Bonds and to the  
1477 Bondowners' Trustee are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies,  
1478 and each and every such remedy will be cumulative and will be in addition to every other  
1479 remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.  
1480 The privileges herein granted may be exercised from time to time and continued so long  
1481 as and as often as the occasion therefor may arise.

1482           Subject to the rights of the Credit Provider, if any, as provided in subsection A. of  
1483 this section, the Bondowners' Trustee may waive any past Default and its consequences,  
1484 except a default in the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any  
1485 of the Bonds. No such waiver will extend to or affect any subsequent Default or impair  
1486 any rights or remedies consequent thereon. No delay or omission of the Credit Provider  
1487 or the Bondowners' Trustee to exercise any right or power accruing upon any Default will  
1488 impair any such right or power or be construed to be a waiver of any such Default or  
1489 acquiescence therein.

1490           **SECTION 25. Additional Obligations of the System.**

1491           A.       Senior Lien Obligations. The county reserves the right to issue additional  
1492 Parity Bonds and Parity Lien Obligations on the applicable terms and conditions set forth

1493 in the ordinances authorizing issuance of the Parity Bonds and Parity Lien Obligations  
1494 then outstanding.

1495           B.       Future Junior Lien Obligations; Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1496 Revenue Bonds. The county reserves the right to issue Future Junior Lien Obligations  
1497 and Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, but only if such Future Junior  
1498 Lien Obligations and Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds are issued: (a)  
1499 for the purpose of refunding any Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1500 Revenue Bonds then outstanding; or (b) for any lawful purpose of the county related to  
1501 the System and the following conditions are met:

1502                   1.       At the time of issuing such Future Junior Lien Obligations or  
1503 Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, there is no default in the payment of  
1504 the principal of or interest on any Parity Bonds, Parity Lien Obligations, Junior Lien  
1505 Obligations, Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Obligations,  
1506 SRF Loans or Public Works Board Loans.

1507                   2.       The county has on file one of the following certificates:

1508                           a.       A certificate of the Finance Director showing that Net  
1509 Revenue in any 12 consecutive months out of the most recent 18 months preceding the  
1510 issuance of such Future Junior Lien Obligations or Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1511 Revenue Bonds, based on financial statements of the System prepared by the county and  
1512 after deducting therefrom the Senior Lien Payments required in each calendar year during  
1513 the life of such Future Junior Lien Obligations or Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1514 Revenue Bonds, will be at least equal to 1.10 times the Annual Debt Service for the  
1515 proposed Future Junior Lien Obligations or Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue

1516 Bonds and all Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds  
1517 then outstanding in each year during the life of such Future Junior Lien Obligations or  
1518 Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds; or

1519                               b.       A certificate from a Professional Utility Consultant, which  
1520 certificate may not be dated more than 90 days prior to the date of delivery of such Future  
1521 Junior Lien Obligations or Future Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, showing  
1522 that in the Professional Utility Consultant's professional opinion the Net Revenue,  
1523 estimated on the basis of all factors as they may consider reasonable, for each of the five  
1524 calendar years following the year in which such Future Junior Lien Obligations or Future  
1525 Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds are to be issued, after deducting therefrom  
1526 Senior Lien Payments for each such year, will be at least equal to 1.10 times the Annual  
1527 Debt Service for the proposed Future Junior Lien Obligations or Future Multi-Modal  
1528 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds and all Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal  
1529 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds then outstanding in each of those five years.

1530                               C.       Inferior Lien Obligations. Nothing contained in this ordinance prevents  
1531 the county from issuing revenue bonds, notes or other obligations that are a charge on  
1532 Revenue of the System junior or inferior to the payments required to be made therefrom  
1533 into the Junior Lien Bond Fund to pay and secure the payment of any Junior Lien  
1534 Obligations, and nothing contained in this ordinance prevents the county from issuing  
1535 revenue bonds, notes or other obligations that are a charge on Revenue of the System  
1536 junior or inferior to the payments required to be made therefrom into the Multi-Modal  
1537 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund to pay and secure the payment of any Multi-Modal  
1538 LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds.

1539            **SECTION 26. Payment Agreements.**

1540            A.        General. To the extent and for the purposes permitted from time to time  
1541 by chapter 39.96 RCW, as it may be amended, and other applicable provisions of State  
1542 law, the county may enter into Payment Agreements with respect to any series of the  
1543 Bonds, subject to the conditions set forth in this section and in other provisions of this  
1544 ordinance.

1545            B.        Manner and Schedule of Payments. Each Payment Agreement must set  
1546 forth the manner in which the Payment Agreement Payments and the Payment  
1547 Agreement Receipts will be calculated and a schedule of payment dates.

1548            C.        Authorizing Ordinance. Prior to entering into a Payment Agreement, the  
1549 county council must adopt an ordinance authorizing such agreement and setting forth  
1550 such provisions as the county deems necessary or desirable and are not inconsistent with  
1551 the provisions of this ordinance.

1552            D.        Calculation of Payment Agreement Payments and Debt Service on Bonds  
1553 with Respect to which a Payment Agreement is in Force. It is the intent of the county, for  
1554 purposes of section 20 or 25 of this ordinance, that debt service on Bonds with respect to  
1555 which a Payment Agreement is in force will be calculated to reflect the net economic  
1556 effect on the county intended to be produced by the terms of such Bonds and the Payment  
1557 Agreement. In calculating such amounts, the county will be guided by the following  
1558 requirements:

1559                    1.        The amount of interest deemed to be payable on any Bonds with  
1560 respect to which a Payment Agreement is in force will be an amount equal to the amount

of interest that would be payable at the rate or rates stated in those Bonds plus Payment Agreement Payments minus Payment Agreement Receipts.

2. For any period during which Payment Agreement Payments are not taken into account in calculating interest on any outstanding Bonds because the Payment Agreement is not then related to any outstanding Bonds, Payment Agreement Payments on that Payment Agreement will be calculated based upon the following assumptions:

a. County Obligated to Make Payments Based on Fixed Rate. If the county is obligated to make Payment Agreement Payments based on a fixed rate and the Qualified Counterparty is obligated to make payments based on a variable rate index, payments by the county will be based on the assumed fixed payor rate, and payments by the Qualified Counterparty will be based on a rate equal to the average rate determined by the variable rate index specified by the Payment Agreement during the fiscal quarter preceding the quarter in which the calculation is made; and

b. County Obligated to Make Payments Based on Variable Rate Index. If the county is obligated to make Payment Agreement Payments based on a variable rate index and the Qualified Counterparty is obligated to make payments based on a fixed rate, payments by the county will be based on a rate equal to the average rate determined by the variable rate index specified by the Payment Agreement during the fiscal quarter preceding the quarter in which the calculation is made, and the Qualified Counterparty will make payments based on the fixed rate specified by the Payment Agreement.

1583           E.       Prior Notice to Rating Agencies. The county will give notice to Moody's  
1584 and S&P 30 days prior to the date it intends to enter into a Junior Lien Obligation  
1585 Payment Agreement or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Payment Agreement.

1586           SECTION 27. Sale and Remarketing of Bonds. The county hereby authorizes  
1587 the sale of the Bonds or Notes in one or more Series. The Finance Director is authorized  
1588 to proceed with the sale of any Series of the Bonds or Notes pursuant to subsection B.,  
1589 C., D. or E. of this section to refund the Refunded Bonds and finance the costs of any  
1590 project that has been approved by the county council or will have been approved by the  
1591 county council prior to the sale date for such Bonds or Notes. The Finance Director is  
1592 further authorized to proceed under this ordinance with the sale of the Project Bonds or  
1593 Notes for any such project and with the sale of the Refunding Bonds or Notes to refund  
1594 any Refunding Candidate(s), including by purchase or exchange, pursuant to the sale  
1595 provisions set forth in this section and without regard to the requirements of any prior  
1596 bond ordinance that authorized the financing of the project or the refunding of such  
1597 Refunding Candidate(s).

1598           The Bonds will be sold in one or more Series, any of which may be sold in a  
1599 combined offering with other bonds and/or notes of the county, at the option of the  
1600 Finance Director. The Finance Director will determine, in consultation with the county's  
1601 financial advisors, whether each Series of Bonds will be issued as Junior Lien  
1602 Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, the principal amount of each  
1603 Series of the Project Bonds or Notes, which of the Refunding Candidates will be  
1604 refunded, if any, whether such Refunding Candidates will be refunded by purchase or  
1605 exchange, whether any Series of Project Bonds, Refunding Bonds or Notes will be sold

1606 separately or in one or more combined Series, whether each Series of Bonds will be sold  
1607 by competitive bid or negotiated sale, or otherwise, and for current or future delivery,  
1608 whether such Series of Bonds will be issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged Obligations,  
1609 Tax-Exempt Obligations or Taxable Obligations, and whether any Series will be  
1610 designated as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability bonds or otherwise.

1611           A.       Satisfaction of Conditions. The Finance Director will provide, or cause to  
1612 be provided by a Professional Utility Consultant, any certifications required to satisfy the  
1613 conditions established in the ordinances of the county for the issuance of the Bonds as  
1614 Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, as applicable. In  
1615 the Sale Document, the Finance Director shall certify to any required findings regarding  
1616 the satisfaction of such conditions applicable to that Series of Bonds.

1617           B.       Negotiated Sale. If the Finance Director determines that any Series of the  
1618 Bonds will be sold by negotiated sale, the Finance Director shall, in accordance with  
1619 applicable county procurement procedures, solicit one or more underwriting firms or  
1620 other financial institutions with which to negotiate the sale of the Bonds. Subject to the  
1621 parameters set forth in subsection F. of this section, the Bond Purchase Agreement for  
1622 each Series of the Bonds will specify whether the Bonds of such Series are being issued  
1623 and sold as Tax-Advantaged Obligations, Tax-Exempt Obligations or Taxable  
1624 Obligations, and whether any Series of Bonds are designated as "green bonds," social  
1625 impact bonds, sustainability bonds or otherwise, and will also identify any Term Bonds  
1626 and the year and any applicable Series designation, date, principal amounts and maturity  
1627 dates, interest rates and interest payment dates, redemption, bond insurance provisions  
1628 and/or purchase provisions and delivery date for such Series of Bonds.

1629           C.       Sale by Competitive Bid. If the Finance Director determines that any  
1630 Series of the Bonds will be sold by competitive bid, bids for the purchase of such Series  
1631 of Bonds will be received at such time or place and by such means as the Finance  
1632 Director will direct. The Finance Director is authorized to prepare an Official Notice of  
1633 Bond Sale for each Series of Bonds to be sold pursuant to competitive bid, which notice  
1634 will be filed with the clerk of the county council. The Official Notice of Bond Sale will  
1635 specify whether the Bonds of such Series are being issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged  
1636 Obligations, Tax-Exempt Obligations or Taxable Obligations, and whether any Series  
1637 will be designated as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability bonds or  
1638 otherwise, and will identify the year and any applicable Series designation, date, principal  
1639 amounts and maturity dates, interest payment dates, redemption, bond insurance  
1640 provisions and/or purchase provisions and delivery date for such Series of Bonds.

1641           Upon the date and time established for the receipt of bids for a Series of the  
1642 Bonds, the Finance Director or the Finance Director's designee will review the bids  
1643 received, cause the bids to be mathematically verified and accept the winning bid by  
1644 executing the Certificate of Award, which shall designate any Term Bonds, subject to the  
1645 parameters set forth in subsection F. of this section. The county, acting through the  
1646 Finance Director, reserves the right to reject any and all bids for such Bonds.

1647           D.       Loans. If the Finance Director determines that any Series of Bonds will be  
1648 sold to the federal government or other purchaser to evidence a loan from that purchaser,  
1649 the Finance Director, in consultation with the county financial advisors, will negotiate the  
1650 sale of such Bonds and the terms of any Loan Agreement or other agreement with the  
1651 purchaser. Subject to the parameters set forth in subsection F. of this section, the Loan

1652 Agreement or other agreement or closing certificates for such Series of Bonds will  
1653 specify whether the Bonds of such Series are being issued and sold as Tax-Advantaged  
1654 Obligations, Tax-Exempt Obligations or Taxable Obligations, and whether any Series of  
1655 Bonds are designated as "green bonds," social impact bonds, sustainability bonds or  
1656 otherwise, and will also identify any Term Bonds and the year and any applicable Series  
1657 designation, date, principal amounts and maturity dates, interest rates and interest  
1658 payment dates, redemption and/or purchase provisions and delivery date for such Series  
1659 of Bonds.

1660 E. Sale and Remarketing of Multi-Modal Bonds, including Notes.

1661 1. Determination by Finance Director. The Finance Director is  
1662 authorized to determine that any Series of the Bonds will be issued with interest to be  
1663 borne in a daily mode, weekly mode, commercial paper mode (i.e., Notes), term mode,  
1664 index floating mode, fixed mode or other mode, subject to minimum rate(s), maximum  
1665 rate(s), alternate rate(s) and default rate(s), conversion between modes, optional and  
1666 mandatory tender for purchase on dates and at prices and additional provisions relating to  
1667 defaults and remedies, all as set forth in the Mode Agreement. If the Finance Director  
1668 determines that one or more Series of Bonds will be issued as Notes, the Finance Director  
1669 shall determine, in consultation with the county's financial advisors, the principal amount  
1670 of each series of Notes, whether each series of Notes will be structured as Tax-Exempt  
1671 Obligations or otherwise, and whether a series of Notes will be sold separately or  
1672 combined with one or more other series of Notes.

1673 2. Procedure for Sale. In connection with the sale, remarketing,  
1674 reissuance or any mode conversion of any Series of the Bonds following the initial

1675 issuance of such Series of Bonds, the Finance Director is authorized, in the Finance  
1676 Director's discretion, without further action by the county council, as necessary and  
1677 desirable to effect such sale, remarketing, reissuance or conversion, as applicable:

1678                           a.       to issue requests for proposals for purchasers, Remarketing  
1679 Agents, tender agents, paying agents, calculation agents, Dealers, Credit Providers, or  
1680 Liquidity Providers, and to execute and deliver agreements based on responses received  
1681 to such requests, including: the Mode Agreement and amendments to, extensions,  
1682 replacements and terminations thereof, any continuing covenant or purchase agreements,  
1683 Dealer Agreements, Remarketing Agent Agreements, tender agent agreements, paying  
1684 agent agreements, calculation agent agreements, Credit Enhancement and amendments  
1685 to, extensions, replacements and terminations thereof, Liquidity Facilities and  
1686 amendments to, extensions, replacements and terminations thereof, reimbursement  
1687 agreements, and other agreements evidencing the county's obligations under any such  
1688 agreements and any certifications or documentation in connection therewith;

1689                           b.       to appoint or replace the Registrar or Securities Depository;

1690                           c.       to cause the interest rate mode of any Series of the Bonds to  
1691 be established or converted in accordance with the Mode Agreement, or amendments to  
1692 the Mode Agreement;

1693                           d.       to establish such funds and accounts as are necessary and  
1694 desirable in connection with the sale, remarketing, reissuance or any mode conversion of  
1695 any Series of the Bonds following the initial issuance of such Series of Bonds; and

1696 e. to negotiate and approve terms for the purchase and/or  
1697 exchange of Refunding Candidates tendered pursuant to any offer and enter into dealer  
1698 manager agreements and other related agreements;

1699 F. Sale Parameters. Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this  
1700 ordinance, as applicable, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to approve the  
1701 issuance and sale of any Series of the Bonds upon the Finance Director's approval of the  
1702 final interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate principal amounts, principal maturities and  
1703 redemption rights for the Series of the Bonds in accordance with the authority granted by  
1704 this section so long as:

1705 1. The aggregate principal amount for the Series of Project Bonds  
1706 does not cause the aggregate principal amount for all Project Bonds issued under this  
1707 ordinance to exceed \$1,200,000,000;

1708 2. The aggregate principal amount of the Series of Refunding Bonds  
1709 to be issued does not exceed the aggregate principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be  
1710 refunded, including by purchase or exchange, with such Series of Refunding Bonds, plus  
1711 the amount deemed by the Finance Director as reasonably required to effect such  
1712 refunding as described in RCW 39.53.050, including amounts reasonably required to pay  
1713 the redemption or purchase price of the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance and the  
1714 refunding;

1715 3. The final maturity date for the Series of the Project Bonds to be  
1716 issued is not later than 40 years after its date of issuance;

1717 4. The final maturity date for the Series of the Refunding Bonds to be  
1718 issued is not later than the end of the fiscal year that includes the final maturity date for

the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, including by purchase or exchange, with such Series of Bonds; provided, that the final maturity date for any Series of the Refunding Bonds to be issued to refund any bond anticipation notes, commercial paper (including without limitation CP Program Notes), or other interim financing issued in advance of any Junior Lien Obligations, Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Obligations, SRF Loans, or Public Works Board Loans of the county and to be repaid from the proceeds thereof is not later than 40 years after the date of issuance of the interim financing;

5. The Series of the Bonds to be issued are sold, in the aggregate, at a price not less than 95 percent;

6. No Bond will bear interest at a rate higher than 12.0 percent.

7. The methodology for determining variable rates for any Series of Bonds to be issued in the daily mode, weekly mode, commercial paper mode, term mode, index floating mode, fixed mode or other mode shall be set forth in the Sale Document; and

8. The Series of Bonds conforms to all other terms of this ordinance.

G. Authority to Execute Sale Documents. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section 27, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to execute each Sale Document to be dated the date of sale of the applicable Series of Bonds. The signature of the Finance Director shall be sufficient to bind the county.

The Finance Director shall provide an annual report to the Executive Finance Committee and county council describing the sale of any series of Bonds approved pursuant to the authority delegated in this section. The annual report shall be

1742 electronically filed with the clerk of the county council, who shall retain an electronic  
1743 copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. The requirement for an  
1744 annual report provided by this subsection expires three years after the effective date of  
1745 this ordinance.

1746         The authority granted to the Finance Director by this subsection G. to execute  
1747 Sale Documents shall expire on December 31, 2031 (the "Expiration Date"); provided,  
1748 that the authority granted to the Finance Director to remarket any Series of Bonds  
1749 authorized hereunder, to issue Notes evidenced by a Global Note pursuant to a Sale  
1750 Document from time to time, and to enter into, amend, extend or replace Mode  
1751 Agreements, Dealer Agreements, Credit Enhancements, Liquidity Facilities, and related  
1752 documents will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such Expiration Date; and  
1753 provided further that an amendment to a Sale Document may be executed, and  
1754 performance pursuant to any Sale Document may be completed, at any time.

1755         If a Sale Document for a Series of the Bonds has not been executed by the  
1756 Expiration Date, the authorization for the issuance of the Bonds shall be rescinded and  
1757 the Bonds shall not be issued nor their sale approved unless such Bonds shall have been  
1758 reauthorized by ordinance of the county council. The ordinance reauthorizing the  
1759 issuance and sale of such Bonds may be in the form of a new ordinance repealing this  
1760 ordinance in whole or in part or may be in the form of an amendatory ordinance  
1761 approving a bond purchase agreement, certificate of award or loan agreement or  
1762 establishing terms and conditions for the authority delegated under this section.

1763         The authority of the county to sell bonds, e.g., enter into a bond purchase  
1764 agreement, accept a bid to sell any bonds or enter into a loan or other agreement for the

sale of the bonds, as defined in and pursuant to Ordinance 19114 and Ordinance 18898, as amended by Ordinance 19324, will terminate on the effective date of this ordinance, but all other provisions of Ordinance 19114 and Ordinance 18898, as amended by Ordinance 19324, will remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 28. Delivery of Bonds.** Following the sale of each Series of the Bonds, the county will cause definitive Bonds and Global Notes to be prepared, executed and delivered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and in a form acceptable to DTC as initial depository for the Bonds or Global Notes, as applicable, with the approving legal opinion of bond counsel regarding the Bonds or Notes.

**SECTION 29. Preliminary Official Statement; Official Statement.** The county hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Director: (a) to review and approve the information contained in one or more preliminary official statements or reoffering memoranda (each, a "Preliminary Official Statement") prepared in connection with any sale or subsequent remarketing of any Series of the Bonds; and (b) for the sole purpose of compliance by the purchasers of such Series of Bonds with subsection (b)(1) of the Rule, to "deem final" the related Preliminary Official Statement as of its date, except for such omissions as are permitted under the Rule. After each Preliminary Official Statement has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the provisions of this section, the county hereby authorizes the distribution of such Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers of such related series of Series of Bonds.

Following the sale or remarketing of each Series of the Bonds, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to review and approve on behalf of the county a final official statement or reoffering memoranda with respect to such Series of Bonds. The

1788 county agrees to cooperate with the purchaser of each Series of Bonds to deliver or cause  
1789 to be delivered, within seven business days from the date of the Sale Document, or within  
1790 such other period as may be required by applicable law, and in sufficient time to  
1791 accompany any confirmation that requests payment from any customer of the purchaser,  
1792 copies of a final official statement pertaining to such Series of Bonds in sufficient  
1793 quantity to comply with subsection (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the MSRB.

1794       The county further authorizes and directs the Finance Director to review and  
1795 approve the information contained in any invitation to tender bonds prepared in  
1796 connection with the county's acquisition of Refunding Candidates by purchase or  
1797 exchange.

1798       **SECTION 30. Undertaking to Provide Ongoing Disclosure.** The Finance  
1799 Director is authorized to enter into an undertaking to provide ongoing disclosure with  
1800 respect to each Series of Bonds, as required by subsection (b)(5) of the Rule. The form  
1801 of the undertaking may be set forth in the Sale Document or the Official Statement for the  
1802 Bonds.

1803       **SECTION 31. General Authorization.** The appropriate county officials, agents  
1804 and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary for the  
1805 prompt sale, issuance, execution and delivery, and remarketing of the Bonds, and for the  
1806 proper use and application of the proceeds of the sale and remarketing thereof.

1807       **SECTION 32. Investment of Funds and Accounts.** Money in the Construction  
1808 Account, Revenue Fund, Junior Lien Bond Fund and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1809 Revenue Bond Fund may be invested in any Permitted Investments. Obligations  
1810 purchased as an investment of money in the Construction Account, Revenue Fund, Junior

1811 Lien Bond Fund and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund and accounts or  
1812 subaccounts therein will be deemed at all times to be a part of such respective fund,  
1813 account or subaccount, and the income or interest earned and profits realized or losses  
1814 suffered by a fund, account or subaccount due to the investment thereof will be retained  
1815 in, credited or charged, as the case may be, to such fund or account.

1816        **SECTION 33. Refunding or Defeasance of Bonds.** The Bonds are designated as  
1817 Refunding Candidates for purposes of ordinances of the county authorizing the issuance  
1818 of bonds to refund outstanding obligations of the county. The county may issue  
1819 refunding obligations pursuant to the laws of the State or use money available from any  
1820 other lawful source to pay when due the purchase price, principal of, premium, if any,  
1821 and interest on the Bonds of any Series, or any portion thereof included in a refunding or  
1822 defeasance plan and to redeem and retire, refund, including by purchase or exchange, or  
1823 defease all or a portion of such then-outstanding Bonds of such Series (hereinafter  
1824 collectively called the "Defeased Bonds"), and to pay the costs of the refunding or  
1825 defeasance.

1826        If money and/or noncallable Government Obligations maturing at such time or  
1827 times and bearing interest to be earned thereon in amounts, together with such money, if  
1828 necessary, sufficient to redeem and retire, refund, or defease the Defeased Bonds in  
1829 accordance with their terms are set aside in a special trust or escrow fund or account  
1830 irrevocably pledged to that redemption, retirement, or defeasance of Defeased Bonds,  
1831 hereinafter called the "trust account"), then the Defeased Bonds will be deemed not to be  
1832 outstanding hereunder, no further payments need be made into the related bond fund for  
1833 the payment of the principal of and interest on the Defeased Bonds and the Registered

1834 Owners of the Defeased Bonds will cease to be entitled to any covenant, pledge, benefit,  
1835 or security of this ordinance. The Registered Owners of Defeased Bonds will have the  
1836 right to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased  
1837 Bonds from the trust account.

1838 The county will provide or cause to be provided notice of defeasance of such  
1839 Defeased Bonds to the MSRB in accordance with the undertaking for ongoing disclosure  
1840 to be adopted pursuant to section 30 of this ordinance.

1841 **SECTION 34. Supplemental Ordinances.**

1842 A. Without Owner Consent. The county council from time to time and at any  
1843 time may adopt an ordinance or ordinances supplemental to this ordinance, without the  
1844 consent of Registered Owners of any of the Bonds, for any one or more of the following  
1845 purposes:

1846 1. To add to the covenants and agreements of the county in this  
1847 ordinance such other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed that will not  
1848 adversely affect the interests of the Registered Owners of any Bonds, or to surrender any  
1849 right or power herein reserved to or conferred upon the county;

1850 2. To make such provisions for the purpose of curing any ambiguities  
1851 or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained in this  
1852 ordinance in regard to matters or questions arising under this ordinance as the county  
1853 council may deem necessary or desirable and not inconsistent with this ordinance and  
1854 that will not adversely affect the interest of the Registered Owners of any Bonds;

1855 3. To modify, alter, amend, supplement or restate this ordinance in  
1856 any and all respects necessary, desirable, or appropriate in connection with the delivery

of Credit Enhancement or a Liquidity Facility, other than modifying notice provisions to Registered Owners of the Bonds;

4. To modify, alter, amend, supplement or restate this ordinance in any and all respects necessary, desirable or appropriate to satisfy the requirements of any rating agency to obtain or maintain a rating on the Bonds as the county deems necessary, provided that such action does not impair the security hereof or materially adversely affect the interests of the Registered Owners of the Bonds; or

5. For any purpose, on any date all Bonds are subject to mandatory or optional tender for purchase, in each case after written notice of such amendment has been given by first class mail to each Registered Owner of the Bonds not less than 30 days prior to such purchase date.

B. With Owner Consent.

1. With the consent of the registered owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds then outstanding, the county council may adopt an ordinance or ordinances supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this ordinance, except as described in subsection B.2. or 4. of this section.

2. No supplemental ordinance entered into pursuant to this subsection

B. may:

a. Extend the fixed maturity of any Bonds, or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or extend the time of payments of interest from their due date, or reduce the amount of the principal thereof, or reduce any premium payable on the

1880 redemption thereof, or amend provisions governing the mandatory or optional tender for  
1881 purchase or redemption of Bonds, without the consent of the Registered Owner of each  
1882 Bond so affected; or

1883                               b.       Reduce the aforesaid percentage of registered owners of  
1884 Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds required to  
1885 approve any such supplemental ordinance, without the consent of the Registered Owners  
1886 of all Bonds then outstanding.

1887                               3.       It is not necessary for the consent of the Registered Owners of  
1888 Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds under this  
1889 subsection B. to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental ordinance, but  
1890 it is sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

1891                               4.       Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection B. to the  
1892 contrary, the Credit Provider, if any, will be entitled to consent, on behalf of the  
1893 Registered Owners of any Junior Lien Obligations or Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer  
1894 Revenue Bonds secured by Credit Enhancement provided by such Credit Provider, for so  
1895 long as the Credit Provider is not in default of its obligations under the Credit  
1896 Enhancement, to the adoption by the county council of any ordinance or ordinances  
1897 supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any  
1898 manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this ordinance.

1899                               C.       Consent of Credit Provider and Liquidity Provider. Any amendment or  
1900 supplement to this ordinance requires the prior written consent of any Credit Provider and  
1901 Liquidity Provider if the rights of such Credit Provider or Liquidity Provider, as the case

1902 may be, will be adversely affected thereby, for so long as the Credit Provider or Liquidity  
1903 Provider, as applicable, is not in default of its obligations.

1904        **SECTION 35. Contract; Severability.** The covenants contained in this  
1905 ordinance constitute a contract between the county and: (a) the Registered Owner of each  
1906 Bond; (b) the Qualified Counterparty to any Payment Agreement entered into with  
1907 respect to any Bonds; and (c) any Credit Provider or Liquidity Provider with respect to  
1908 any Bonds. If any court of competent jurisdiction determines that any covenant or  
1909 agreement provided in this ordinance to be performed on the part of the county is  
1910 contrary to law, then such covenant or agreement shall be null and void and shall be  
1911 deemed separable from the remaining covenants and agreements of this ordinance and

1912 shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance or of the  
1913 Bonds.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Outstanding Obligations, B. Form of Junior Lien Obligation, C. Form of Multi-Modal Limited Tax General Obligation-Sewer Revenue Bond

## ATTACHMENT A – OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

### I. OUTSTANDING PARITY BONDS

Series	Ordinance	Date of Issue	Original Principal	Outstanding Principal (as of 12/31/24)
2015A	17599	02/18/2015	\$474,025,000	\$177,825,000
2015B	18111	11/17/2015	93,345,000	51,080,000
2016A	18116	02/17/2016	281,535,000	228,840,000
2016B	18111	09/12/2016	499,655,000	279,490,000
2017	18587	12/19/2017	149,485,000	87,365,000
2018A <sup>(1)</sup>	18588	04/19/2018	134,500,000	17,686,000
2018B	18588	11/15/2018	124,455,000	77,095,000
2020A	19112	08/04/2020	179,530,000	126,850,000
2020B	19112	08/04/2020	186,745,000	136,015,000
2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	19112	01/19/2021	96,844,510	9,616,000
2021A	19112	08/10/2021	231,200,000	173,965,000
2023	19377	07/19/2023	129,970,000	129,530,000
2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	19377	01/25/2024	194,125,628	0
2024A	19785	08/08/2024	392,575,000	392,575,000
2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	19377	12/04/2024	89,891,562	0
2024B	19785	12/23/2024	169,905,000	169,905,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,309,974,000</b>	<b>\$2,057,837,000</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> WIFIA loan. “Original Principal” represents the total authorized amount of the loan, and “Outstanding Principal” represents amounts drawn on the loan as of 12/31/24.

<sup>(2)</sup> WIFIA loan. “Original Principal” represents the authorized amount of the first and second loans issued under a WIFIA Master Agreement with a total authorized amount of \$498,344,408. “Outstanding Principal” represents amounts drawn on the first loan as of 12/31/24.

### II. OUTSTANDING PARITY LIEN OBLIGATIONS

Series	Ordinance	Date of Issue	Original Principal	Outstanding Principal (as of 12/31/24)
2017A	18116	10/25/2017	\$154,560,000	113,040,000
2019	18588	10/24/2019	101,035,000	97,350,000
2021A	19112	08/10/2021	239,585,000	206,770,000
2021B	19112	08/10/2021	94,510,000	69,480,000
2024B	19785	12/23/2024	229,950,000	229,950,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$819,640,000</b>	<b>\$716,590,000</b>

### III. OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LIEN OBLIGATIONS

<b>Series</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>Original Principal</b>	<b>Outstanding Principal (as of 12/31/24)</b>
2020B	18898	07/14/2020	\$100,295,000	\$100,295,000
2021A	18898/19324	12/16/2021	140,000,000	140,000,000
2024	18898/19324	06/06/2024	115,580,000	115,580,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$355,875,000</b>	<b>\$355,875,000</b>

### IV. OUTSTANDING MULTI-MODAL LTGO/SEWER REVENUE BONDS

<b>Series</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>Original Principal</b>	<b>Outstanding Principal (as of 3/12/25)</b>
Commercial Paper	18898/ 19324, 19114	01/01/2021	Up to \$250,000,000	\$161,600,000
<b>Total</b>			Up to \$250,000,000	<b>\$161,600,000</b>

**ATTACHMENT B –**

**FORM OF JUNIOR LIEN OBLIGATION**

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the County or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), **ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL** inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**KING COUNTY**

**JUNIOR LIEN SEWER REVENUE [[AND] REFUNDING] BOND, [YEAR], SERIES**

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**INITIAL INTEREST  
RATE PERIOD**

**MATURITY DATE**

**CUSIP NO.**

**REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_AND NO 100/DOLLARS**

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON (the "County"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Registered Owner identified above, or registered assigns, on \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Maturity Date"), the Principal Amount specified above and to pay interest thereon from the date of this bond, or the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until payment of this bond, at the interest rate specified in the Bond Legislation, payable on each interest payment date.

Both principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest on this bond is payable by electronic transfer on the interest payment date, or by check or draft of the Registrar mailed on such interest payment date to the Registered Owner at the address appearing on the Bond Register on the Record Date. The County is not required to make electronic transfers except pursuant to a request by a Registered Owner in writing received on or prior to the Record Date and at the sole expense of the Registered Owner. Principal of and

premium, if any, on this bond are payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bond by the Registered Owner to the Registrar at maturity or upon prior redemption in full.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds of like series, date and tenor, in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bonds"), and is issued to provide funds [to acquire and construct improvements to the System] [to refund certain outstanding obligations of the County payable from Revenue of the System] [and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds].

The Bonds are issued under and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and applicable statutes of the State of Washington (the "State"), the County Charter and applicable ordinances duly adopted by the County, including Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ (together with the [Sale Document], the "Bond Legislation"). Capitalized terms used in this bond and not defined herein have the meanings given such terms in the Bond Legislation.

The Bonds are subject to redemption as provided for in the Bond Legislation.

The Bonds are special limited obligations of the County, payable solely from the special fund of the County known as the King County, Washington, Junior Lien Obligation Redemption Fund (the "Junior Lien Bond Fund"), and are not obligations of the State or any political subdivision thereof other than the County, and neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the County or the State or any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of this bond or the Bonds.

The County hereby covenants and agrees with the Registered Owner of this bond that it will keep and perform all the covenants of this bond and of the Bond Legislation to be kept and performed by it. The County has obligated and bound itself to set aside and pay into the Junior Lien Bond Fund out of Revenue of the System amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The pledge of Revenue of the System constitutes a lien and charge on Revenue of the System subject to Operating and Maintenance Expenses and junior, subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System securing the Parity Bonds and the Parity Lien Obligations, equal to the lien and charge securing any other Junior Lien Obligations, and superior to any other charges whatsoever. The County has reserved the right to issue additional Junior Lien Obligations on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Legislation.

The County has pledged that it will cause the System to be maintained in good condition and repair and to be operated in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost. The County has further pledged that it will at all times establish, maintain and collect adequate rates and charges for sewage disposal service as provided in the Bond Legislation. Reference to the Bond Legislation is made for a description of the nature and extent of the security for the Bonds, the funds or revenues pledged, and the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds are issued.

The pledge of revenues and other obligations of the County under the Bond Legislation may be discharged prior to the maturity of the Bonds by making provision for the payment thereof on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Legislation.

This bond will not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Legislation until the Certificate of Authentication hereon has been manually signed by the Registrar.

It is hereby certified that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the State and the Charter and ordinances of the County to exist and to have happened, been done and performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond do exist and have happened, been done and performed and that the issuance of this bond and the Bonds does not violate any constitutional, statutory or other limitation upon the amount of bonded indebtedness that the County may incur.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this bond to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Executive, to be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the County Council, and the seal of the County to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of \_\_\_\_\_.

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
King County Executive

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County Council

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_.

This is one of the fully registered Junior Lien Revenue [[and] Refunding] Bonds, [Year], Series \_\_\_\_\_, of King County, Washington, dated \_\_\_\_\_, described in the within mentioned Bond Legislation.

WASHINGTON STATE FISCAL AGENT  
as Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signer

## ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto  
PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF  
TRANSFeree

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(Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code of Transferee)

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the within bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
or its successor, as Registrar to transfer this bond on the books kept for registration thereof with  
full power of substation in the premises.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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NOTE: The signature on this Assignment must  
correspond with the name of the registered owner as  
it appears upon the face of the within bond in every  
particular, without alteration or enlargement or any  
change whatever.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED:

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NOTICE: Signatures must be guaranteed  
pursuant to law.

ATTACHMENT C –

FORM OF MULTI-MODAL LTGO/SEWER REVENUE BOND

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the County or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), **ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL** inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

KING COUNTY

**MULTI-MODAL LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION [[AND] REFUNDING]  
BOND (PAYABLE FROM SEWER REVENUES), SERIES \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>INITIAL INTEREST RATE PERIOD</b>	<b>MATURITY DATE</b>	<b>CUSIP NO.</b>
_____	_____	_____

**REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.**

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ AND NO 100/DOLLARS**

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON (the "County"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Registered Owner identified above, or registered assigns, on \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Maturity Date"), the Principal Amount specified above and to pay interest thereon from the date of this bond, or the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until payment of this bond, at the interest rate specified in the Bond Legislation, payable on each interest payment date.

Both principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest on this bond is payable by electronic transfer on the interest payment date, or by check or draft of the Registrar mailed on such interest payment date to the Registered Owner at the address appearing on the Bond Register on the Record Date. The County is not required to make electronic transfers except pursuant to a request by a Registered Owner in writing received on or prior to the Record Date and at the sole expense of the Registered Owner. Principal of and

premium, if any, on this bond are payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bond by the Registered Owner to the Registrar at maturity or upon prior redemption in full.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds of like series, date and tenor, in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bonds"), and is issued to provide funds [to acquire and construct improvements to the System] [to refund certain outstanding obligations of the County payable from Revenue of the System] [and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds].

The Bonds are issued under and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and applicable statutes of the State of Washington (the "State"), the County Charter and applicable ordinances duly adopted by the County, including Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ (together with the [Sale Document], the "Bond Legislation"). Capitalized terms used in this bond and not defined herein have the meanings given such terms in the Bond Legislation.

The Bonds are subject to redemption as provided for in the Bond Legislation.

The Bonds are general obligations of the County. The County has irrevocably covenanted and agreed for as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, that each year it will include in its budget and levy an *ad valorem* tax upon all property within the County subject to taxation in an amount that will be sufficient, together with all other revenues and money of the County legally available for such purposes, to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due. The County has pledged that the annual tax authorized to be levied for the payment of such principal and interest shall be within and a part of the tax levy permitted to counties without a vote of the people. The full faith, credit and resources of the County have been irrevocably pledged for the annual levy and collection of such taxes and for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

The County has further obligated and bound itself to set aside and pay into the Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bond Fund out of Revenue of the System amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The pledge of Revenue of the System constitutes a lien and charge on Revenue of the System subject to Operating and Maintenance Expenses and junior, subordinate and inferior to the lien and charge on Revenue of the System securing the Parity Bonds, the Parity Lien Obligations and the Junior Lien Obligations, equal to the lien and charge securing any outstanding Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds and any additional Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds hereafter issued, and superior to any other charges whatsoever. The County has reserved the right to issue additional Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Legislation.

The County has pledged that it will cause the System to be maintained in good condition and repair and to be operated in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost. The County has further pledged that it will at all times establish, maintain and collect adequate rates and charges for sewage disposal service as provided in the Bond Legislation. Reference to the Bond Legislation is made for a description of the nature and extent of the security for the Bonds, the funds or revenues pledged, and the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds are issued.

The pledge of tax levies and revenues and other obligations of the County under the Bond Legislation may be discharged prior to maturity of the Bonds by making provision for the payment thereof on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Legislation.

This bond will not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Legislation until the Certificate of Authentication hereon has been manually signed by the Registrar.

It is hereby certified that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the State and the Charter and ordinances of the County to exist and to have happened, been done and performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond do exist and have happened, been done and performed and that the issuance of this bond and the Bonds does not violate any constitutional, statutory or other limitation upon the amount of bonded indebtedness that the County may incur.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this bond to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Executive, to be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the County Council, and the seal of the County to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of \_\_\_\_\_.

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
King County Executive

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County Council

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_.

This is one of the fully registered Multi-Modal Limited Tax General Obligation [[and] Refunding] Bonds (Payable from Sewer Revenues), [Year], Series \_\_\_\_\_, of King County, Washington, dated \_\_\_\_\_, described in the within mentioned Bond Legislation.

WASHINGTON STATE FISCAL AGENT  
as Registrar

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signer

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto  
PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF  
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(Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code of Transferee)

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the within bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
or its successor, as Registrar to transfer this bond on the books kept for registration thereof with  
full power of substation in the premises.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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NOTE: The signature on this Assignment must  
correspond with the name of the registered owner as  
it appears upon the face of the within bond in every  
particular, without alteration or enlargement or any  
change whatever.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED:

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## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	8	<b>Name:</b>	Andy Micklow
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0137	<b>Date:</b>	July 9, 2025

### SUBJECT

Authorizing the issuance of junior variable rate new money bonds to finance the Wastewater Treatment Division's capital program and refunding bonds to refinance the outstanding debt of the utility when targeted debt service savings thresholds can be achieved.

### SUMMARY

The Wastewater Treatment Division's capital program has historically been funded primarily by the sale of bonds. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 would authorize the sale of up to an aggregate principal amount of \$1.2 billion of variable rate junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds for constructing improvements to the sewer system. The Proposed Ordinance would authorize the issuance of variable rate bonds for refunding purposes and reauthorize the County's Commercial Paper program.

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 would also grant the finance director the authority to approve bond sale actions within specified parameters. The authority delegated to the Finance Director by this ordinance would expire on December 31, 2031.

### BACKGROUND

King County's regional wastewater treatment system operates three regional wastewater treatment plants, two localized treatment plants, more than 390 miles of sewer interceptors, 48 pump stations, 25 regulator stations, and various related facilities and systems. The regional system receives wastewater from cities and sewer districts and conveys it to treatment facilities for treatment and discharge. The Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) capital program is funded primarily through the issuance of bonded indebtedness.

**Sale of Bonds.** The Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) capital program has historically been funded primarily by the sale of bonds authorized by Council, consistent with Wastewater Financial Policies provided for in King County Code:

FP-13: The wastewater system's capital program shall be financed predominantly by annual staged issues of long-term general obligation or sewer revenue bonds, provided that... *(requirements for utilization of available grant funding, use of available excess operating and reserve funds, and competing demands for debt capacity and the overall level of debt financing are addressed).*

FP-14: To achieve a better maturity matching of assets and liabilities, thereby reducing interest rate risk, short-term borrowing shall be used to fund a portion of the capital program, provided that:

Outstanding short-term, variable rate debt comprises no more than twenty percent of total outstanding revenue bonds and general obligation bonds; and

Appropriate liquidity is available to protect the day-to-day operations of the system.

WTD currently carries an outstanding principal of approximately \$3.3 billion of bonded indebtedness. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the bonds by the type of debt instrument. Bonds are repaid through scheduled debt service payments, supported by the annual sewer rate approved by the King County Council.

**Table 1. Summary of Outstanding Wastewater Debt Obligations  
Based on Original Principal**

Type of Instrument	Years of Issue	Total of Original Principal	Outstanding Principal
Outstanding Parity Bonds	2015-2024	\$3,309,974,000	\$2,057,837,000
Outstanding Parity Lien Obligations	2017-2024	\$819,640,000	\$716,590,000
Outstanding Junior Lien Obligations	2020-2024	\$355,875,000	\$355,875,000
Outstanding Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds - Commercial Paper	2021	Up to \$250,000,000	\$161,600,000

**Debt Instruments.** When the County approves the sale of sewer (Wastewater Treatment Division) bonds, it describes the priority it places on using sewer revenues for the repayment of those bonds. The first priority is placed on operating and maintenance expenses. Next in priority order are the required payments associated with Parity Bonds and Parity Lien Obligations, which, in combination, are considered senior lien obligations. In this context, the County commits to paying these obligations prior to paying other types of bond obligations.

Payment priority is next allocated to payment of principal and interest on junior lien debt, as well as any payments for credit enhancement or liquidity support for such debt. Junior lien debt includes both Junior Lien Obligations and Multi-Modal Limited Tax General Obligation(LTGO)/Sewer Revenue Bonds. Junior Lien Obligations are secured solely by sewer revenues, and Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds are secured by sewer revenues and backed by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit taxing authority.

Commercial Paper is a common form of junior lien debt issued by large organizations with the capacity to repay, such as corporations, banks, or public utilities. It is typically issued

for meeting short-term liabilities. Commercial Paper is not FDIC-insured and is backed only by the financial strength of the issuer, as with any other type of corporate bond. Under the authority of Ordinances 18898 and 19114, the County has established a WTD Commercial Paper program of up to \$250 million, of which \$175 million is currently available for new money purposes and the remainder for refunding purposes.

**Previous Legislation.** Ordinance 18898, adopted by Council in 2019 and amended in 2021<sup>1</sup>, authorized the County to issue the variable rate debt for refunding purposes and delegated authority to the Finance Director to approve sale terms. The delegation authority expired in late May 2025.

Ordinance 19114, adopted by Council in 2020, authorized the County to issue variable rate debt for new money purposes and required the sale of bonds to be confirmed by Council motion. Motion 15771, adopted by Council in 2020, approved the issuance of Multi-Modal LTGO/Sewer Revenue Bonds as part of the County's Commercial Paper program. After initial parameters are established in a sale motion, the Council delegated authority to the Finance Director to make subsequent modifications to the variable rate program in response to changing market conditions. The delegated authority to the Finance Director to sell new debt expired December 31, 2022, but the authority to remarket the obligations remains.

## **ANALYSIS**

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 would renew the County's authority to issue and sell variable-rate obligations for sewer purposes, including Commercial Paper. The Proposed Ordinance would authorize the sale of up to an aggregate principal amount of \$1.2 billion in bonded indebtedness for wastewater construction purposes. The authorization for refunding bonds does not limit the amount that may be issued so that the County can take advantage of favorable market conditions and maximize debt service savings for ratepayers.

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 would also:

- Consolidate both new money (Ordinance 19114) and refunding (Ordinance 18898) authority for variable rate sewer debt into a single ordinance. The Council previously authorized a consolidated ordinance for fixed rate sewer debt in 2020<sup>2</sup> (Lines 620 through 627).
- Reauthorize the existing WTD Commercial Paper program in a total, not-to-exceed aggregate principal amount of \$250M to be used interchangeably for new money and refunding purposes (Lines 649 through 678). This is a change from the existing program, which limits the issuance of Commercial Paper Notes to a maximum of \$175 million for new money purposes. The \$250 million that would be reauthorized for the Commercial Paper program is in addition to the \$1.2 billion maximum for new money debt.

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<sup>1</sup> Ordinance 19324

<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 19112, as amended by Ordinance 19216. In 2021 and 2024, the Council authorized fixed rate WTD bonds for new money and refunding purposes in consolidated ordinances.

- Incorporate recent bond ordinance updates, including the authority to refund bonds through a tender process. Tender offers allow King County to restructure existing debt by buying back bonds at a below-market rate that are considered unattractive to current owners for various reasons. (Lines 1679, 1683, 1696-1697).
- Grant the Finance Director the authority to approve bond sale actions within the following parameters:
  - Six-year delegation period through December 31, 2031, for both refunding and new money obligations (Lines 1746-1747). A six-year delegation period is consistent with the expired refunding bond Ordinance 18898. The new money bond ordinance<sup>3</sup> did not include delegation authority. Delegation of both refunding and new money obligations is consistent with the fixed rate sewer bonds. Council could shorten the duration of the delegation period from six to two years.
  - Maximum debt term of 40 years and a maximum interest rate of 12 percent (Lines 1715-1716 and line 1729).
  - Refunding parameters limiting the principal amount to the amount of the bonds to be refunded (plus the amount reasonably required to effect the refunding) and limiting the term of the refunding bonds to the final year of the refunded bonds (Lines 1708 through 1714 and Lines 1717 through 1726).

**Timing.** According to Executive staff, the ordinance needs to be passed at the July 15, 2025, Council meeting in order to meet a planned bond issuance deadline at the end of July 2025.

**Fiscal Impact.** The fiscal note (Attachment 3) forecasts that the anticipated revenues from bond proceeds authorized by Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 will be approximately \$1.2 billion. The anticipated debt service through 2029 is forecasted to be \$61.1 million.

According to the fiscal note, the requested new money authorization of \$1.2 billion provides sufficient capacity to allow for the issuance of junior lien sewer revenue and multi-modal limited tax general obligations bonds (payable by sewer revenues) for the period 2025-2031, allowing the Wastewater Treatment Division to maintain its variable rate portfolio between 15 and 20 percent of its total outstanding debt, in accordance with County policy and current practices.

## **INVITED**

- Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget Director
- Carol Basile, Public Finance Officer, Finance and Business Operations Division, Department of Executive Services
- For WTD, Courtney Black, Chief Financial Officer, Wastewater Treatment Division

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0137 (and its attachments)

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<sup>3</sup> Ordinance 19114

2. Transmittal Letter
3. Fiscal Note



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0159.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE making a net supplemental  
2 appropriation of \$107,283,000 to various general fund  
3 agencies, a net supplemental appropriation of \$154,684,000  
4 to various non-general fund agencies and a net  
5 supplemental appropriation of \$253,447,701 from various  
6 capital fund budgets; and amending the 2025 Annual  
7 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Sections 6, 6, 16, 16,  
8 18, 20, 20, 29, 32, 33, 35, 41, 42, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50,  
9 51, 52, 54, 55, 64, 71, 71, 79, 79, 80, 83, 83 90, 90, 91, 91,  
10 94, 97, 98, 103, 104, 107, 108, 109, 109, 110, 114, 114,  
11 115, 115, 121, 121, 123, and 130, as amended, and  
12 Attachment A, as amended, and adding new section to  
13 Ordinance 19861.

14 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

15 SECTION 1. Ordinance 19861, Section 6, as amended, is hereby amended as  
16 follows:

17 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION - From the general fund there is hereby  
18 disappropriated from:

19 Council administration (\$50,000)

20           SECTION 2. The council directs that section 1 of this ordinance takes effect  
21 before section 3 of this ordinance.

22           SECTION 3. Ordinance 19861, Section 6, as amended, is hereby amended as  
23 follows:

24           COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION - From the general fund there is hereby  
25 appropriated to:

Council administration	\$50,000
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27           ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

28           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support  
29 a regional public safety summit to promote collaboration on, and awareness of,  
30 challenges facing the county's criminal justice system, including, but not limited to: (1)  
31 unaddressed recommendations identified in the King County auditor's office High-Risk  
32 List; (2) financial strains on the criminal legal system; (3) possible policy reforms and  
33 potential efficiencies within the criminal justice system, including through regional  
34 partnerships; and (4) feasibility and desirability of implementation of the local sales and  
35 use tax authorized under RCW 82.14.450 and elements of any recommended investment  
36 strategies. The regional public safety summit shall be organized in collaboration with  
37 representatives from the criminal justice system, city partners, and other system  
38 participants.

39           ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

40           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support  
41 the council's efforts to produce a report that evaluates the council's internal policies and  
42 procedures regarding the council's use of public facilities, any county resources, and

council staff during election years, and how the council can improve its policies and procedures to align with nationwide ethical and operational best practices regarding the use of public facilities.

To ensure that the ethical standards to which the council adheres are robust and strong enough to build and maintain the public's trust, the report shall include evaluations and recommendations on:

A. The council's policies on use of public facilities and how those policies align with state law, national best or promising practices, and ethical standards; and

B. The council's internal budgeting processes and how those processes may be changed to enhance transparency for the council and the public.

The council chief of staff shall procure a consultant to conduct the evaluation and produce the report. The report shall be electronically filed by December 1, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the committee of the whole or its successor.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 19861, Section 16, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY, AND BUDGET - From the general fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

Office of performance, strategy, and budget (\$500,000)

SECTION 5. The council directs that section 4 of this ordinance takes effect before section 6 of this ordinance.

66 follows:

68 fund there is hereby appropriated to:

69	Office of performance, strategy, and budget	\$500,000
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71 shall be: 1.0

72 P1 PROVIDED THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program plan and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the plan, and a motion acknowledging receipt of a plan is passed by the council. The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, discussion and analysis of what would be needed to develop and implement a critical areas monitoring and adaptive management program consistent with guidance from Washington State Department of Commerce in chapter 7 of the critical areas ordinance handbook. Accordingly, the plan should address three types of monitoring: permit implementation, effectiveness, and ecological validation. Specifically, the plan shall include:

85           A. An analysis of the one-time monetary and staffing resources needed develop  
86   the program;

87           B. An analysis of the ongoing monetary and staffing resources needed to  
88 implement the program;

89           C. Based on the needs analysis completed in response to subsections A. and B. of  
90 this proviso, a detailed timeline for developing and implementing the program;

91           D. An analysis of whether all permits and critical areas or a subset of permits and  
92 critical areas should be monitored through the program; and

93           E. An analysis of how phasing implementation of the program, such as applying  
94 it to streams and wetlands first, and to other types of critical areas later, would impact the  
95 needed resources and the timeline, as well as any impacts to the environment that might  
96 result from phasing the work.

97           The executive should electronically file the plan and a motion required by this  
98 proviso by June 30, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic  
99 copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and  
100 the lead staff for the local services and land use committee or its successor.

101           P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

102           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
103 office of performance, strategy, and budget transmits a plan on how it will transmit  
104 detailed base budget data, which for the purposes of this proviso means data about the  
105 programs and appropriation amounts being carried forward from the previous fiscal  
106 period, for each appropriation unit, and transmits that data with the 2026-2027 biennial  
107 budget ordinance. In creating the plan, the office of performance, strategy, and budget  
108 shall partner with council central staff, council district staff, and the 2025 chair of the  
109 budget and fiscal management committee to determine the contents of the plan.

110           The plan shall include, but not be limited to, a description of each category of data  
111 to be included in the transmittal, a sample of the format in which the data will be  
112 transmitted, and an estimate of any additional financial or personnel resources needed to  
113 implement the plan.

114           The office of performance, strategy, and budget should electronically file the plan  
115 required by this proviso no later than May 15, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who  
116 shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the  
117 council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the budget and fiscal management committee  
118 or its successor.

119           P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

120           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
121 executive transmits a report on the feasibility of creating a county office of labor  
122 standards to enforce county ordinances related to labor standards for the employees of  
123 any employer in unincorporated King County, other than King County.

124           The report shall include, but not be limited to:

125           A. Identification of the current county code that establishes wage, labor, or  
126 workforce practices for employees of any employer in the unincorporated areas of King  
127 County, other than King County, and the agencies responsible for enforcement of that  
128 code;

129           B. Identification of operational, policy, and legal considerations for creating a  
130 county office of labor standards;

131           C. A recommendation on where or how such an office should be housed  
132 organizationally in the county; and

133 D. Estimates of the county's costs to create and operate an office of labor  
134 standards.

135 The executive should electronically file the report by September 1, 2025, with the  
136 clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to  
137 all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the local services and  
138 land use committee or its successor.

139 P4 PROVIDED THAT:

140 Of this appropriation, \$25,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
141 executive until the executive provides a briefing to the transportation, economy, and  
142 environment committee or its successor.

143 A. Under K.C.C. 28.94.100, the county will provide public restrooms at transit  
144 centers that meet eight criteria. None of the transit centers operated by the Metro transit  
145 department currently meet the criteria at K.C.C. 28.94.100. There are currently no  
146 permanent public restrooms located at Metro transit department transit centers. However,  
147 in response to a request from the council as part of the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget,  
148 Ordinance 19546, the Metro transit department sited portable public restrooms on a pilot  
149 basis at the Aurora Village transit center and the Burien transit center.

150 B. Notwithstanding that currently neither the Aurora Village nor the Burien  
151 transit center meet the criteria of K.C.C. 28.94.100, the briefing required by this proviso  
152 should be developed by an interdepartmental team that shall include, at a minimum, the  
153 office of performance, strategy, and budget, the Metro transit department, and should  
154 include staff from other departments that could be helpful in supporting this effort. The  
155 briefing required by this proviso shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

156           1. A plan to install, operate, and maintain at least one permanent public  
157 restroom at the Aurora Village transit center and the Burien transit center, including, but  
158 not limited to, the timeline and cost to procure, install, and operate each public restroom,  
159 including the cost to staff each public restroom and to provide a modified security model  
160 that is different from and less costly than the current 24/7 dedicated security model;

161           2. Which county agency the executive recommends should be responsible for  
162 funding and staffing ongoing operations of the permanent public restrooms at the Aurora  
163 Village transit center and the Burien transit center and, if the executive recommends more  
164 than one county agency share the responsibilities, a description of each agency's  
165 responsibilities; and

166           3. Potential external partners, including, but not limited to, local jurisdictions,  
167 private businesses, community organizations, or other transit agencies, that could support  
168 the operation and maintenance of public restrooms at the Aurora Village transit center  
169 and the Burien transit center.

170           The executive should provide the briefing required by this proviso by September  
171 25, 2025.

172           P5 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

173           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
174 executive transmits an encampment resolution program funding options report.

175           The report shall explore how money sources in existing county budgets could be  
176 used to support an encampment resolution program, including, but not limited to, money  
177 sources within the department of community and human services, the department of  
178 natural resources and parks, the road services division, and the water and land resources

179 division, that could be directed towards removing encampments in a way that is both  
180 humane and effective.

181 The executive shall electronically file the plan by June 30, 2025, with the clerk of  
182 the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all  
183 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the health, housing, and  
184 human services committee or its successor.

185 P6 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

186 Of this appropriation, \$250,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
187 executive transmits an agency budgeting report for the 2026-2027 biennium, focusing on  
188 the King County sheriff's office, department of public health, jail health services, the  
189 prosecuting attorney's office, department of public defense, and adult and juvenile  
190 detention.

191 The report shall include, but not be limited to:

192 A. A description of processes followed to project general fund agency hiring  
193 needs, including:

- 194 1. Hiring expectations and expected vacancies;  
195 2. A description of key internal and external factors that influence hiring and  
196 vacancies; and  
197 3. A description of any models, tools, or workforce planning frameworks used  
198 to support hiring expectations and vacancy projections;

199 B. A description of the necessary and appropriate general fund agency FTE  
200 authority to provide appropriate service levels and meet adopted policies;

201           C. A description of the steps taken to ensure general fund agencies will better  
202   budget for overtime, supplies, and equipment necessary for county operations for the  
203   2026-2027 biennium and future biennial budgets; and

204           D. A description of the methodology used to determine each general fund  
205   agency's total appropriation and FTE authority included in the 2026-2027 biennial  
206   budget.

207           The executive shall electronically file the report required by this proviso no later  
208   than September 30, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic  
209   copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and  
210   the lead staff for the budget and fiscal management committee or its successor.

211           P7 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

212           Of this appropriation, \$250,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
213   executive transmits levy engagement plan.

214           The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

215           A. Detailed information on how the executive will engage with the county  
216   council throughout the development of new and renewal levy proposals in the 2026-2027  
217   biennium, including soliciting ideas and feedback, ensuring key dates are provided to  
218   allow sufficient time for council questions to be answered and feedback incorporated; and

219           B. A strategy for robust community engagement in the development of new and  
220   renewal levy proposals in the 2026-2027 biennium.

221           The executive should file the plan by December 31, 2025, in the form of an  
222   electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and

223 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead  
224 staff for the budget and fiscal management committee or its successor.

225 SECTION 7. Ordinance 19861, Section 18, as amended, is hereby amended as  
226 follows:

227 OFFICE OF CLIMATE - From the general fund there is hereby appropriated to:

228 Office of climate \$467,000

229 SECTION 8. Ordinance 19861, Section 20, as amended, is hereby amended as  
230 follows:

231 Sheriff - From the general fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

232 Sheriff (\$50,000)

233 SECTION 9. The council directs that section 8 of this ordinance takes effect  
234 before section 10 of this ordinance.

235 SECTION 10. Ordinance 19861, Section 20, as amended, is hereby amended as  
236 follows:

237 SHERIFF - From the general fund there is hereby appropriated to:

238 Sheriff \$14,413,000

239 The maximum number of additional FTEs for sheriff shall be: 10.0

240 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

241 Of this appropriation, \$915,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
242 continue support for two sheriff's deputies patrolling around the 3rd Avenue entrance of  
243 the King County courthouse between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

244 ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

245 Of this appropriation, \$175,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to

support at least two suicide prevention and voluntary safe firearm and ammunition return events. The events shall be held in collaboration with the department of community and human services.

ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support emphasis patrols focusing on gun violence prevention by sheriff's deputies in the unincorporated area of Skyway, particularly along Martin Luther King Jr. Way South between South 129th Street and 80th Ave South.

ER4 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

Of this appropriation \$845,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support minimum staffing levels of six deputies per shift in the North Precinct 2 and eight deputies per shift in the Southeast Precinct 3.

P1 PROVIDED THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$200,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a report containing a policy requiring the collection of demographic data, including the perceived race of persons, who are stopped by sheriff's deputies and a plan to begin collecting, sharing, and using such data consistent with K.C.C. 2.15.010.G.

The policy and implementation plan shall be developed in collaboration with the office of law enforcement oversight and the oversight committee identified in the interlocal agreement for the provision of law enforcement services between contracted agencies and the county, should integrate relevant best practices and lessons learned from other jurisdictions, and shall include, but not be limited to:

268           A. A description of the manner and method in which sheriff's office deputies will  
269 document demographic data, including perceived race, for persons stopped by sheriff's  
270 deputies;

271           B. A description of the anticipated timeline to replace the sheriff's office's  
272 computer aided dispatch system and how the new system will ensure the sheriff's office  
273 has the capability to capture demographic data, including perceived race;

274           C. A description of how the sheriff's office intends to share, analyze, and use the  
275 collected demographic data to improve services and operations;

276           D. A description of the guidance and training sheriff's office deputies will receive  
277 to ensure demographic data is collected and logged consistently; and

278           E. A timeline for implementation of demographic data collection, including  
279 perceived race.

280           The executive should electronically file the report required by this proviso by  
281 September 30, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and  
282 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead  
283 staff for the law and justice committee or its successor.

284           P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

285           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
286 executive transmits a letter detailing the scope, work plan, and budget necessary to study  
287 and determine the appropriate staffing model for the sheriff's office that meets the needs  
288 of unincorporated residents and regional partners.

289           The scoping letter shall include, but not be limited to:

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335 follows:

337	External support	\$11,169,000
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339 Of this appropriation, \$250,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
340 support the Firearm Injury & Policy Research Program at the University of Washington.

Of this appropriation, \$14,741,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support the following projects, contingent on the executive determining that each project serves a fundamental governmental purpose, a county purpose for which the county is receiving consideration, or support of the poor or infirm:

347	<u>Access to Our Community</u>	\$1,000,000
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350	AiPACE	\$1,500,000
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352 ~~((Center of Success Project \$1,000,000))~~

354 ((City of Kirkland Historic Cabin Project \$250,000))

356	Comunidad Latina de Vashon Placita	\$300,000
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358	Consejo Counseling and Referral Service Project	\$150,000
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359	Constellation Center - YouthCare	\$1,000,000
360	El Centro de la Raza Beacon Hill Community Center Project	\$1,000,000
361	Federal Way National Little League Project	\$1,000,000
362	HealthPoint Tukwila Project	\$300,000
363	Indian American Community Services Kent Project	\$1,500,000
364	Lake City Collective Culture Center Project	\$1,000,000
365	Lambert House Project	\$1,500,000
366	Lifelong AIDS Georgetown Kitchen Project	\$791,000
367	Refugee Artisan Initiative Project	\$300,000
368	<u>Seattle REconomy</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
369	Starfire Sports Project	\$250,000
370	<u>ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:</u>	
371	<u>Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to</u>	
372	<u>support Planned Parenthood Northwest for reproductive healthcare support.</u>	
373	<u>ER4 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:</u>	
374	<u>Of this appropriation, \$250,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to</u>	
375	<u>support the Northwest Abortion Access Fund for reproductive healthcare support</u>	
376	<u>ER5 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:</u>	
377	<u>Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to</u>	
378	<u>support the Coalition Ending Gender-based Violence for a trans resource and referral</u>	
379	<u>guide.</u>	
380	<u>ER6 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:</u>	

402 GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
403 HUMAN SERVICES - From the general fund there is hereby appropriated to:

424 SERVICES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - From the general fund there is  
425 hereby appropriated to:

447	Public defense	\$5,691,000
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448           SECTION 29. Ordinance 19861, Section 64, as amended, is hereby amended as  
449 follows:

450           BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY DIVISION - BEHAVIORAL  
451 HEALTH - From the behavioral health fund there is hereby appropriated to:

452           Behavioral health and recovery division - behavioral health                         \$71,795,000

453           ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

454           Of this appropriation, \$100,000 of general fund shall be expended or encumbered  
455 solely to support Path with Art therapeutic art programs.

456           ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

457           Of this appropriation, \$150,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
458 support The Garage, a Teen Cafe for behavioral health services and programs.

459           ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

460           Of this appropriation, \$145,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
461 support the PDA (Purpose, Dignity, Action) to preserve Seattle LEAD programming  
462 through the end of 2025.

463           SECTION 30. Ordinance 19861, Section 71, as amended, is hereby amended as  
464 follows:

465           VETERANS SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY - From the veterans  
466 seniors and human services levy fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

467           Veterans seniors and human services levy                                                 (\$1,258,992)

468           SECTION 31. The council directs that section 30 of this ordinance takes effect  
469 before section 32 of this ordinance.



493	<del>Council District 3 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000</del>
494	<del>Council District 4 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000</del>
495	<del>Council District 5 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000))</del>
496	<del>Council District 6 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000</del>
497	<del>Council District 7 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000</del>
498	<del>Council District 8 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000</del>
499	<del>Council District 9 Organizations</del>	<del>\$50,000))</del>
500	<u>Covington Storehouse</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
501	<u>Des Moines Food Bank</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
502	<u>East West Food Rescue</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
503	<u>Enumclaw Farmers Market</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
504	<u>Enumclaw Senior Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
505	<u>Fallen Brothers of Seattle</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
506	<u>Fall City Community Food Pantry</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
507	<u>FamilyWorks</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
508	<u>Federal Way Boys and Girls Club</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
509	<u>Soroptimist International of Federal Way</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
510	<u>Holy Innocents Catholic Church Food Pantry</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
511	<u>Hunger Intervention Program</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
512	<u>Junior Achievement of Washington</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
513	<u>Lake Washington Schools Foundation</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
514	<u>Latino Community Fund of Washington State</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
515	<u>Maple Valley Farmers Market</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

516	<u>Maple Valley Food Bank</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
517	<u>Meals Partnership Coalition, fiscal sponsor OSL Services</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
518	<u>Mission Africa</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
519	<u>North Helpline</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
520	<u>Northshore Senior Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
521	<u>Nourishing Networks</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
522	<u>Open Kitchen at Redmond United Methodist Church</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
523	<u>Pacific Islander Community Association of WA (PICA-WA)</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
524	<u>Phinney Neighborhood Association</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
525	<u>Plateau Ministries Outreach</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
526	<u>Puget Sound Labor Agency Food Bank</u>	<u>\$8,334</u>
527	<u>Renewal Food Bank</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
528	<u>Salvation Army - Renton Corps</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
529	<u>SeaTac Senior Support Services</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
530	<u>Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
531	<u>Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
532	<u>Vashon Island Food Bank</u>	<u>\$8,333</u>
533	<u>West Seattle Food Bank</u>	<u>\$8,333</u>
534	<u>White Center Food Bank</u>	<u>\$8,333</u>
535	<u>Woodinville Storehouse Food Bank</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
536	TOTAL	\$450,000
537	Awards granted under this expenditure restriction should be a minimum of	
538	\$10,000.	

539 Selection of organizations by council districts shall be by future amendment of  
540 this section.

541 ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

542 Of this appropriation, \$135,000 shall be expended or encumbered from levy  
543 proceeds allocated in 2025 for SE 6 Major Pete von Reichbauer (Ret.) Veterans Service  
544 Organizations Grant Program as described in the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services  
545 Levy Implementation Plan, adopted by Ordinance 19719, solely to contract with the  
546 following in 2025:

547	American-Vietnamese War Memorial Alliance	\$5,000
548	City of Federal Way	\$7,500
549	<del>((Council District 1 Organizations</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>
550	<del>Council District 3 Organizations</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>
551	<del>Council District 4 Organizations</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>
552	<del>Council District 5 Organizations</del>	<del>\$15,000))</del>
553	Council District 6 Organizations	\$15,000
554	<del>((Council District 9 Organizations</del>	<del>\$7,500))</del>
555	Covington Chamber of Commerce - Veteran Spouse Scholarship Program	\$2,500
556	<u>Everyone for Veterans, Issaquah</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
557	Filipino Veterans Association	\$3,750
558	<u>Greater Maple Valley Veterans Memorial Foundation</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
559	<u>Highline College Foundation</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
560	Minority Veterans of America	<del>(((\$5,000))</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
561	NABVETS (National Association of Black Veterans) Seattle Chapter	\$3,750

562	Nisei Veterans Committee	\$3,750
563	<u>Northwest Natural Horsemanship Center Family Fund</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
564	<u>Path with Art</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
565	<u>Shoreline Veterans Association</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
566	Skyway West Hill VFW Post 9430	\$3,750
567	<u>Sno-Valley Senior Center</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
568	<u>The American Legion Post #79</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
569	<u>United Indians for All Tribes Foundation</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
570	VFW 5052 - Maple Valley/Black Diamond	(( <del>\$2,500</del> )) <u>\$5,000</u>
571	VFW Post 1949 - Enumclaw	(( <del>\$2,500</del> )) <u>\$5,000</u>
572	West Seattle Veteran Center	\$10,000
573	William J Woods Veterans House	\$2,500
574	TOTAL	\$135,000
575	Selection of organizations by council districts shall be by future amendment of	
576	this section.	
577	ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:	
578	Of this appropriation, \$673,992 shall be expended or encumbered from levy	
579	proceeds allocated in 2025 for SE 8 Support Local Solutions as described in the Veterans,	
580	Seniors, and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, adopted by Ordinance 19719,	
581	solely to contract with the following in 2025:	
582	Asian Counseling and Referral Service	\$18,722
583	Auburn Food Bank	\$15,000
584	<u>Aurora Commons</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

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585	<u>Ballard Food Bank</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
586	<u>Ballard Northwest Senior Center</u>	<u>\$7,388</u>
587	Ballard Senior Center	\$10,000
588	Bellevue Schools Foundation	\$2,500
589	Brazilian Community Services	\$18,722
590	Bridging a Gap (FWPS)	\$1,500
591	Catholic Community Services	\$3,500
592	Center for Human Services	\$50,000
593	<u>Center of Success Abu Bakr Islamic Center</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
594	<u>City of Maple Valley</u>	<u>\$9,888</u>
595	<u>City of Redmond, Human Services Division</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
596	<u>Congolese Integration Network</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
597	<del>((Council District 2 Organizations</del>	<del>\$24,888</del>
598	<del>Council District 3 Organizations</del>	<del>\$74,888</del>
599	<del>Council District 4 Organizations</del>	<del>\$24,888</del>
600	<del>Council District 5 Organizations</del>	<del>\$74,888</del>
601	<del>Council District 8 Organizations</del>	<del>\$14,888</del>
602	<del>Council District 9 Organizations</del>	<del>\$29,888))</del>
603	Covington Storehouse	\$5,000
604	Crisis Connections	\$10,000
605	<u>Delridge Neighborhood Development Association</u>	<u>\$4,888</u>
606	Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition Technical Advisory Group	\$36,000
607	<u>Emerald Parents Association</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

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608	Enumclaw School Foundation	\$2,500
609	<u>Eastside Legal Assistance Program</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
610	<u>Empower Youth Network</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
611	<u>Enumclaw Schools Foundation</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
612	<u>Fairwood Community Group</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
613	Family First Community Center	(((\$5,000)) <u>\$20,000</u>
614	Federal Way Community Caregiving Network	\$5,000
615	FUSION	\$10,000
616	<u>Good Samaritan Episcopal Church</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
617	Hunger Intervention Program	\$24,888
618	<u>Issaquah Cultural Circle, DBA The Circle</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>
619	Issaquah Food Bank	\$5,000
620	Issaquah Schools Foundation	\$2,500
621	Kent School Foundation	\$2,500
622	Kent Youth and Family Services	\$3,388
623	<u>Kids Coming Together</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
624	Kinship Services at Catholic Community Services	\$50,000
625	<u>Living Well Kent</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
626	<u>Maple Valley Community Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
627	Maple Valley Food Bank	\$5,000
628	Mary's Place	\$10,000
629	Mission Africa	\$2,500
630	Muckleshoot Tribe - Tribal School	\$10,000

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631	Multi-Service Center	\$2,000
632	<u>Muslimahs Against Abuse Center</u>	<u>\$24,888</u>
633	<u>Old Friends Club</u>	<u>\$9,888</u>
634	Open Doors for Multicultural Families	\$18,722
635	PICA-WA - Federal Way Branch	\$10,000
636	Plateau Ministries Outreach	\$5,000
637	Porchlight	\$18,722
638	<u>Queen Anne Helpline</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
639	Rainer Foothills Wellness Foundation	\$5,000
640	Renton School Foundation	\$2,500
641	<u>Seattle Mountain Rescue</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
642	Solid Ground	(((\$10,000)) <u>\$15,000</u>
643	<u>Sound Generations</u>	<u>\$9,888</u>
644	<u>South King Housing and Homelessness Partners Housing Initiative</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
645	Tahoma Schools Foundation	(((\$2,500)) \$5,000
646	<u>The Garage, a Teen Café</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>
647	United Way of King County	\$10,000
648	Unleash the Brilliance	\$5,000
649	Valley Cities	\$7,000
650	Vashon Interfaith Council to Prevent Homelessness	\$10,000
651	Vashon Youth and Family Services	\$14,000
652	<u>White Center Pride</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>
653	<u>Women Hold the Key</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

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655	TOTAL	\$673,992
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658           SECTION 33. Ordinance 19861, Section 79, as amended, is hereby amended as  
659 follows:

662	Water and land resources shared services	(\$250,000)
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665           SECTION 35. Ordinance 19861, Section 79, as amended, is hereby amended as  
666 follows:

669	Water and land resources shared services	\$250,000
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Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to retain a limnological expert consultant to develop a feasibility study to review treatment options for invasive aquatic vegetation control in Lake Sammamish and support eventual implementation of an Invasive Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan, also known as IAVMP, for Lake Sammamish.

677           Of this appropriation, \$250,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for work  
678 by the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife and its contractor, Hickey Bros.  
679 Research, LLC, for continued testing of gill netting as a strategy for reducing the  
680 abundance of predator fishes in Lake Washington, with the intent of achieving larger  
681 returns of salmon in future years.

682           P1 PROVIDED THAT:

683           Of this appropriation, \$300,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
684 executive transmits a report on how the county plans to implement the 2024 King County  
685 Flood Management Plan in the unincorporated residential area in the South Park  
686 neighborhood known as the "Sliver by the River." For the purposes of this proviso, the  
687 "unincorporated residential area" means those residences located in the unincorporated  
688 area of King County that is bound by the Duwamish river, 16th Ave S., Dallas Ave S.,  
689 and 10th Ave S.

690           The report should be based on the work of an interdepartmental team that should  
691 include, at minimum, the water and land resources division, the flood control district, the  
692 department of local services, the department of executive services, the office of  
693 emergency management, the wastewater treatment division, the office of climate, and the  
694 office of performance, strategy, and budget, and shall include, but not be limited to:

695           A. A description of key action items to address flooding in the neighborhood  
696 known as "Sliver by the River" including, but not limited to:

- 697           1. Switching from septic to sewer system;  
698           2. Drainage or infrastructure improvements;  
699           3. Annexation;

- 700           4. Home buy-outs; and
- 701           5. Any other action items from the Flood Management Plan as applicable;
- 702           B. The estimated costs for each of the action items;
- 703           C. A plan to maximize external funding for implementation;
- 704           D. A timeline to implement each of the actions;
- 705           E. Any code or policy changes needed;
- 706           F. Any needed intergovernmental partnerships; and
- 707           G. A plan for community engagement.

708           The executive should provide a briefing on the status of the work requested in the

709 proviso by July 1, 2025, in the local services and land use committee and electronically

710 file the report required by this proviso by September 25, 2025, with the clerk of the

711 council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all

712 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the local services and

713 land use committee or its successor.

714           SECTION 36. Ordinance 19861, Section 80, as amended, is hereby amended as

715 follows:

716           SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT LOCAL DRAINAGE SERVICES - From

717 the surface water management fund there is hereby appropriated to:

718           Surface water management local drainage services	\$621,000
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719           SECTION 37. Ordinance 19861, Section 83, as amended, is hereby amended as

720 follows:

721           YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES GRANTS - From the youth and amateur sports

722 fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

723 Youth sports facilities grants (\$900,000)

724 SECTION 38. The council directs that section 37 of this ordinance takes effect

725 before section 39 of this ordinance.

726 SECTION 39. Ordinance 19861, Section 83, as amended, is hereby amended as

727 follows:

728 YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES GRANTS - From the youth and amateur sports

729 fund there is hereby appropriated to:

730 Youth sports facilities grants \$900,000

731 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

732 Of this appropriation, \$900,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to

733 contract with the following for the King County council Get Active/Stay Active awards

734 for youth or amateur sport activities or facilities:

735 ABA Basketball (Auburn Hoops) \$2,000

736 AbleMinds Coaching \$15,000

737 Auburn High School Trojan Touchdown Club \$2,000

738 Auburn Little League \$9,500

739 Auburn Ravens \$1,500

740 Auburn Ravens Youth Football and Cheer \$2,500

741 Auburn School District \$2,000

742 Ballard Football Club Foundation, DBA Bridges United Foundation \$15,000

743 Ballard Northwest Senior Center \$15,000

744 Ballard Senior Center \$10,000

745 Baseball Beyond Borders \$5,000

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746	Bellevue School District - Newport High School	\$5,000
747	Bellevue United FC	\$5,000
748	<u>Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle</u>	<u>\$53,000</u>
749	Buzz Select Baseball Fastpitch Club	\$5,000
750	<u>CarePoint Clinic</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
751	<u>Cascade Premier Soccer</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
752	<u>Center of Success Abu Bakr Islamic Center</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
753	<u>Centro Cultural Mexicano</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
754	<u>Chinese Information and Service Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
755	Chinook Little League	\$5,000
756	City of Algona	\$6,000
757	City of Auburn Parks & Rec	\$9,000
758	City of Black Diamond	\$5,000
759	<u>City of Duvall</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
760	City of Federal Way	\$9,000
761	City of Kent	\$3,000
762	City of Pacific	\$6,000
763	<u>City of Tukwila</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
764	<u>Community Homes</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
765	Community Recreation Foundation of Pacific	\$2,000
766	<del>((Council District 1 Organizations</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>
767	<del>Council District 2 Organizations</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>
768	<del>Council District 3 Organizations</del>	<del>\$95,000</del>

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769	<del>Council District 4 Organizations</del>	<del>\$90,000</del>
770	<del>Council District 5 Organizations</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>
771	<del>Council District 6 Organizations</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>
772	<del>Council District 9 Organizations</del>	<del>\$5,000))</del>
773	<u>Diggin Shoreline for Ching Community Garden</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
774	<u>Eastside Friends of Seniors</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
775	Enumclaw School District - Enumclaw High School	\$5,000
776	Federal Way Boys and Girls Club	\$1,000
777	Federal Way Football Club	\$1,500
778	Federal Way Knights	\$1,000
779	Federal Way National Little League	\$7,500
780	Federal Way School District	\$2,000
781	<u>Foster High School Cheerleader Program</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
782	<u>Girl Scouts of Western Washington, Camp River Ranch</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
783	<u>Green Lake Rowing Advisory Council, fiscal sponsor Associated Recreation</u>	
784	<u>Council</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
785	<u>Indian American Community Services</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
786	<u>Inglemoor High School Crew Boosters</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
787	Issaquah School District - Issaquah High School	\$5,000
788	Issaquah School District - Liberty High School	\$5,000
789	Kent Covington Youth Soccer Association	\$5,000
790	Kent School District - Kentlake High School	\$5,000
791	Kent School District - Kentridge High School	\$5,000

792	Kent School District - Kentwood High School	\$5,000
793	<u>Kinderling</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
794	King County Aquatic Center	\$3,500
795	<u>Lake City Senior Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
796	<u>LifeWire</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
797	Maple Valley Indian Cultural and Sports Association	\$5,000
798	<u>Middle East Peace Camp (MEPC)</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
799	<u>Muslim Community Network Association</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
800	Newcastle Baseball Pony League	\$5,000
801	<u>Nomad Boxing Club</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
802	<u>Nomad Gym</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
803	<u>Northshore Senior Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
804	<u>Northshore Youth Soccer Association</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
805	<u>Northshore Senior Center, Northshore Wranglers Inclusion Program</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
806	<u>Outdoors for All</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
807	<u>Pac-West Little League</u>	<u>\$38,000</u>
808	Plateau Kids Network	\$5,000
809	<u>Pocock Rowing Club</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
810	<u>Rachel Carson Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Association</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
811	<u>Rainier Athletes</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
812	Renton School District - Hazen High School	\$5,000
813	Renton School District - Lindbergh High School	\$5,000
814	Riverview School District	\$5,000

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815	RMD Community Sports Association (dba Rock Creek Sports)	\$5,000
816	<u>Sammamish Friends</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
817	<u>Sammamish Rowing Association</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
818	SeaTown FC	\$7,500
819	Seattle Sports Commission	\$7,000
820	<u>Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
821	<u>Skate Like a Girl</u>	<u>\$27,000</u>
822	Sno-King Amateur Hockey Association - Renton	\$5,000
823	<u>Snoqualmie Wolves Foundation</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
824	<u>Sound Generations</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>
825	<u>South Highline Little League</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
826	Steel Lake Little League	\$12,000
827	Tahoma School District - Tahoma Highschool	\$5,000
828	<u>Third Place Commons</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
829	Thomas Jefferson High School Raiders Parents Movement	\$5,000
830	<u>Tigray Community Center</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
831	Upower	\$10,000
832	Whitewater Aquatics Management	\$82,500
833	<u>Woodinville Repertory Theatre</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
834	<u>YMCA of Greater Seattle, Snoqualmie</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
835	TOTAL	\$900,000
836	Selection of organizations by council districts shall be by future amendment of	
837	this section.	

839 follows:

841 hereby disappropriated from:

842	Local services administration	(\$150,000)
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844 before section 42 of this ordinance.

846 follows:

848 hereby appropriated to:

849	Local services administration	\$150,000
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850 ~~((ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:~~

851           Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for work  
852   on the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan work plan action item relating to creation  
853   of a legacy business program for unincorporated King County.))

854 ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION ER:

855           Of this appropriation, \$330,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for work  
856   on the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan work plan Action Item 7, Rural Economic  
857   Strategies report and any proposed ordinance implementing the recommendations in the  
858   report.

859 P1 PROVIDED THAT:

882	<u>African Community Housing and Development</u>	\$12,000
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883	Arts Foundation of Federal Way	\$1,500
884	<u>America's Big Sister</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
885	Auburn Chamber	\$1,500
886	Auburn Noon Lions	\$1,000
887	Auburn Rotary	\$1,500
888	Auburn Soroptimist	\$1,500
889	Auburn Valley Humane Society	\$1,000
890	Auburn Valley YMCA	\$1,000
891	<u>Beacon Business Alliance for Columbia City Beatwalk</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
892	<u>Bellevue Police Foundation</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
893	<u>Brazilian Community Services</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
894	Black Diamond Historical Society	\$2,000
895	<u>Central District Public Safety Accountability, fiscal sponsor A for Apple Learning</u>	
896	<u>Center</u>	<u>\$11,250</u>
897	<u>Chameleon</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
898	City of Black Diamond	\$2,500
899	<u>Communities In Schools of Greater King County, Timberline Middle School and</u>	
900	<u>Elle Baker Elementary School</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
901	Communities in Schools of South King County	\$1,000
902	<del>((Council District 1 Organizations</del>	<del>\$20,000</del>
903	<del>Council District 2 Organizations</del>	<del>\$25,000</del>
904	<del>Council District 3 Organizations</del>	<del>\$25,000</del>
905	<del>Council District 4 Organizations</del>	<del>\$20,000</del>

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906	<del>Council District 5 Organizations</del>	<del>\$25,000))</del>
907	<del>Council District 6 Organizations</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>
908	<del>Council District 9 Organizations</del>	<del>\$1,500))</del>
909	Danish Sisterhood Unity Lodge #75	\$2,500
910	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$5,000
911	Eastside Heritage Center	\$2,000
912	Emerald Parents Association	\$5,000
913	Enumclaw Plateau Historical Society	\$2,500
914	Federal Way Boys & Girls Club	\$1,500
915	Federal Way Kiwanis	\$1,500
916	Federal Way Korean American Association	\$1,000
917	Federal Way Lions	\$1,000
918	Federal Way Rotary	\$1,000
919	Federal Way Symphony	\$3,000
920	<u>Friends of Troll's Knoll, fiscal sponsor Seattle Parks Foundation</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
921	Historical Society of Federal Way	\$1,000
922	<u>Iranian Women's Institute for Life and Liberty</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
923	<u>Kent Black Action Network</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
924	KO-AM TV	\$2,000
925	Korean Women's Association	\$1,000
926	League of Women Voters of Seattle King County	\$10,000
927	Maple Valley Historical Society	\$2,000
928	<u>Mary's Place</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

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929	<u>New Story Community</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>
930	<u>North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA)</u>	<u>\$17,000</u>
931	Partners in Print	(( <del>\$5,000</del> )) <u>\$7,500</u>
932	<u>Phinney Neighborhood Association</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
933	<u>Pride Across the Bridge</u>	<u>\$5,500</u>
934	<u>Queen Anne Farmers Market</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
935	<u>Skills Development Organization</u>	<u>\$11,250</u>
936	<u>Snoqualmie Valley Healing Center</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
937	<u>Somali Community Services of Seattle</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>
938	<u>Woodinville Farmers Market</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
939	WestSide Baby	\$25,000
940	Whale Scout	\$5,000
941	White River Buddhist Temple	\$1,000
942	Your Money Matters	\$1,000
943	TOTAL	\$225,000
944	Selection of organizations by council districts shall be by future amendment of	
945	this section.	
946	ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:	
947	Of this appropriation, \$613,603 shall be expended or encumbered solely to	
948	support civil legal services contracts through the community services operating civil legal	
949	services program, to contract with the following:	
950	Benefits Law Center	\$28,383
951	Eastside Legal Assistance Program	\$72,636

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952	Solid Ground – Family Assistance	\$68,750
953	Team Child	\$377,834
954	Unemployment Law Project	\$66,000
955	ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:	
956	Of this appropriation, \$172,748 shall be expended or encumbered solely to	
957	support domestic violence survivor services contracts through the community services	
958	operating domestic violence survivor services program, to contract with the following:	
959	Eastside Legal Assistance Program	\$128,008
960	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	\$44,740
961	ER4 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:	
962	Of this appropriation, \$350,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to	
963	contract with Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) for immigrant and refugee support.	
964	<u>ER5 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:</u>	
965	<u>Of this appropriation, \$225,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to</u>	
966	<u>contract with the following organizations for the purpose of responding to federal and</u>	
967	<u>state funding cuts:</u>	
968	<u>Council District 1 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
969	<u>Council District 2 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
970	<u>Council District 3 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
971	<u>Council District 4 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
972	<u>Council District 5 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
973	<u>Council District 6 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
974	<u>Council District 7 Organizations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

976	<u>Council District 9 Organizations</u>	\$25,000
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978           Selection of organizations by council districts shall be by future amendment of  
979   this ordinance.

980 Each council district should allocate awards granted under this expenditure  
981 restriction to no more than three organizations.

983       Of this appropriation, \$175,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
984       support the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project to expand civil legal aid for and provide  
985       application fee assistance to asylum seekers.

987 Of this appropriation, \$125,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
988 support The Circle to provide community navigation, language classes, educational  
989 opportunities, and counseling services.

990           SECTION 46. Ordinance 19861, Section 94, as amended, is hereby amended as  
991 follows:

992           PARKS AND RECREATION - From the parks and recreation fund there is  
993   hereby appropriated to:

995           SECTION 47. Ordinance 19861, Section 97, as amended, is hereby amended as  
996 follows:

999	Historic preservation program	\$299,000
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1002 BEST STARTS FOR KIDS - From the best starts for kids fund there is hereby

1003 appropriated to:

1005	The maximum number of additional FTEs for best starts for kids shall be:	1.0
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1008 PUBLIC HEALTH - From the public health fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1010 The maximum number of additional FTEs for public health shall be: 2.0

1013                    ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - From the environmental health fund there is

1014    hereby appropriated to:

1016            SECTION 51. Ordinance 19861, Section 107, as amended, is hereby amended as

1018                    EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION RESOURCES - From the employment and

1019    education fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1022 follows:

1024	community development fund there is hereby appropriated to	\$2,250,000
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1026 Of this appropriation, \$56,000,000 of general obligation bond proceeds shall be

1028 affordable workforce housing, as defined in RCW 67.28.180, within one-half mile of a

1030 applicable to bond-funded projects.

1032 A.1. Up to \$20,000,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for funding for

1033 sites located in the following areas:

1034 a. Sites in Shoreline or Kenmore, up to \$10,000,000; and

1035           b. Sound Transit's Federal Way site, up to \$10,000,000.

1036 2. If projects need less funding, remaining moneys in this subsection A. shall be

1037 added to and expended as described in subsection F. of this expenditure restriction;

1038 B. Up to \$8,000,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for projects in east

1039 King County in jurisdictions that are members of A Regional Coalition for Housing;

1040 C. Up to \$5,000,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for transit-oriented

1041 affordable housing capital projects that advance the equitable development initiative to

1042 benefit communities with high risk of displacement due to historical inequities,

continuing discrimination, and the lingering effects of past discrimination and government divestment. The development of requests for proposals and the distribution of the moneys shall be done by the department of community and human services in consultation with the equitable development initiative's interim advisory board using the principles of equitable development adopted by Motion 16673. If the equitable development initiative's interim advisory board has not been established when the department develops requests for proposals or determines how to allocate these moneys, they shall instead consult with the equitable development initiative's community planning workgroup;

D. Up to \$19,100,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for the following transit-oriented development projects:

1. \$3,000,000 for Weld Seattle Housing to develop workforce housing;
2. \$3,000,000 for Mercy Housing and Mary's Place to develop affordable housing in Burien;
3. \$630,000 for the African Community and Housing Development for a transit-oriented development project;
4. \$5,000,000 for the Filipino Community Center for an affordable housing project for working families;
5. \$1,700,000 for the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) housing in Redmond;
6. \$3,000,000 for the Homestead Community Land Trust affordable housing project in Skyway;

1065           7. \$770,000 for the Africatown Community Land Trust for the Walker Street  
1066 House project; and

1067           8. \$2,000,000 to the Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) and Akin) for an  
1068 affordable rental housing project;

1069           E. Up to \$3,900,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for preservation,  
1070 which are:

1071           1. Capital expenditures at sites with previous county appropriations. Moneys  
1072 shall be available either on an as needed basis or through a competitive procurement  
1073 process. The department of community and human services shall establish an as-needed  
1074 process and invite agency applications. Applicants must meet evaluation criteria and  
1075 capital expenditure requirements. The department of community and human services will  
1076 award applicants based on program criteria and available funding; and

1077           2. Distressed transit-oriented-development-eligible projects throughout the  
1078 county. Funds will be expended through a competitive procurement process;

1079           F.1. Procurement processes to allocate moneys identified in subsections A., B., or  
1080 E., shall give priority to projects meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1081           a. projects located near or colocated with community-serving uses, including  
1082 childcare, early learning facilities, eldercare, or care for individuals with disabilities;

1083           b. projects that promote the geographic distribution of transit-oriented  
1084 development funding; and

1085           c. projects seeking acquisition funding.

1086           2. The priorities identified in subsection F.1. of this expenditure restriction shall  
1087 not apply to equitable development projects; and

1088           G. If the executive finds any identified project, location, or category to be  
1089 infeasible, unduly delayed, ineligible, or achievable with less county moneys or if another  
1090 project can create affordable housing meeting the requirements of this expenditure  
1091 restriction faster, moneys may be reallocated to another project, location, or categories  
1092 outlined in subsections A. through E. of this expenditure restriction. If the executive  
1093 makes a determination to reallocate moneys, the executive shall transmit a notification  
1094 letter to the council detailing the scope of and rationale for the determination, including  
1095 the purpose and proposed amount of proceeds for reallocation, and a description that  
1096 unless the council passes a motion rejecting the contemplated change within thirty days  
1097 of the executive's transmittal, the executive may proceed with the change as set forth in  
1098 the notification letter. The notification letter shall be electronically filed with the clerk of  
1099 the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all  
1100 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the budget and fiscal  
1101 management committee or its successor.

1102           ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1103           Of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 of short-term lodging tax proceeds shall be  
1104 expended or encumbered solely for a one-year capacity building grants program for  
1105 community-based organizations to build their capacity to lead housing-related capital  
1106 projects with equitable development initiative principles and priorities, as recommended  
1107 by the community planning workgroup in the equitable development initiative  
1108 implementation plan phase two report, accepted by Motion 16673. Grants shall be  
1109 distributed in consultation with the equitable development initiative's interim advisory  
1110 board. If the equitable development initiative's interim advisory board has not been

1111 established when the department of community and human services develops the grant  
1112 program, the department shall instead consult with the equitable development initiative's  
1113 community planning workgroup.

1114 ER3 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1115 Of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 of general obligation bond proceeds shall be  
1116 expended solely for equitable development initiative capital projects and in compliance  
1117 with requirements applicable to bond-funded projects. For purposes of this expenditure  
1118 restriction, moneys shall be expended or encumbered solely for capital projects that  
1119 advance the equitable development initiative to benefit communities with high risk of  
1120 displacement due to historical inequities, continuing discrimination, and the lingering  
1121 effects of past discrimination and government divestment. The development of requests  
1122 for proposals and the distribution of these moneys shall be done in consultation with the  
1123 equitable development initiative's interim advisory board using the principles of equitable  
1124 development accepted by Motion 16673. If the equitable development initiative's interim  
1125 advisory board has not been established when the department of community and human  
1126 services develops requests for proposals or determines how to allocate these moneys,  
1127 they shall instead consult with the equitable development initiative's community planning  
1128 workgroup.

1129 ER4 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1130 Of this appropriation, \$19,000,000 of general obligation bond proceeds shall be  
1131 expended solely for affordable housing capital projects as described in subsections A.  
1132 through C. of this expenditure restriction, in accordance with RCW 36.100.040, and in  
1133 compliance with requirements applicable to bond-funded projects.

1134           Of this \$19,000,000:

1135           A. At least \$4,500,000 and no more than \$9,000,000 shall be expended or  
1136           encumbered solely for affordable housing capital projects sited to benefit communities  
1137           with high risk of displacement due to historical inequities, continuing discrimination, and  
1138           the lingering effects of past discrimination and government divestment. The capital  
1139           projects shall support equitable, community-driven affordable housing developments in  
1140           King County that mitigate displacement pressures and ensure that historically  
1141           marginalized communities have access to affordable housing. The development of  
1142           requests for proposals and the distribution of the moneys shall be done in consultation  
1143           with the equitable development initiative's interim advisory board using the principles of  
1144           equitable development accepted by Motion 16673. If the equitable development  
1145           initiative's interim advisory board has not been established when the department of  
1146           community and human services determines how to allocate the moneys, the moneys shall  
1147           be distributed in consultation with the equitable development initiative's community  
1148           planning workgroup;

1149           B. \$5,000,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for affordable housing  
1150           development located in the unincorporated area of Skyway-West Hill, as that area is  
1151           defined by the county's Skyway-West Hill Community Service Area Subarea Plan,  
1152           adopted by Ordinance 19555, or as amended, to be developed in accordance with the  
1153           policies in the subarea plan, or as amended; and

1154           C. \$5,000,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely for affordable housing  
1155           developments serving households that include an individual or individuals with  
1156           disabilities, prioritizing projects that serve communities at high risk of displacement.

1157 ER5 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1158 Of this appropriation, \$1,297,500 of short-term lodging tax revenue shall be  
1159 expended or encumbered solely for debt service on the general obligation bond proceeds  
1160 restricted in Expenditure Restriction ER4 of this section.

1161 ER6 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1162 Of this appropriation, \$729,000 in short-term lodging tax proceeds shall be  
1163 expended or encumbered solely to contract with the United Way of King County to  
1164 expand the Keep King County Housed rent assistance program.

1165 ER7 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1166 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 in short-term lodging tax proceeds shall be  
1167 expended or encumbered solely to advance the goals of the workforce housing initiative,  
1168 as identified in Motion 16690, including, but not limited to, contracting with Grow  
1169 America for financial modeling and related consultant support.

1170 ER8 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1171 Of this appropriation, \$800,000, of which \$400,000 shall come from short-term  
1172 lodging tax proceeds, and 2.0 FTEs shall be expended or encumbered solely for public  
1173 outreach, public engagement, and consultant work for the following 2024 King County  
1174 Comprehensive Plan work plan action item deliverables:

1175 A. Action 3: Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Community Preference

1176 Review report and any proposed ordinance implementing the recommendations in the  
1177 report;

1178 B. Action 11: Expediting Affordable Housing report and any proposed ordinance  
1179 implementing the recommendations in the report; and

1180 C. Action 12: Short-term Rentals Regulations report and any proposed ordinance  
1181 implementing the recommendations in the report.

1182 ER9 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1183 Of this appropriation, \$150,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
1184 contract with a third party to conduct an updated countywide housing needs assessment  
1185 for use by policy makers, planners, and researchers. The assessment shall include, but  
1186 not be limited to, the following:

1187 A. Background and policy context, including an update on King County's  
1188 progress towards eliminating cost burden among King County's low-income households  
1189 by 2040, and information about available data sources and data gaps;

1190 B. Population, workforce, and housing characteristics;

1191 C. Housing supply and market trends broken down by subarea and jurisdiction,  
1192 area median income, and rental and housing ownership, including an estimate of units in  
1193 the permitting pipeline or under construction by affordability level;

1194 D. Housing affordability for rental and home ownership broken down by  
1195 subregion and jurisdiction;

1196 E. Analysis of funding tools and funding levels by subregion and jurisdictions;  
1197 and

1198 F. A needs analysis to evaluate the gap between the region's housing inventory  
1199 and housing needs of residents by subregion and jurisdiction, including, where possible,  
1200 new insights that can be used by policymakers, such as a comparison of need by  
1201 household size and available bedroom units.

1202 ER10 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

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1203           Of this appropriation, \$300,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
1204 support the Low Income Housing Institute for tiny house village operations in Tukwila.

1205           ER11 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1206           Of this appropriation, \$450,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
1207 support Mercy Housing Northwest for preservation activities at Mercy Magnuson Place.

1208           ER12 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1209           Of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to  
1210 support the Seattle Chinatown International District Public Development Authority to  
1211 acquire and convert Quarters Housing on the Pacific Public Development Authority  
1212 property to permanently affordable housing. The department of community and human  
1213 services should consider utilizing interest earnings for this allocation.

1214           P1 PROVIDED THAT:

1215           Of this appropriation, \$150,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1216 executive provides a briefing to the council's health, housing, and human services  
1217 committee, or its successor, on a plan to update and consolidate housing funding policies,  
1218 with the intent to transmit effectuating legislation to the council adopting such policies in  
1219 2026.

1220           The briefing shall outline policies and priorities that the department of community  
1221 and human services will utilize in the funding of affordable housing projects, including  
1222 program priorities, eligibility requirements, financing terms, and other guidelines for  
1223 housing programs administered by the department of community and human services,  
1224 including, but not limited to: transit-oriented development; operating, rental assistance  
1225 program, and services; health through housing; the regional affordable housing program;

1226 HOME Investment Partnership Program; and housing programs supported by document  
1227 recording fees, short-term lodging revenues, and HOME American Rescue Plan revenue.  
1228 Further, those policies and priorities shall inform the administration of procurement  
1229 processes, the selection process of awardees, and the distribution of moneys.

1230         Development of the briefing shall be done in consultation with council policy  
1231 staff, housing providers, and other external partners. The briefing should include a plan  
1232 for the executive to regularly transmit legislation proposing new or amended housing  
1233 funding policies.

1234         The briefing should consider the following objectives in development of policies  
1235 and priorities:

1236         A. Homelessness and extremely low-income housing, which are projects that  
1237 expand the number of permanently supportive housing units, particularly for chronically  
1238 homeless households;

1239         B. Providing a mix of affordable rental housing, which are projects that serve a  
1240 range of households, family sizes to promote housing opportunity and choice throughout  
1241 the county;

1242         C. Equitable community driven affordable housing development, which are  
1243 projects that mitigate displacement pressures and ensure that historically marginalized  
1244 communities have access to affordable housing investments, including projects with  
1245 community-serving ground floor uses, including childcare, early learning facilities,  
1246 eldercare, or care for individuals with disabilities, and projects with sponsors who have  
1247 the experience to effectively address the needs of underserved communities including

1248 communities recently displaced or at high risk of displacement, and other communities  
1249 historically excluded from equitable access to housing;

1250 D. Acquisition and preservation, which are acquisition of land and buildings to  
1251 promote community ownership, and preservation of existing affordable housing;

1252 E. Transit-oriented development, which is projects that promote the geographic  
1253 distribution of transit-oriented development funding;

1254 F. Homeownership development, which is projects that expand the capacity of  
1255 homeownership opportunities to King County residents; and

1256 G. Labor standards, which are projects that utilize best practices and advance  
1257 strong labor standards in construction and operations, and that support inflationary  
1258 increases for human service providers.

1259 The executive should brief the health, housing, and human services committee, or  
1260 its successor, by June 25, 2025.

1261 SECTION 53. Ordinance 19861, Section 109, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1262 follows:

1263 SOLID WASTE - From the solid waste operating fund there is hereby  
1264 disappropriated from:

1265 Solid waste (\$1,000,000)

1266 SECTION 54. The council directs that section 53 of this ordinance takes effect  
1267 before section 55 of this ordinance.

1268 SECTION 55. Ordinance 19861, Section 109, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1269 follows:

1272	Solid waste	\$12,903,000
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1277 located at the Cedar Hills regional landfill, takes effect.

1285 motion.

1292 ("C&D") materials in the county's regional solid waste system, which shall include

1293 recyclable, nonrecyclable, and mixed loads of materials. As part of the consultant's work  
1294 to produce the report, the consultant shall evaluate overall flow control compliance for  
1295 C&D materials in the county system. The evaluation should be accomplished through  
1296 review of available data and reporting information, through anecdotal evidence, and  
1297 through analysis of any policy and enforcement gaps. The division should furnish any  
1298 records or data as requested by the consultant.

1299 B. The flow control analysis and enforcement report shall include, but not be  
1300 limited to:

1301 1. An inventory and descriptions of existing flow control methods applicable to  
1302 C&D materials. The flow control methods shall include, but not be limited to, flow  
1303 control methods used by the federal government, state government, King County, and  
1304 cities participating in the county's regional solid waste system through interlocal  
1305 agreement;

1306 2. A summary of enforcement efforts undertaken by the county related to its  
1307 flow control methods for C&D materials;

1308 3. Findings from the evaluation of flow control compliance for C&D materials;  
1309 and

1310 4. Recommended actions and policies the county could take to improve flow  
1311 control compliance for C&D materials.

1312 The executive should electronically file the flow control analysis and enforcement  
1313 report and a motion required by this proviso by December 15, 2025, with the clerk of the  
1314 council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all

councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its successor.

P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits an organics system mapping and policy report and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the organics system mapping and policy report(~~(, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the organics system mapping and policy report is passed by the council))~~). The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion.

To further the council's understanding, in support of the county's zero waste goal, the organics system mapping and policy report should include information regarding the flow of organic materials in the county's regional solid waste system, identification of regulatory and compliance gaps in the system, and recommended policy and program changes to make further progress toward the zero waste and other solid waste system goals.

The organics system mapping and policy report shall include, but not be limited to:

A. A comprehensive analysis that maps or otherwise depicts or describes the various ways organic materials flow through the county's solid waste system. The analysis shall:

1. Identify the different types of generators of organic materials that exist in the system and the applicable regulations regarding collection and management of organics

for each generator type. This part of the analysis shall include all relevant federal, state, county, and city regulations concerning organics collection and management and take into account the city-by-city differences in collection contracts and city codes. The party responsible for enforcement of each regulation shall also be identified;

2. List all known entities that provide collection or management services for organic materials generated in the county's regional solid waste system. For each entity or type of entity, the report shall also identify all applicable federal, state, county, and city regulations regarding the collection or management of organics, as well as the regulations that pertain to flow control and in support of diversion of organics to other uses besides landfilling. The regulations may include, but are not limited to, source separation of organics, quality assurance standards for organic materials contained in city contracts or city codes, and minimization of contamination. The entities providing collection or management entities may include, but are not limited to, composting facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, haulers, and self-haulers.

3. Identify the party responsible for enforcement of each regulation identified in subsection 2 shall include any known performance data for each entity that illustrates the solid waste system's success at diverting organics from being landfilled, such as the facility's residual rate, which refers to the proportion of materials that is disposed due to contamination or other reasons;

4. Identify any areas in the system where significant leakage of organic materials may be occurring. For the purposes of this proviso, "leakage" refers to organic materials not being managed in accordance with existing applicable regulations either by intention or accident. For example, if a city contract directs all organic materials

collected within its jurisdiction to a designated facility, leakage in this example could be organic materials that are taken to a different facility. That section of the analysis shall also include the potential ways in which the applicable regulatory entities would know or find out about possible instances of leakage;

5. Include an evaluation that identifies potential regulatory and compliance gaps at the federal, state, county, and city levels that are potentially hindering the county's efforts on zero waste. This portion of the analysis shall also include the generator types, or subtypes as appropriate, where significant noncompliance may exist; and

6. Identify where any information requested in subsection A.1. through 5. of this proviso are not available, along with the reason or reasons why it is unavailable;

B. A review of the best practices in the flow control of and management of organic materials as they pertain to zero waste efforts. The review of best practices shall include the consultation of, or review of materials produced by the United States Composting Council, the Washington Organics Recycling Council, at least one organics processor located in King County, and relevant environmental nonprofits with recommendations on source separation policies; and

C. Recommended actions and policies the county could take to improve the flow control of organic materials, the diversion of organics from landfiling, and otherwise make progress towards the county's zero waste goal as relates to organic materials.

The executive should electronically file the organics system mapping and policy report by December 15, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and

1383 the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its  
1384 successor.

1385 SECTION 56. Ordinance 19861, Section 110, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1386 follows:

1387 AIRPORT - From the airport fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1388 Airport \$887,000

1389 SECTION 57. Ordinance 19861, Section 114, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1390 follows:

1391 WASTEWATER TREATMENT - From the water quality operating fund there is  
1392 hereby disappropriated from:

1393 Wastewater treatment (\$1,688,000)

1394 SECTION 58. The council directs that section 57 of this ordinance takes effect  
1395 before section 59 of this ordinance.

1396 SECTION 59. Ordinance 19861, Section 114, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1397 follows:

1398 WASTEWATER TREATMENT - From the water quality operating fund there is  
1399 hereby appropriated to:

1400 Wastewater treatment \$14,540,000

1401 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1402 Of this appropriation, \$1,687,843 shall be expended or encumbered solely for  
1403 water quality improvement activities, programs or projects and only in the amounts and  
1404 for the specific water quality improvement activities, programs or projects located within  
1405 the King County wastewater treatment service area set forth by future ordinance or

1406 ordinances. Of this expenditure restriction amount, \$136,376 shall be reserved for  
1407 administrative costs associated with the program.

1408 SECTION 60. Ordinance 19861, Section 115, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1409 follows:

1410 TRANSIT - From the public transportation operating fund there is hereby  
1411 disappropriated from:

1412 Transit (\$150,000)

1413 SECTION 61. The council directs that section 60 of this ordinance takes effect  
1414 before section 62 of this ordinance.

1415 SECTION 62. Ordinance 19861, Section 115, as amended, is hereby amended as  
1416 follows:

1417 TRANSIT - From the public transportation operating fund there is hereby  
1418 appropriated to:

1419 Transit \$6,067,000

1420 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1421 Of this appropriation, \$500,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to staff,  
1422 operate, and maintain the existing portable public restrooms at the Aurora Village transit  
1423 center and the Burien transit center, including to provide a modified security model that  
1424 is different from and less costly than the current 24/7 dedicated security model.

1425 ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1426 Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to support  
1427 Sound Generations to provide additional Hyde Shuttle services in 2025 for seniors and  
1428 people with disabilities.

1429 P1 PROVIDED THAT:

1430 Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1431 executive provides a briefing to the budget and fiscal management committee or its  
1432 successor on the Metro transit department's 2028-2029 biennium total reserve levels,  
1433 defined as the sum of the individual reserves and designations in the reserves category of  
1434 the public transportation fund, which are expected to be below the level required in the  
1435 fund management policies for the public transportation fund in Ordinance 18321. The  
1436 briefing shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1437 A. Potential impacts to the Metro transit department's operating budget,  
1438 including, but not limited to, transit service, staffing, or operating procedures;

1439 B. Potential actions that could result in increased revenue to support the Metro  
1440 transit department's operating or capital budgets, including, but not limited to, actions to  
1441 increase adult fare ridership, actions to increase transit farebox revenues, or actions to  
1442 increase grant funding or support from partner jurisdictions or partner agencies;

1443 C. Potential impacts to the Metro transit department's infrastructure capital or  
1444 revenue fleet budgets, including, but not limited to, reducing, reprioritizing, modifying,  
1445 or delaying planned capital investments or planned fleet purchases; and

1446 D. Potential requests for additional revenue support for the Metro transit  
1447 department.

1448 The executive should provide the briefing required by this by June 19, 2025.

1449 P2 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1450 Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1451 executive transmits a maximizing climate benefits through transit report.

1452           A. The King County 2020 strategic climate action plan, which was adopted  
1453 through Motion 15866, identifies several strategies to reduce transportation-related  
1454 greenhouse gas emissions, including by increasing use of transit and by reducing  
1455 emissions from county-owned vehicles. Ordinance 19052, which the council passed in  
1456 2020, set the goal that the Metro transit department would transition to a fully zero-  
1457 emission revenue transit fleet by 2035. The Metro transit department was asked to  
1458 identify the potential tradeoffs between expanding service to increase transit ridership  
1459 and investing in the fleet and capital expenditures necessary to transition to a zero-  
1460 emission fleet. That report, which was submitted to the council in late 2020, indicated  
1461 that the tradeoff between service and capital to achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse  
1462 gas emissions would depend on the costs to acquire and operate battery electric buses,  
1463 specifically that, if costs remain steady over time, the additional cost of acquiring and  
1464 operating a zero-emission fleet would be equivalent to providing two hundred thirty-  
1465 seven thousand annual service hours over a nineteen-year period, but, if costs decrease  
1466 with advances in technology, the lifecycle and societal costs of zero-emission and diesel  
1467 hybrid buses would be roughly equivalent over the same nineteen-year period. Since that  
1468 time, the Metro transit department has moved forward with the transition to a zero-  
1469 emission fleet, consistent with the goal adopted through Ordinance 19052, receiving  
1470 appropriation authority of more than \$250,000,000 in the 2023-2024 biennium and  
1471 requesting appropriation authority of nearly \$500,000,000 for 2025 to continue with the  
1472 fleet purchases and bus base development and conversion necessary to achieve a fully  
1473 zero-emission fleet by 2035. In June 2024, the King County auditor published a report  
1474 that noted that the Metro transit department faces significant risks in the transition to a

1475 fully zero-emission fleet, including the loss of domestic bus manufacturers, technology  
1476 limitations, sufficient electricity supply in the future, and lagging battery electric bus  
1477 performance. As the Metro transit department has been working to convert to a zero-  
1478 emission fleet, it has also been working to recover from the pandemic by rebuilding  
1479 operational capacity and recovering ridership. As of August 2024, the Metro transit  
1480 department is operating approximately eighty-seven percent of prepandemic service  
1481 levels for approximately sixty-four percent of prepandemic weekday ridership. The  
1482 combination of the pandemic's impacts on transit service and ridership, as well as the  
1483 technological challenges involved in moving to a zero-emission revenue bus fleet, make  
1484 it imperative to reevaluate the optimal balance between strategies to achieve King  
1485 County's climate goal of reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions  
1486 through the public transportation system.

1487           B. The maximizing climate benefits through transit report required by this  
1488 proviso shall include, but not be limited to:

1489           1. A timeline and anticipated annual costs for the planned fleet purchases, base  
1490 conversions, and other capital investments necessary to achieve a fully zero-emission  
1491 revenue bus fleet;

1492           2. An update covering the years 2025 through 2045 to the cost projections  
1493 developed for the September 30, 2020, Zero-Emission Battery Bus Preliminary  
1494 Implementation Plan, 2020-RPT0142, which compared the cost of a zero-emission fleet  
1495 to continuing the Metro transit department's current fleet practices, and which indicated  
1496 that, in a moderate case that included social benefits, battery-electric buses would be

1497 forty-two percent more expensive than diesel hybrid buses, for a total cost change of  
1498 \$574,000,000 or approximately 237,000 annual service hours over nineteen years; and

1499           3. Information on the Metro transit department's coordination with the King  
1500 County climate office on the development of the 2025 update to the strategic climate  
1501 action plan to update the analysis in that plan about the contributions of transportation to  
1502 greenhouse gas emissions, including the health impacts of greenhouse gas emissions from  
1503 transit compared with increased ridership on transit, as well as the strategies that could be  
1504 implemented to reduce these emissions.

1505           The executive should electronically file the report required by this proviso by  
1506 August 28, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and  
1507 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead  
1508 staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its successor.

1509           P3 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1510           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1511 executive transmits an Access paratransit service update report. The report shall include,  
1512 but not be limited, to:

1513           A. The contractor's compliance with contract terms;

1514           B. Performance metrics and trends for 2024, including, but not limited to:

1515               1. On-time performance;

1516               2. Pickup window, including early pickups, late pickups, and excessively late  
1517 pickups, as defined in the existing Access paratransit service contract with MV  
1518 Transportation;

1519               3. Missed trips;

- 1520 4. Drop-off window, including early drop-offs and late drop-offs;  
1521 5. Onboard time and excessively long trips; and  
1522 6. Will call;  
1523 C. Areas of deficiency or improvement during 2024; and  
1524 D. Potential service improvements or innovations, including information about  
1525 the costs to implement these improvements or innovations.

1526 The executive should electronically file the report required by this proviso August  
1527 31, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an  
1528 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the  
1529 transportation, economy, and environment committee or its successor.

1530 P4 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1531 Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1532 executive transmits a vanpool update report and a motion that should acknowledge  
1533 receipt of the report(~~(, and a motion acknowledging receipt of a report is passed by the~~  
1534 ~~council~~)). The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance,  
1535 ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion. The  
1536 report shall include, but not be limited, to:

- 1537 A. The number of active vanpool groups, including, but not limited to:  
1538 1. The number of vanpool groups that were active at the end of 2024;  
1539 2. Estimates of the number of vanpool groups that will be active at the end of  
1540 2025, 2026, and 2027; and  
1541 3. A description of the marketing and outreach efforts the Metro transit  
1542 department is undertaking to respond to changing commute patterns and to increase

1543 ridership from new markets, including, but not limited to, schools, as well as shift,  
1544 hospitality, and essential worker workforces;

1545 B. The total number of vanpool vehicles owned by the Metro transit department  
1546 as of the end of 2024, including, but not limited to:

- 1547 1. The number and type of vehicles available for service;  
1548 2. The number of vehicles available to serve as loaners for vanpool groups; and  
1549 3. The number of retired or surplus vehicles, or vehicles that are eligible to be  
1550 retired or surplus, that remain in the inventory;

1551 C. A description of the Metro transit department's plans to acquire vehicles for  
1552 the vanpool program, including, but not limited to:

- 1553 1. The number and type of vehicles planned for acquisition during 2025, 2026,  
1554 and 2027;  
1555 2. A comparison of the costs and number of models available for gas vehicles,  
1556 gas-electric hybrid vehicles, and battery-electric vehicles;  
1557 3. The implications of vehicle type for fares, accessibility, and at-home vehicle  
1558 charging needs; and  
1559 4. The potential implications of increasing numbers of battery-electric vehicles  
1560 for the van grant program, established in K.C.C. 4.56.100.E., including, but not limited  
1561 to, how vehicle charging needs might affect the organizations that apply to receive a  
1562 retired vanpool van and how well battery-electric vehicles will be able to meet the needs  
1563 of seniors and people with disabilities; and

1564 D. A description of the actions Metro transit department indicated it was going to  
1565 take in its written responses to the June 2024 report by the King County auditor entitled

1566 Vanpool: Improved Monitoring Could Help Achieve Strategic Goals and Reduce  
1567 Program Risk.

1568         The executive should electronically file the report and a motion required by this  
1569 proviso by August 31, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic  
1570 copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and  
1571 the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its  
1572 successor.

1573         P5 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1574         Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1575 executive transmits an expediting RapidRide report and a motion that should  
1576 acknowledge receipt of the report(~~(, and a motion acknowledging receipt of a report is~~  
1577 ~~passed by the council)~~). The motion should reference the subject matter, the proviso's  
1578 ordinance, ordinance section, and proviso number in both the title and body of the  
1579 motion.

1580         The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1581         A. A summary of the expected timeline for planning, development, and  
1582 implementation of a RapidRide line, including, but not limited to, technical analysis,  
1583 design, community engagement, coordination with partners, permitting, environmental  
1584 review, grant applications, property acquisition, and construction, as well as a summary  
1585 of how that expected timeline compares with the Metro transit department's actual  
1586 experience with RapidRide lines opened or planned for implementation between 2020  
1587 and 2031;

1588           B. A description of the efforts the Metro transit department has taken to respond  
1589 to the recommendations contained in the July 18, 2023, King County auditor's office  
1590 audit entitled Metro Transit: Strengthening Data, Communication, and Continuous  
1591 Improvement Processes Could Help Reduce Project Delays, including how the Metro  
1592 transit department's responses to the audit recommendations could expedite the  
1593 development of planned RapidRide lines;

1594           C. A description of any efforts the Metro transit department has taken to change  
1595 its capital delivery processes based on best practices for capital delivery identified or  
1596 implemented by peer agencies or based on the Metro transit department's past  
1597 experiences with partner jurisdictions and agencies that own and operate the right-of-way  
1598 on which RapidRide lines run; and

1599           D. Any legislation necessary to expedite Metro transit department capital  
1600 delivery processes, including any legislation necessary to expedite the development of  
1601 planned RapidRide lines.

1602           The executive should electronically file the report and a motion required by this  
1603 proviso September 30, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic  
1604 copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and  
1605 the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its  
1606 successor.

1607           P6 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1608           Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1609 executive provides a briefing to the regional transit committee or the transportation,

economy, and environment committee or its successor. The briefing shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. Information about transit safety and security incidents, including, but not limited to:

1. A description of the Metro transit department's current targets for safety and security incidents, including, but not limited to, operator assaults, passenger disturbances, and other safety and security incidents on transit or at transit stops. For context, the Metro transit department's strategic plan dashboard identifies a target of zero for operator assaults, but does not identify a target for passenger disturbances or for other safety and security incidents;

2. A number of safety and security incidents, by category, that occurred during the 2023-2024 biennium, including, but not limited to, operator assaults, passenger disturbances, and other safety and security incidents on transit or at transit stops;

3. A listing of routes, transit stops or centers, or geographic locations, that have experienced the highest numbers of incidents by category and overall; and

4. Information on the reductions in safety and security incidents the Metro transit department seeks to achieve in 2025; and

B. A description of strategies that will be used, including, but not limited to, additional staff or resources that are needed for the Metro transit department to reduce the number of safety and security incidents during 2025 and to meet its safety and security targets, including, but not limited to, a description of how

1633 resources, staff, or contracted security officers will be focused on bus routes,  
1634 transit stops or centers, or geographic locations.

1635 The executive should provide the briefing required by this proviso by April 30,  
1636 2025.

1637 P7 PROVIDED FURTHER THAT:

1638 Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1639 executive transmits a Vashon Island signage and wayfinding report.

1640 A. The Metro transit department's marine division provides water taxi service on  
1641 two routes: between downtown Seattle and West Seattle and between downtown Seattle  
1642 and Vashon Island. Because the water taxi vessels do not accommodate automobiles,  
1643 passengers need convenient mobility options at each end of their water taxi trip. In  
1644 downtown Seattle, there are many mobility options, including multiple transit routes. In  
1645 West Seattle, the Metro transit department operates two dial-a-ride-transit ("DART")  
1646 routes to help passengers travel between the water taxi terminal and key local  
1647 destinations. On Vashon Island, the Metro transit department operates two bus routes  
1648 that serve key destinations on the island and that may also be flagged down anywhere  
1649 along the route where there are no regularly posted stops and it is safe to stop. Transit  
1650 service on Vashon Island to and from the water taxi terminal and key destinations,  
1651 including, but not limited to, Vashon Town Center, Maury Island, the west side of  
1652 Vashon Island, and the south end of Vashon Island, is not as frequent or extensive as the  
1653 transit service provided in West Seattle. It is important that passengers traveling to and  
1654 from the Vashon Island water taxi terminal have convenient mobility options during the  
1655 weekday morning and evening peak commute hours, particularly on Wednesdays,

Thursdays, and Fridays. For the 2026-2027 biennium, the Metro transit department is already committed to community engagement and planning to inform the Seattle/Vashon Island service restructure, as outlined in the Service Recovery Plan approved by Ordinance 19581. That service restructure will include a report sent to the King County council with information about options to add flexible mobility services, including, but not limited to, DART service, Metro Flex service, and additional community van service, and options to align service on existing bus routes 118 and 119 to coordinate with water taxi sailings. Engagement and planning for that report is planned to start in 2025, with the report expected in the 2026-2027 biennium.

B. The Vashon Island signage and wayfinding report required by this proviso shall include, but not be limited to, options to configure destination signage on the buses assigned to these routes to indicate that the routes serve the Vashon Island water taxi terminal and to add signage or other wayfinding materials at the water taxi terminal to direct passengers to the buses.

The executive should electronically file the report required by this proviso by September 30, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the transportation, economy, and environment committee or its successor.

SECTION 63. Ordinance 19861, Section 121, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INTERNAL SERVICE - From the facilities management fund there is hereby disappropriated from:

Facilities management internal service	(\$144,000)
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1680 before section 65 of this ordinance.

1682 follows:

1684 management fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1685	Facilities management internal service	\$144,000
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1686 The maximum number of additional FTEs for facilities management internal service shall

1688 ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1689 Of this appropriation, \$20,000 shall be expended or encumbered solely to provide

1693 ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1694 Of this appropriation, \$93,339 shall be expended or encumbered solely to provide

1697 P1 PROVIDED THAT:

1698 Of this appropriation, \$100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the

1700 The report shall include, but not be limited to, a study of viable civic campus

and associated findings shall be provided on logistical considerations including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Estimated total project cost and identification of potential funding source or sources;

B. Estimated project timeline, both overall timing and by project phase;

C. Proposed project governance and advisory structure;

D. Potential zoning and regulatory considerations for project implementation;

E. Potential impacts and actions to mitigate disruption to government operations during project implementation;

F. Potential impacts and plans to promote public accessibility to government facilities during and after project implementation;

G. Potential neighborhood impacts from project construction and strategies to support impacted neighborhood residents and businesses during project implementation; and

H. Potential uses for surplus or underutilized county-owned property, facilities, or both, after project implementation.

The executive should electronically file the report by December 1, 2025, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the government accountability and oversight committee or its successor.

P2 PROVIDED THAT:

1723           Of this appropriation, \$50,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the  
1724 executive transmits a letter that includes, but is not limited to, the following information  
1725 regarding the implementation of changes to Harborview Medical Center campus parking:

1726           A. Alternatives analysis summary for parking projects on the Harborview  
1727 Medical Center campus that addresses ability to mitigate parking challenges generated by  
1728 construction on the Harborview Medical Center campus and provides for potential future  
1729 growth on campus;

1730           B. Preliminary parking design options for the 9th and Alder property that  
1731 includes one parking garage above grade and parking garage one below grade that are  
1732 consistent with Yesler Terrace development regulation requirements;

1733           C. Initial estimated cost for a limited number of parking stalls below planned new  
1734 medical tower based on a Harborview-Medical-Center-provided number of needed  
1735 parking stalls;

1736           D. Initial feasibility assessment for connecting new tower to view park II garage  
1737 and estimated cost;

1738           E. Documentation of efforts to permanently reduce staff parking demand,  
1739 including subsidized public transit options; and

1740           F. A calendar with milestones outlining the different phases of parking through  
1741 construction.

1742           The executive shall electronically file the letter by September 25, 2025, with the  
1743 clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to  
1744 all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead council staff analysts for  
1745 Harborview.

1748 KING COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES - From the  
1749 department of information technology operating fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1751            SECTION 67. Ordinance 19861, Section 130, as amended, is hereby amended to  
1752    read as follows:

1757	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>2025</b>
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1759 3230 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

1761	3280	GENERAL FUND TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL	\$774,207
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1763	3421	MAJOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE	(\$128,599)
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1765	IMPROVEMENT	\$650,000
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1767	3611	WATER QUALITY CONSTRUCTION	\$40,135,961
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1768	3642	TRANSIT REVENUE FLEET CAPITAL	\$20,169,782
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1769	3781	DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL	\$752,665
1770	3855	COUNTY ROAD MAJOR MAINTENANCE	\$0
1771	3865	COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$1,250,000
1772	3901	SOLID WASTE CONSTRUCTION	\$93,330,333
1773	3910	LANDFILL RESERVE	\$91,053,395
1774	3951	BUILDING REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT	\$4,233,876
1775		TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	\$253,447,701

1776           ER1 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1777           Of the appropriation to the parks capital fund 3581, \$75,000 shall be expended or  
 1778   encumbered solely for a study on connecting the interurban trail at the border of King  
 1779   County and Snohomish County.

1780           ER2 EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION:

1781           Of this appropriation to the solid waste construction fund, no moneys may be  
 1782   expended or encumbered for capital projects 1150271, SW RNG Processing Facility  
 1783   Acquisition, and 1150272, Solid Waste Division RNG Facility Major Asset Rehab, until  
 1784   Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0176), which authorizes the executive to  
 1785   enter into an agreement with respect to the purchase of the landfill gas processing plant  
 1786   located at the Cedar Hills regional landfill, takes effect.

1787           SECTION 68. Attachment A to this ordinance hereby amends Attachment A to  
 1788   Ordinance 19861, as amended, by adding thereto and inserting therein the projects listed  
 1789   in Attachment A to this ordinance.

1790           NEW SECTION. SECTION 69. There is hereby added to Ordinance 19861 a  
 1791   new section to read as follows:

1792            GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO KING COUNTY INFORMATION

1793    TECHNOLOGY - From the general fund there is hereby appropriated to:

1794            General fund transfer to King County information technology        \$590,000

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. 2025 Capital Improvement Program, dated July 9, 2025

Attachment A: 2025 Capital Improvement Program 7/9/2025

2025 Omnibus - Executive Proposed

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
3151 CONSERVATION FUTURES SUBFUND										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1134923	Conservation Futures 2020 Bond PROGRAMMATIC			\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1
1136838	Seattle - Bitter Lake Urban Village Park (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			(\$350,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$350,000)
1138968	Non Profit - Forterra Kenmore Arrowhead STANDALONE			(\$738,972)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$738,972)
1138972	Seattle - East Duwamish Greenbelt Brick Pits (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
1138974	Seattle - Lakeridge Park Addition STANDALONE			(\$275,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$275,000)
1138976	King County - Eastrail Woodinville STANDALONE			(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,000)
1138977	King County - Hollywood Hills STANDALONE			(\$400,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$400,000)
1139013	Conservation Futures 2022 Bond PROGRAMMATIC			\$0	\$0	(\$2)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2)
1141757	Conservation Futures 2023 Bond PROGRAMMATIC			\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1
1143299	King County - Vashon Park District STANDALONE			(\$1,457)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,457)
1143684	Non Profit - GROW Ching Community Gardens (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			(\$19,169)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$19,169)
1143799	Conservation Futures Parent 2024 Bond PROGRAMMATIC			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1145669	Bellevue - Bellevue Cougar Mountain Connections 25 STANDALONE			\$737,411	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$737,411
1145683	Covington - Jenkins Creek Open Space 25 STANDALONE			\$335,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$335,000

# Attachment A: 2025 Capital Improvement Program 7/9/2025

## 2025 Omnibus - Executive Proposed

1145684	Duvall - Big Rock Park Expansion 25 STANDALONE			\$476,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$476,400
1145697	Shoreline - West Echo Lake (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			(\$52,064)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$52,064)
1145704	King County - Griffin Creek Natural Area 25 STANDALONE			\$79,328	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,328
1145732	King County - North Highline Urban Greenspace - Seola Pond (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			(\$380,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$380,000)
1145734	King County - Frog Holler Forest Additions 25 STANDALONE			\$85,321	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,321
1147973	Auburn - Downtown Auburn Open Space Acquisition 25 (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000
1147976	Covington - Covington Community Park Expansion 25 STANDALONE			(\$99,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$99,000)
1147980	Seattle - Beacon Hill / Mount Baker Urban Villages 25 (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
1147981	Seattle - Westwood- Highland Park Gap Acquisition 25 (Match Waiver)			\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
1147991	Non Profit - Watershed Community Development Bend Live/Work 25 (Match Waiver)			\$830,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$830,000
1148040	Non Profit - Watershed Community Develop Bend Live/Work SSC (Match Waiver)			\$215,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,000
1149055	Duvall - Big Rock Park Expansion SSC STANDALONE			\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
1149056	Non Profit - Forterra Rockdale 25 STANDALONE			\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
1149057	Non Profit - GROW Ching Community Gardens SSC (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			\$21,732	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,732
1149058	Seattle - Longfellow Creek SSC STANDALONE			\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

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2025 Omnibus - Executive Proposed

1149059	Seattle - Beacon Hill 17th/Walker SSC (Match Waiver) STANDALONE			\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
1149060	King County/Seattle North Highline Seola Pond 25 match waiver STANDALONE			\$380,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$380,000
1149110	King County - North Green River 25 STANDALONE			\$828,470	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$828,470
3151 - CONSERVATION FUTURES SUBFUND		Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3230 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1143842	Access and Outreach Database STANDALONE		✓	\$370,581	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$370,581
3230 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		Total		\$370,581	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$370,581

3280 GENERAL TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1150119	KCSO CJIS Network Upgrade		✓	\$774,207	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$774,207
3280 - GENERAL TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL		Total		\$774,207	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$774,207

3292 SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION SUBFUND

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1129385	Water Quality Program PROGRAMMATIC			(\$300,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$300,000)
1129388	Stormwater Asset Preservation Program PROGRAMMATIC			(\$400,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$400,000)
1129498	Water Quality May Creek Tributary 291A Cemetery STANDALONE			\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700,000
3292 - SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT		Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3421 MAJOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE SUBFUND

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1129784	KCSO Precinct 4 Electrical System Maintenance STANDALONE			(\$208,429)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$208,429)
1132356	DES FMD MMRF EARLINGTON BUILDING MEZZANINE FLOOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS			(\$9,433)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9,433)

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2025 Omnibus - Executive Proposed

1137228	<b>Earlington Building Security System</b> STANDALONE			(\$13,554)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$13,554)
1139498	<b>KCSO Precinct 3 HVAC Repairs</b> STANDALONE			(\$266,555)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$266,555)
1139505	<b>KCSO 4 Standby Power Generation</b> STANDALONE			(\$234,342)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$234,342)
1140014	<b>4th and Jefferson Building Sewer Line Repair</b> STANDALONE			(\$269,177)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$269,177)
1147794	<b>KCCF Bunk Modification (2nd &amp; 3rd floors)</b> STANDALONE			\$275,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$275,000
1150076	<b>DES FMD MRJC TOP DECK RECOATING</b> STANDALONE			\$597,891	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$597,891
<b>3421 - MAJOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>(\$128,599)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$128,599)</b>

3473 RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1115922	<b>KCIT Subscriber Radios Replacement</b> STANDALONE			\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000
<b>3473 - RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>

3581 PARKS CAPITAL

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1044600	<b>East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST)</b> PROGRAMMATIC			(\$1,200,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,200,000)
1120085	<b>Green to Cedar River Trail</b> PROGRAMMATIC			\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
1121451	<b>Parks Griffin Creek Natural Area Acquisition</b> STANDALONE			\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
1123927	<b>Snoqualmie Valley Trail at Mill Site Acquisition</b> STANDALONE			(\$50,605)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,605)
1136778	<b>Green River Newaukum Creek Preservation</b> STANDALONE			\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
1139080	<b>Wayne Golf Course Trail Connector Improvements</b> STANDALONE			\$855,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$855,500

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1139152	Calhoun Pit Acquisition STANDALONE			(\$149,870)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$149,870)
1139158	Eastrail Woodinville Bottleneck STANDALONE			(\$49,805)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$49,805)
1139159	Parks Hollywood Hills Forest and Pasture Acquisition STANDALONE			(\$377,320)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$377,320)
1139166	Frog Holler Forest Addition STANDALONE			\$425,403	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$425,403
1139168	PKS VASHON PRK DISTRICT SURPLS STANDALONE			(\$410)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$410)
1145903	Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions STANDALONE			(\$447,393)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$447,393)
3581 - PARKS CAPITAL		Total		\$855,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$855,500

3611 WATER QUALITY CONSTRUCTION

Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1113189	Process Replacement/Improvement PROGRAMMATIC			\$3,004,000	\$10,100,000	\$10,200,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,650,000	\$10,970,000	\$55,224,000
1113196	Mechanical Upgrade & Replacement PROGRAMMATIC			\$8,115,000	\$15,500,000	\$16,100,000	\$16,500,000	\$16,800,000	\$17,300,000	\$90,315,000
1113247	Pipeline Replacement PROGRAMMATIC			\$2,510,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,400,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,100,000	\$6,400,000	\$35,910,000
1129528	Small Generator Replacement at Various Offsite Stations PROGRAMMATIC			\$5,621,000	\$6,278,000	\$0	\$1,000,517	\$0	\$0	\$12,899,517
1134301	PIMS Replacement STANDALONE		✓	\$278,565	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$278,565
1139038	Medina PS MCC & Generator Replacement STANDALONE			\$1,023,775	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,023,775
1139064	South Plant Raw Sewage Pump #3 Replacement STANDALONE			\$5,221,000	\$5,109,465	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,330,465
1143860	Mouth of the Duwamish Facility Plan STANDALONE			\$13,363,521	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,363,521

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1148147	Chinook Research Vessel Replacement STANDALONE			\$999,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$999,100
3611 - WATER QUALITY CONSTRUCTION		Total		\$40,135,961	\$43,487,465	\$32,700,000	\$34,800,517	\$34,550,000	\$34,670,000	\$220,343,943
3642 TRANSIT REVENUE FLEET CAPITAL										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1150044	Operator Safety Partitions STANDALONE			\$20,169,782	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,169,782
3642 - TRANSIT REVENUE FLEET CAPITAL		Total		\$20,169,782	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,169,782
3781 ITS CAPITAL										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1047605	KCIT Infrastructure Equipment Replacement STANDALONE			\$752,665	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,665
3781 - ITS CAPITAL		Total		\$752,665	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,665
3855 COUNTY ROAD MAJOR MAINTENANCE										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1129585	Countywide Roadway Preservation Program PROGRAMMATIC			(\$650,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$650,000)
1139811	SE 384th Street and 172nd Avenue SE - Drainage Improvement Culvert STANDALONE			\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000
3855 - COUNTY ROAD MAJOR MAINTENANCE		Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3865 KING COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1148401	RSD CWP ROADS FACILITIES AND EV INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM RSD CWP ROADS FACILITIES			\$1,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000
3865 - KING COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION		Total		\$1,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000
3901 SOLID WASTE CONSTRUCTION										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1138568	Transfer Station Major Asset Rehabilitation PROGRAMMATIC			\$13,330,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,330,333
1150271	RNG Processing Facility Acquisition STANDALONE			\$70,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000,000
1150272	RNG Facility Major Asset			\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

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	Rehab									
	SWD RNG FACILITY ASSET REHAB									
3901 - SOLID WASTE CONSTRUCTION		Total		\$93,330,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,330,333
3910 LANDFILL RESERVE										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1129848	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Area 5 Top Deck Development and Closure STANDALONE			(\$11,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$11,000,000)
1138567	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Major Asset Rehabilitation PROGRAMMATIC			\$8,758,789	\$0	\$0	\$1,153,918	\$0	\$0	\$9,912,707
1143774	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Header Replacement STANDALONE			\$6,346,687	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,346,687
1144290	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Area 6 Top Deck STANDALONE			(\$11,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$11,000,000)
1150063	Solid Waste Division Cedar Hills Area 5/6 Top Deck Development STANDALONE			\$43,234,348	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,234,348
1150064	Solid Waste Division Cedar Hills Area 5/6 Top Deck Closure STANDALONE			\$54,713,571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,713,571
3910 - LANDFILL RESERVE		Total		\$91,053,395	\$0	\$0	\$1,153,918	\$0	\$0	\$92,207,313
3951 BUILDING REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT SUBFUND										
Project Number	Project Name Class Code	Tech Adj	IT Proj	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total 6-Year Budget
1139525	Downtown Public Health Buprenorphine Program STANDALONE			(\$181,492)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$181,492)
1150088	DES FMD SODO HUB SECURITY CAMERA UPGRADE STANDALONE			\$15,368	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,368
1150089	DES FMD DAJD DAS UPGRADE-PHASE 1 STANDALONE			\$4,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,400,000
3951 - BUILDING REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT		Total		\$4,233,876	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,233,876
Grand Total				\$253,447,701	\$43,487,465	\$32,700,000	\$35,954,435	\$34,550,000	\$34,670,000	\$434,809,601



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

## REVISED STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	5	<b>Name:</b>	Legislative Analyst Team (April Sanders)
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0159	<b>Date:</b>	July 9, 2025

## COMMITTEE ACTION

***Proposed Substitute Ordinance 2025-0159.2, which would make net supplemental appropriations to General Fund agencies, non-General Fund agencies, and capital fund budgets as part of the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus, passed out of committee on July 9, 2025, with a “Do Pass” recommendation.***

***The Proposed Ordinance was amended in committee with Striking Amendment S1, described at the end of this staff report, as well as the following line amendments:***

***Amendment 1: To restrict \$50,000 in the Council Admin budget for the Council chief of staff to procure a consultant to produce a report that evaluates the council's internal policies and procedures regarding the council's use of public facilities, any county resources, and council staff during election years, and how the council can improve its policies and procedures to align with nationwide ethical and operational best practices regarding the use of public facilities.***

***Amendment 2: To proviso \$50,000 from the Sheriff's Office until the Executive transmits a letter detailing the scope, work plan, and budget necessary to study and determine the appropriate staffing model for the KCSO that meets the needs of unincorporate residents and regional partners.***

***Amendment 3: To add and restrict \$282,000 for the Cedar River Clinic.***

***Amendment 4: To correct two drafting errors.***

***Amendment 5: To allocate District 6 councilmanic Get Active, Stay Active grants.***

***Amendment 6: To increase the General Fund appropriation to the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project appropriation from \$75,000 to \$175,000 and expand the purpose from civil legal aid for asylum seekers to also provide application fee assistance to asylum seekers.***

***Amendment 8: To remove the proviso on the Solid Waste Division requiring the Executive to transmit a code change ordinance allowing residents to use the Shoreline and Bow Lake recycling and transfer stations, with an accompanying implementation plan.***

***Additionally, Title Amendment T2 was adopted, which comported the title to the***

<b><i>changes made in Striking Amendment S1, as amended.</i></b>
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## **SUBJECT**

An ordinance making net supplemental appropriations to General Fund agencies, non-General Fund agencies, and capital fund budgets as part of the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus.

## **SUMMARY**

The proposed ordinance (referred to as the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus, 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus, or Proposed Ordinance 2025-0159) would make a net supplemental appropriation of \$416.8 million of which \$92.8 million would be supported by the General Fund. This would support a net increase of 18.0 FTEs and 1.0 TLTs. Table 1 below shows the 2025 Adopted Budget, and the additions proposed in this ordinance. If approved, the additions in the proposed ordinance would increase the total 2025 biennial revised budget to approximately \$416.8 million, a 4.1% increase to the adopted annual budget.

**Table 1. Adopted vs. Proposed**

<b>Major Fund</b>	<b>2025 Adopted Budget<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus as Proposed</b>
General Fund	\$1,285 mil	\$103.2 mil
Non-General Fund	\$7,000 mil	\$140.2 mil
Capital Improvement Program	\$1,944 mil	\$173.4 mil
	<b>\$10,229 mil</b>	<b>\$416.8 mil</b>

The Executive's proposal includes mostly technical adjustments, reappropriations from the 2023-2024 biennium and prior biennia, and some new requests. Proposals of note include the following:

- *King County Metro*: \$26.1million in safety and security improvements for Metro operators and passengers.
- *Criminal Justice/Legal System*: \$25.9 million in adds to maintain current levels of service in criminal justice and legal system agencies, including the King County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Defense, the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and Jail Health Services.
- *Vacancy Rate Contra Adjustments*: Lower or eliminate the vacancy rate contra (assumed salary savings) in the Department of Public Defense, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and the King County Sheriff's Office, requiring

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<sup>1</sup> Ordinance 19861 [King County - File #: 2024-0299](#)

additional General Fund appropriation authority. These agencies, due to recruitment and hiring efforts, have fewer vacancies and therefore reduced salary savings.

Updates from the June 11 staff report are in blue.

## **ANALYSIS**

**General Fund.** The 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus would appropriate an additional \$103.2 million to support General Fund agencies. This includes \$103.3 million in additions to General Fund agencies, a net increase in revenue of \$10.4 million, and \$143,000 in General Fund reductions. The proposed General Fund increases, offset by revenue increases and General Fund reductions, results in a net increase to the General Fund of \$92.8 million.

*Ending Undesignated Fund Balance.* Executive staff provided an updated General Fund Financial Plan, included as Attachment 5 to this staff report, which shows an estimated *Ending Undesignated Fund Balance* for the 2025 budget of \$66.8 million, which is consistent with the 2025 adopted budget. The County's Comprehensive Financial Management Policies (CFMP) suggest a 6% to 8% reserve policy target.

*Rainy Day Reserve.* As per the CFMP, the *Rainy Day Reserve* is designed to offset unknown and known risks, variable costs, and unanticipated revenue fluctuations and should be equal to 30-60 days of expenditures. The *Rainy Day Reserve Fund* can only be used in the event of an emergency declared by the Council. The 2025 adopted annual budget shows the *Rainy Day Reserve* at \$27 million, which remains consistent in the updated General Fund Financial Plan.

**Proposed Appropriations Details.** The following sections provide analysis on the supplemental appropriations as proposed in the transmitted ordinance. The analysis begins with the General Fund appropriation units, followed by appropriation units aligned to non-General Funds, and lastly the Capital Improvement Program funds. Each item within an appropriation unit includes a description of the proposed change. If relevant, subheadings will show how much of the proposed appropriation is revenue-backed and whether the appropriation is one-time or ongoing.

The description of changes within each appropriation unit will be grouped by the following decision types:

1. New Policy: Appropriation request that would require new policy direction from Council;

2. Reappropriation: Appropriation request of funds that were already approved for a previous biennial budget but that have not been spent, have lapsed, and would require Council approval for use in 2025; and
3. Technical: Appropriation requests that make technical accounting changes necessary to carry out policy direction approved during the 2025 adopted annual budget or correct any other technical errors.

**UPDATE:** Below are responses to questions raised by Councilmembers that were not specific to individual appropriations.

Question 1: What is the precise percentage of ending Undesignated Fund Balance?

PSB states that the ending Undesignated Fund Balance is at exactly 8%, with the changes in the proposed ordinance. Since the General Fund Financial Plan indicates that that that Ending Undesignated Fund Balance is \$16.7 million above the 6% minimum, each 0.1% constitutes approximately \$835,000 of spending. (Note, the 2025 Annual Budget was adopted with an ending Undesignated Fund Balance between 7.7 and 7.8%).

Question 2: What was the Executive's methodology for determining what needed to be in this omnibus versus what could wait until the biennial budget? Are they all urgent/needing funding in 2025?

Executive staff state that the omnibus only includes items that PSB determined could not wait for 2026-2027. Proposed items, especially in the General Fund, are only being requested if there is a risk of going over current appropriation authority.

PSB further indicates that a one-year budget leaves less time for agencies to adjust and manage higher costs than a biennial budget. Further, changes have occurred since the 2025 budget was proposed, especially related to hiring rates and associated reductions in previously estimated salary savings, along with new revenue sources from the State Legislature.

Question 3: Of the \$103.2 million in additional appropriations to General Fund agencies, can you provide a breakdown of how much is revenue-backed and how much is new policy versus reappropriations and technical changes? Similarly, how much is one-time funding versus ongoing?

Table A below provides a breakdown of new policy versus reappropriations/technical changes. Of the \$103.2 million in additions to General Fund agencies, \$32.1 million is categorized as new policy.

**Table A. Breakdown of GF New Policy vs Reappropriations/Technical Changes**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
Reappropriations/technical changes	\$71.1 million
New Policy	\$32.1 million
<b>Total GF Appropriation</b>	<b>\$103.2 million</b>
Revenue-backed spending external to King County (I.E. grants, state, and federal dollars, contract cities)	\$9.0 million
Revenue-backed spending using Fund Balance from dedicated funding sources (MIDD, Transit)	\$1.4 million
<b>Total Net Increase to the GF</b>	<b>\$92.8 million</b>

Table B below provides a breakdown of ongoing versus one-time adds. Note that units in blue are General Fund agencies and units in green are non-General Fund agencies. Within General Fund agencies, ongoing adds in KCSO are largely revenue-backed, while ongoing adds Jail Health Services, Public Defense, and Adult and Juvenile Detention are not.

**Table B. Breakdown of GF Ongoing versus One-Time General Fund Additions**

<b>Appropriation Unit</b>	<b>One-Time Adds (New Policy Only, rounded)</b>	<b>Ongoing Adds (New Policy Only, rounded)</b>
Office of Climate	\$151,000	
Sheriff's Office	\$750,000	\$11,643,000
Judicial Admin	\$105,000	
Internal Support	\$3,100,000	
Jail Health Services		\$1,544,000
Adult and Juvenile Detention	\$150,000	\$7,911,000
Public Defense	\$4,370,000	\$1,320,000
Public Health	\$4,307,000	\$5,878,000
Environmental Health	\$152,000	
Employment Education Resources	\$450,000	
Airport	\$867,000	
Wastewater Treatment	\$1,000,000	
Transit		\$5,866,000
KCIT Services	\$590,000	

Question 4: What is the Executive's contingency plan given the volatility around federal funding?

Executive staff state that while the County cannot predict what actions the federal administration may take next in terms of grant funding, PSB continues to monitor federal funds and changes from the administration. In cases to date where funding has been jeopardized, program staff have collaborated with agency and Executive leadership to plan next steps.

Question 5: Were there any methodology adjustments for how this omnibus was developed versus prior omnibus budgets?

In developing omnibus budgets, agencies are asked to limit proposals to reappropriations of unspent moneys, higher expenditures in operating or capital budgets than anticipated during annual budget development, technical corrections, or revenue-backed changes. There were no methodology adjustments for this omnibus.

However, Executive staff indicate that a few factors make this omnibus unique:

1. Most budget cycles have three or four omnibus budgets over a two-year period. Since 2025 is a single year budget, we could have as few as this one. That means this omnibus includes technical corrections, reappropriations, a couple of

policy adjustments, and expenditure requests to avoid overspending budgets. In a two-year budget cycle, PSB and agencies would work together to monitor monthly expenditure levels and identify strategies to manage budgets over a two-year period. If necessary, changes would be proposed in the third omnibus in the middle of the second year of the biennium. That is not an option for 2025.

2. The year-end 2025 fund balance is higher than anticipated, most of which is due to allocations proposed for reappropriation in the omnibus.
3. Some conditions have changed since last year, particularly hiring trends. High vacancy rates during the pandemic have come down, but a reliance on overtime in certain appropriation units is still present due to the amount of time it takes to deploy personnel.
4. The state legislature authorized the implementation of a 0.1% sales tax for criminal justice purposes during the development of the proposed omnibus, which provides sufficient revenue to avoid further General Fund cuts in the next budget cycle.

Response 6: Councilmembers asked various questions around using underspend and salary savings to balance appropriation units instead of increasing non-staff expenses or requesting the full amount required (e.g., for contracted nursing staff, food budgets in the jails). Council staff asked PSB to comment.

Executive staff state that since expenditure authority is approved at the appropriation unit level, it allows flexibility for agencies to administer their funding in a way that best meets their needs during a budget period, as long as it still aligns with Council intent and any adopted expenditure restrictions. In any given budget, this may mean that some areas of an agency's budget that were less expensive than usual (such as salaries) may be used to offset areas of the budget that were more expensive than expected (such as supplies).

This flexibility was leveraged heavily during the pandemic, as vacancy rates soared. Rather than increasing vacancy contras as much as we might have and using the savings to increase budgets for other costs, PSB left many things alone and focused on the total budgets.

<b>GENERAL FUND<sup>2</sup></b>
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<b>\$103.2 million</b>
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### Summary

The total supplemental appropriation to the General Fund would be \$103.2 million. This includes \$103.3 million in additions to General Fund agencies, a net increase in

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<sup>2</sup> The County's General Fund supports the traditional functions of a county government, much of which are required by State law. A significant portion of General Fund expenditures are supported by revenue from other governments or from other County funds. Approximately three-quarters of current total net General Fund appropriations are accounted for by public safety and criminal justice services.

revenue of \$10.4 million, and \$143,000 in General Fund reductions. The proposed General Fund appropriations, offset by revenue increases and General Fund reductions, results in a net increase to the General Fund of \$92.8 million.

### **General Fund Update**

Based on the updated General Fund Financial Plan, dated May 15, 2025, (Attachment 5 to this staff report), the agency estimates an *Ending Fund Balance* of \$200 million. The plan also estimates *Risk Reserves*<sup>3</sup> at \$118.3 million, a \$96.6 million increase from the projections in the adopted 2025 Annual Budget.

As mentioned above, the plan provides an *Ending Undesignated Fund Balance*<sup>4</sup> of \$66.8 million for the 2025 current budget, which is over the 6% minimum reserve policy by \$16.7 million. The County's Comprehensive Financial Management Policies suggest a 6% to 8% target. The *Rainy Day Reserve Fund*, at \$27 million, can only be used in the event of an emergency declared by the Council.

When asked what led to the \$96.6 million increase in Risk Reserves between the 2025 Adopted Budget and the current budget, Executive staff indicated that risk reserve is used for two purposes: (1) to set aside General Fund balance for specific known risks, and (2) to manage timing differences between revenues and spending across the budget period. In this case, the increase is primarily the latter. Executive staff state that there were a few large revenue deposits into the General Fund at the end of 2024 that were not yet known when the 2025 Annual Budget was adopted, and a few large expenses not completed prior to the end of 2024.

Council staff also requested an update on the health of the General Fund. Executive staff state that the General Fund is estimated to end the 2025 budget period with a fund balance meeting the 8% undesignated fund balance target. However, a structural deficit still exists between the growth in expenditures and revenues, resulting in a projected deficit of \$177.5 million<sup>5</sup> at the end of the 2026-2027 biennium.

Executive staff state that this projected deficit is estimated to be eliminated through two sales tax changes passed by the State Legislature in the 2025 Legislative Session.

- SB 5814, which expands the sales tax base to include services which did not previously collect sales tax; and
- ESHB 2015, which provides Counties the authority to implement a 0.1% sales tax for criminal justice purposes.

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<sup>3</sup> The Risk Reserve, as noted in the General Fund financial plan, sets aside fund balance to mitigate known and unknown risks.

<sup>4</sup> For comparative context, Ending Fund Balance reflects Beginning Fund Balance and revenues less expenditures and other fund transactions, and is not the same as Ending Undesignated Fund Balance, which additionally accounts for reserves.

<sup>5</sup> Note, this is an increase from the estimate of \$150 million deficit in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024, due to an increase in expenditure estimates in 2025.

**NEW POLICY**

**Harborview Budget Analyst TLT Conversion [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would convert a TLT to 1.0 FTE for a Harborview budget analyst that would be charged to the Harborview 2020 Prop 1 Bond Fund (F3750). In March 2025, a TLT budget analyst was hired to staff Harborview. Executive staff state that “it is anticipated that the County Hospital portfolio will need continuing budget and fiscal support as the Bond and Hospital Levy funds will continue on a long-term basis.” This decision package would make this position permanent and pay for it with 2020 Prop 1 Bond dollars. The estimated cost for this position in 2026 is \$211,000 including salary and benefits.

**Office of Climate****\$466,010****NEW POLICY**

**Grant Funding [\$150,585, revenue-backed].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$151,000 in grant funding for externally funded programs, including Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER), King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), and the Green Jobs External Partnership. These moneys will be received and are expected to be spent in 2025.

As background, C-PACER provides lower-interest loans for projects that lower utility bills and save money on energy costs; K4C is a partnership of local governments working to accelerate climate action; and the Green Jobs Partnership helps connect graduates of local skilled trades pre-apprenticeship programs to local contractors for paid internships.

**REAPPROPRIATION**

**2024 Grant Appropriations [\$315,425].** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$315,000 in 2024 grant revenue and expenditure authority for programs including C-PACER, K4C, Green Jobs Partnership, Switch is On, and the Coalition for Climate Careers. The first three programs are described in the decision package above. Switch is On provides incentives and tax credits for heat pumps and other appliances and the Coalition for Climate Careers connects frontline communities to living wage employment opportunities in the climate career spectrum.

Programs are expected to fully expend remaining 2024 grant moneys in 2025.

**King County Sheriff's Office****\$13,517,398, 10.0 FTEs**

**UPDATE:** In response to a question regarding service reductions in the unincorporated area of King County, Executive staff provided the following response:

#### Factors Causing Service Reduction:

KCSO's early budget projections for 2025 indicated a large deficit in appropriation authority. With most of its expenditures controlled by contracts, salary and benefits, or pass-through central rates, KCSO had very few options to reduce expenditures. As a result, reducing service in non-contract cost centers was one of the only viable options to achieve material cost savings.

The service reduction was primarily an issue of insufficient appropriation rather than an issue with available deputies. There were multiple factors that led to the underbudgeting in 2025. Most significant was the large increases in unbudgeted contract agency overtime. Non-deployable officers can limit the availability of sufficient staff to fill overtime assignments, but KCSO still has enough officers who can work the overtime required for these patrol posts.

There is also an inherent lack of flexibility when operating on annual budget versus a biennial budget.

#### Steps to Prevent Future Service Reductions:

KCSO is taking many steps to both track 2025 expenditures closely and develop the 2026-2027 budget proposal. In addition to bi-weekly meetings between KCSO and PSB to review budget to actual projections, KCSO is carefully evaluating all expenditures, particularly any discretionary or new purchases. KCSO is limiting expenses to what is necessary by law, policy, labor agreement, or operational requirements. For the 2026-2027 budget, KCSO and PSB intend to consider appropriate adjustments to mandatory non-labor budgets and adjusting the vacancy factor to account for recent labor expenditure trends.

#### **NEW POLICY**

##### ***Additional Overtime for Contract Partners [\$8,000,000, revenue-backed, ongoing].***

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$8,000,000 in fully revenue-backed funding to support additional overtime for local jurisdictions contracting with KCSO for law enforcement services. According to the Executive, this funding is necessary for KCSO to fulfill its contractual obligations and prevent service reductions.

**UPDATE:** In response to questions around KCSO's use of overtime, Executive staff provided the following responses:

#### Contract Overtime Cost versus Full FTE Cost:

Covering a vacant contract position with overtime has a slightly lower cost than funding a fully loaded FTE. While overtime pay is higher than a base salary, overtime does not cover additional costs like benefits, vacation/sick leave, etc. that are included in the cost of a full FTE. Contract jurisdictions pay the total cost of a fully loaded FTE for all approved vacant positions therefore the contracts provide sufficient revenue to cover staffing of vacant positions utilizing overtime pay.

Overtime Impact on the General Fund:

With contract partners providing sufficient revenue, there isn't a negative impact to the General Fund when KCSO covers a contract vacancy with overtime.

Prolonged mandatory overtime does have a cost in staff morale, but using overtime to cover vacant contract positions does not negatively impact the budget.

\$8M Contract Overtime Appropriation Request:

Towards the end of 2024 (after the 2025 Annual Budget had been adopted and as 2024 actuals became clearer), KCSO and PSB realized that the Sheriff's 2025 total appropriation would not cover 2025's estimated costs, particularly the contract cities overtime cost centers.

To determine how much was underbudgeted, PSB began meeting every two weeks with KCSO finance staff to go over budget monitoring worksheets, emergent or unplanned costs, overtime usage by unit, and other primary factors related to managing the budget. KCSO implemented a new budget monitoring tool at the Division level that is updated on the same bi-weekly cadence and allows Division Chiefs and managers to review expenditures, compare budget to actuals, and update planned expenditures for 2025. These efforts revealed KCSO required an additional \$8 million fully revenue backed appropriation to match the revised overtime cost estimates for 2025.

Operating under an annual budget versus a biennial budget also played a role in making the supplemental appropriation request necessary. In 2023, KCSO significantly underspent their projected budget, primarily due to vacancy related salary savings, but in 2024 they overspent their projected expenses. The biennial budget allowed flexibility to cover unanticipated costs in 2024 with 2023's surplus and still be balanced at the end of the biennium. Such flexibility was not available in the annual 2025 budget.

***Vacancy Rate Contra [\$2,000,000, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2 million to reduce the assumed salary savings KCSO anticipated from vacancies in 2025. With the high number of vacancies experienced over the last several years, KCSO has used salary savings to cover overtime and other non-labor account<sup>6</sup> expenditures above budgeted levels. According to the Executive, the vacancy averages for 2025 are substantially lower than the averages used to calculate the assumed savings included in the 2025 Annual Budget.<sup>7</sup> As a result, current projections show that overtime and non-labor account expenditures will exceed salary savings, and the additional funding is necessary to cover those costs. The Executive stated further that the additional funding will likely prevent further reductions in service, which would otherwise be necessary.

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<sup>6</sup> According to KCSO, "non-labor accounts" are supply and service accounts including items such as uniforms, computers, tasers, ammunition, software licenses, training, and other necessary law enforcement equipment that ensures officers can properly conduct their work.

<sup>7</sup> Ordinance 19681

**UPDATE:** Executive staff provided the following responses to questions raised regarding KCSO's vacancy rate contra:

*KCSO's Vacancy Rate Contra and How Contras are Determined:*

Vacancy rate contras are calculated as a percentage of the total wage and benefits budget within each appropriation unit, rather than based on a specific number of assumed vacant positions. This approach is taken because total vacant positions fluctuate throughout a budget period based on the balance between attrition and new hiring.

The vacancy rate contras are calculated by averaging the percentage underspend in wages and benefits over the past five fiscal years and applying it to the estimated personnel budgets. To prevent extreme variations, the percentage is bound by a floor of 0.5% and a ceiling of 1.5%. Sometimes adjustments are made to vacancy contras based on updated operational information.

KCSO's vacancy rate contra was set at the ceiling of 1.5% for both 2023-2024 and 2025.

*KCSO's Current Commissioned Vacancies Comparison to 2025 Annual Budget:*

During 2025 annual budget deliberations, KCSO had 67 vacant positions (down from a peak of around 120 in 2022). However, KCSO was only able to deploy 649 out of 793 budgeted positions, because in addition to the 67 vacancies there were 77 commissioned FTEs that were non-deployable due to them being in training or for other reasons.

Currently, KCSO has 82 commissioned vacancies and 68 commissioned staff in non-deployable status (41 in training, 27 in other non-deployable status). This means that KCSO is only able to deploy 644 commissioned staff out of 794 budgeted positions. Thus, even though KCSO has been steadily hiring new officers, their number of deployable officers is lower than it was when the 2025 annual budget was adopted.

*\$2M Vacancy Contra Appropriation Request (Overtime v Non-Labor Costs):*

KCSO and PSB staff have been working closely to align KCSO's budget with actual and estimated costs for 2025. After the Executive reviewed KCSO's supplemental request proposals, and after the Executive chose what decision packages to include in the transmitted supplemental, there remained a deficit in KCSO's total budget of \$2 million. Two cost centers in particular showing deficits were non-revenue backed overtime and non-labor accounts. However, the \$2 million request was not based on a computation of specific needs within these cost centers, but rather on the need to balance KCSO's budget overall.

*KCSO's Vacancy Rate Contra Going Forward:*

For the 2026-2027 budget, the Executive will consider proposals, based on the budget monitoring efforts described earlier, to adjust non-labor budgets to better match

projected expenditures and will carefully consider an appropriate vacancy assumption based on trends in overtime expenditures and projected hiring.

***Metro Transit Contract Adds [\$1,344,265, partially revenue-backed, ongoing, 10.0 FTEs].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$1.3 million and 10.0 deputy FTE positions to augment the Metro Transit Police Department, which contracts with KCSO for law enforcement services. The positions are fully revenue-backed, however there are initial one-time costs of approximately \$183,000 which are borne by KCSO and paid for by the General Fund.

***Hiring and Referral Incentive Payments [\$396,250].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$396,000 in one-time expenditures for hiring and referral incentive payments due in 2025. The initial hiring and referral incentive program, which was approved by the Council in 2022<sup>8</sup>, was set to end on December 31, 2024. In early 2025 however, the program was partially amended and extended.<sup>9</sup> As a result of the program extension, KCSO has incurred new payment liabilities for 2025, and additional funding is requested to cover these costs.

It should be noted that, unlike the appropriation approved in the 2025 Annual Budget for the hiring and referral incentive program, there is no revenue associated with the proposed supplemental request. This is because the Cost Books for 2025 were provided to contract entities prior to the extension of the incentive program. Therefore, contract entities were not billed for any extended program costs.

***Lakes Washington and Sammamish Buoy Maintenance [\$157,000, revenue-backed, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$157,000 to fund contracts for the installation and maintenance of buoys on lakes Washington and Sammamish. According to the Executive, most of these buoys are the responsibility of various cities, and the expenses will be reimbursed.

**UPDATE:** Executive staff provided the following response to questions regarding the on-going costs associated with buoy maintenance and whether KCSO has done this type of work in the past.

For 2026-2027, KCSO is still working with its contract partners to assess the buoy budget needs in the next two years. The work involves both contract city and unincorporated areas of the lakes. KCSO has done this type of contract over the last five years, but previously absorbed the expenditure costs within budget.

***Basic Training Unit Facility Use Agreement [\$142,000, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$142,000 to support a new Facility Use Agreement<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Ordinance 19472 & 19492

<sup>9</sup> [\\$5,000 Employee Referral Bonus Program \(MOA# 000U0424\)](#) & [KCSO Lateral Hire Deputy Bonus Program MOU](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Final KCSO KCIA Facility Use Agreement](#)

between KCSO's Basic Training Unit (BTU) and the King County International Airport (KCIA). For decades, the BTU has been housed at the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) in the City of Burien free of charge. Due to growth at CJTC however, KCSO was required to vacate the property by May 1, 2025. According to the Executive, with KCSO lacking sufficient space at its existing facilities, the Facilities Management Division identified available space for rent at KCIA which could accommodate the BTU and has the potential of housing the Advanced Training Unit in the future; creating a single site for KCSO and regional law enforcement training.

This appropriation would support new rent payments by KCSO to KCIA which is not currently budgeted. The rental expense is estimated at \$142,000 for 2025 and \$200,000 annually in future years.

***Supplies and Equipment [\$354,000, partially revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate a total of \$354,000 in one-time funding to provide supplies and equipment to various KCSO and contract partner personnel. The proposed appropriation includes:

- \$156,000 to equip the recently approved Rapid Deployment Force with Personal Protection Equipment, such as masks, which allow for communication between officers while providing protection from exposure to chemical irritants, and two deployment vehicles acquired from the King County Fleet Services Division;
- \$100,000 to purchase medical kits, including automated external defibrillators, for on-duty patrol officers;
- \$68,000 to provide upgrades and additions to operational equipment within the Criminal Investigations Division including renewal of processing equipment for digital forensics, two drones for the major accident reconstruction unit, and audio/visual recording equipment for undercover operations tied to human trafficking; and
- \$30,000 to provide contract partners with IT equipment capable of accessing KCSO networks. This portion of the request is fully revenue-backed as the contract agencies will be charged for the cost of the equipment.

**UPDATE:** Executive staff provided the following response to questions regarding KCSO's supply and equipment appropriation request:

*Were supply needs unanticipated or was it a matter of underbudgeting?*

Many of these requests were emergent items where the need became clear after the 2025 proposed budget was submitted. Given the known issue that salary savings would not be available in 2025 to cover these emergent costs, these requests were included in the omnibus proposal.

The specific line items included in the omnibus were not anticipated but the overall KCSO budget includes underbudgeted non-labor accounts. Since expenditure authority is approved at the appropriation unit level, it allows flexibility for agencies to administer

their funding in a way that best meets their needs during a budget period, as long as it still aligns with Council intent and any adopted expenditure restrictions. In any given budget, this may mean that some areas of an agency's budget that were less expensive than usual (such as salaries) may be used to offset areas of the budget that were more expensive than expected (such as supplies).

This flexibility was leveraged heavily during the pandemic, as vacancy rates increased significantly. Rather than increasing vacancy contras as much as the Executive might have and using the savings to increase budgets for other costs, PSB left many things alone and focused on the total budgets.

*Does the request cover only essential supplies?*

Yes. Only essential or critical requests were included to maintain current operations.

## **REAPPROPRIATION**

***KCSO Marine Unit Safe Boat Engine Replacement and Electrical Upgrades [\$231,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$231,000 in one-time funding associated with replacing the engines and upgrading electrical systems in KCSO's Safe boat. The Council previously approved \$330,000 for this project in the 2023-2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Omnibus,<sup>11</sup> however certain parts were not delivered, and the work was not completed, until 2025. The proposed reappropriation is needed to cover those costs which extended into 2025.

## **TECHNICAL**

***Marshals' Guild Settlement [\$528,000, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$528,000 to support increased labor costs associated with the final binding interest arbitration award included in the recently approved collective bargaining agreement with the Marshals' Guild.<sup>12</sup>

***Body-Worn Camera Axon Contract [\$234,883, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$234,000 to fully fund KCSO's body-worn camera contract with Axon. The amount approved for the Axon contract in the 2025 Adopted Budget did not include funding for storage and video redaction support. The proposed appropriation would correct that error and cover all remaining contract costs.

***KCSO Renton Airport Hangar Lease [\$130,000, ongoing].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$130,000 to cover increased costs associated with the recently approved lease extension agreement between KCSO and the Renton Municipal Airport, which supports KCSO's Special Operations Division, including the Air Unit, K9 Unit, and Tac-30 (SWAT) Unit.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Ordinance 19791

<sup>12</sup> Ordinance 19890

<sup>13</sup> Ordinance 19927

## **Parking Facilities**

**\$122,000**

### **TECHNICAL**

***Goat Hill Garage Administration [\$122,000, revenue-backed]***. The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$122,000 in additional General Fund revenue for the operator of the Goat Hill Garage to support increased labor costs and banking fees. This decision package is fully revenue-backed. Executive staff indicate that the increase in labor costs is driven by two factors: (1) increased staffing during the installation of new equipment in Goat Hill Garage and (2) updated staffing estimates for special events in 2025, including FIFA World Cup Preliminary Matches.

## **Superior Court**

**\$598,174**

### **REAPPROPRIATION**

***Trial Court Improvement Funds [\$598,174, revenue-backed]***. The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$598,000 of unspent State of Washington Trial Court Improvement Act (TCI) Fund moneys from the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget. If approved, this would bring the total appropriation of TCI moneys to \$883,174 in 2025.

Superior Court receives approximately \$285,000 of TCI moneys from the state annually.<sup>14</sup> The bench makes recommendations for various projects and other eligible court improvements. Examples of projects supported with TCI moneys include replacing courtroom video systems and electronic reader boards, security training, judicial training, community outreach and education events, supporting the Patricia Clark Children and Family Justice Center Youth Action Teams, and developing a toolkit to assess physical, programmatic, and digital accessibility for court users with disabilities.

## **District Court**

**\$1,024,799**

### **REAPPROPRIATION**

***Trial Court Improvement Act Reappropriation [\$300,000, revenue-backed]***. The proposed ordinance would reappropriate a portion of District Court's Trial Court Improvement Account funding received by the State in prior years. Moneys distributed by this Account are appropriated by legislative authorities and must be used to fund improvements to court staffing, programs, facilities, and services.

### **TECHNICAL**

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<sup>14</sup> RCW 3.58.060.

***Interpreter Funding [\$724,799, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate funding from the Administrative Office of the Courts for interpreters. This is revenue-backed by new funding for the State 2025-2026 fiscal year, as well as reappropriated funding from the State 2024-2025 fiscal year. Executive staff indicate that the District Court is requesting that funding be moved from revenue to expenditure authority in 2025.

**Department of Judicial Administration (DJA)**

**\$305,000**

**NEW POLICY**

***Drug Court Housing Units [\$105,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$105,000 for additional housing units for Drug Court participants. This appropriation would be fully backed by Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) moneys from the state.<sup>15</sup>

DJA contracts with providers such as Weld Seattle, Kate's House, and Alcoholics and Addicts Helping Alcoholics and Addicts (AAHAA), to provide approximately 12 months of interim housing to Drug Court participants in a recovery supportive environment. According to Executive staff, CJTA moneys cover the cost of rent, essential client supplies provided within housing, on-site housing case management, and housing move-in fees and deposits to assist participants in transitioning from interim to permanent, market-rate housing.

Executive staff report that there has been an increase in the number of Drug Court participants, which has resulted in the need for more housing units. DJA has secured six additional units (four with Kate's House and two with AAHAA) – absorbing most of the increased cost with existing appropriation authority. Additional expenditure authority, however, is needed for the CJTA moneys. DJA currently has \$1,308,500 in CJTA expenditure authority, so this additional appropriation would bring the total to \$1,413,500.

**REAPPROPRIATION**

***Protection Order Offices [\$200,00].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$200,000 of General Fund from the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget to relocate and redesign protection order offices at the King County Courthouse (KCCH) and the Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC). According to budget materials, the goal of the project is to improve safety and ensure adequate space for customers and staff.

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<sup>15</sup> King County receives about \$2.5 million annually in state CJTA funding. CJTA moneys are administered by the Health Care Authority Community Behavioral Health Program and must be expended on drug courts and/or treatment services for individuals with a substance use disorder against whom charges have been filed by a county prosecuting attorney (RCW 71.24.580). In King County, the moneys are primarily used by Drug Court; some of the funding is also used by Jail Health Services to support substance use disorder services for people in jail with eligible charges but who are not enrolled in Drug Court.

DJA provides customer assistance throughout the protection order process. According to the Department, the current location of the protection order office on the sixth floor of the KCCH is not ADA accessible. It also has one exit and, in a volatile situation, the staff have no way of leaving the space. DJA identified a safer location for the office (also on the sixth floor of the courthouse), completed design, and is waiting for the furniture to arrive. The project is expected to be completed this summer, and the new space will be ADA accessible.

DJA states that, at the MRJC, the current configuration of the protection order office does not meet the needs for the increased volume of customers.<sup>16</sup> The space also has ventilation and air quality issues that have generated health safety concerns. DJA started design work to reconfigure the space in 2024, and the project is expected to be completed in 2025. Executive staff confirm that the total project cost for both spaces is \$200,000, and the project was initiated last year based on expected underspend.

#### **Internal Support**

**\$5,900,000**

#### **NEW POLICY**

***DPD Settlement [\$3,100,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$3.1 million in General Fund revenue to pay out the LaRose settlement on behalf of the Department of Public Defense. The LaRose settlement is related to a hostile work environment claim. More information can be found in the ORMS's "Quarterly Report of Closed Claims with Indemnity Payments of \$100,000 or More" and policy staff can provide the report to Councilmembers at their request.

**UPDATE:** In answer to requests for more information about how much is currently in the ORMS risk management fund and why the Executive is requesting additional appropriation authority rather than using the risk management fund, Executive staff state that the total ORMS fund budget for 2025 is \$74 million, of which \$38 million is allocated for claims and settlements.

PSB states that standard practice is for ORMS to charge settlements to the responsible agency over a five-year period through ORMS's internal service rate. However, in cases where a settlement is significant, it can be burdensome for an agency's operating budget to be warped by large payments.

For the \$3.1 million LaRose settlement in the omnibus, Executive staff determined to make a one-time payment to avoid adding long-term costs to the General Fund outlook, given the size of the settlement and the current availability of General Fund cash and fund balance.

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<sup>16</sup> For information on the increased number of protection order cases, see materials for Motion 16598.

The claim was settled in January 2025 and the payment has already occurred. The request is for the appropriation authority to prevent the appropriation unit from going over budget.

#### TECHNICAL

**COVID Funding Transfer [\$2,800,000].** The proposed ordinance would transfer \$2.8 million from Internal Support to the Arts and Cultural Development Fund for COVID related expenditures that have already occurred but were not reimbursed before the end of 2024. The expenses related to this adjustment were incurred by 4Culture in 2024, but the transfer from the County to 4Culture was made on January 2, 2025, and therefore needs to be appropriated in the 2025 Annual Budget.

#### **External Support**

**\$8,472,000**

#### REAPPROPRIATION

**CLFR Project Reappropriations [\$8,472,000].** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$8.5 million for CLFR-funded projects added in the 2023-2024 4<sup>th</sup> Omnibus, as well as the bond-backed Energize Heat Pump Program within the Department of Local Services. Executive staff anticipate these moneys will be spent down in 2025.

#### TECHNICAL

**Grantee Changes [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would make two changes to ER2, which restricted moneys for various capital projects to be bond funded in 2025. First, it would change the name of one grantee from Center of Success Project to Access to Our Community (ATOC). Executive staff indicate that Center of Success notified the County that they did not have the capacity to manage a large capital project. Center of Success requested that ATOC act as a passthrough to complete the work. Further, Center of Success indicated that they will have a space in the ATOC capital project to run their proposed childcare facility.

Second, under the grantee "Abu Bakr Islamic Center Shared Kitchen Project", it would remove the reference to the shared kitchen and instead just include the grantee name. Executive staff indicate that the grantee is requesting this change to include other renovations to the site beyond the kitchen.

#### **GF Transfer to Department of Local Services (DLS)**

**\$2,296,000**

#### TECHNICAL

**Previously Funded DLS Program [\$2,296,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$2.3 million in General Fund revenue to DLS for a COVID relief program called the Unincorporated King County Economic Alliance approved in prior budgets. The appropriation for this expenditure within DLS was approved in the

2025 Adopted Budget. This would double budget that expense to allow for the General Fund revenue transfer to the Department.

Executive staff state that the original budget for the Unincorporated King County Economic Alliance Program was \$5.3 million, with \$2.3 million remaining. The Program provides community-based, low-barrier, and high-support workforce development and entrepreneurial training; provides technical assistance for small businesses; and offers small business incubation resources.

### **GF Transfer to Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) \$40,472,449**

#### **REAPPROPRIATION**

***Health through Housing and Housing Finance Program Reappropriations [\$9,402,816].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$9.4 million in expenditure authority from the 2023-2024 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus for Health through Housing (HtH) and the Housing Finance program. In the 2023-2024 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus, Council reappropriated unspent City of Seattle jail divestment funding for the acquisition and operation of HtH projects. Approximately \$6.6 million of that was used to purchase and operate the HtH facility in Capital Hill. Of the \$9.4 million being reappropriated in this decision package, \$4.4 million is for HtH services cost awarded to the Lavender Rights Project, focused on providing permanent supportive housing for gender diverse individuals who are disproportionately incarcerated. The remaining \$5 million will be released in the Housing Finance Program's July 2025 RFP, pursuant to the County's agreement with the City of Seattle, for capital costs to provide new affordable housing and community space in Seattle that diverts youth and young adults from the legal system. Executive staff anticipate that these moneys will be spent in 2025.

***2023-2024 4<sup>th</sup> Omnibus Reappropriations [\$6,300,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate General Fund-backed projects approved in the 2023-2024 4<sup>th</sup> Omnibus that will be expended in 2025.

#### **TECHNICAL**

***Civil Legal Services Adjustments [\$152,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$152,000 in General Fund revenue to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) for civil legal aid services that the Council restricted in ER2 on the Community Services Operating fund. The addition by the Council in the 2025 Annual Budget was described as an add and an accompanying expenditure restriction, but the additional appropriation authority was inadvertently not included in the General Fund Transfer to DCHS. This decision package would correct that error.

***Previously Funded DCHS Programs [\$24,617,633].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$24.6 million in COVID relief funding to DCHS for programs that were approved in prior budgets. All dollars being appropriated are already under contract:

- \$12 million for a contract with DCHS's Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) for programs covering the Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC) capital projects, DESC permanent supportive housing, DESC Health through Housing, and the Culturally Appropriate Behavioral Health Care Services Project; and
- \$12.6 million within DCHS's Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) for programs including the SoDo Lighthouse, Burien Lot, Eagle Village, Tiny House Villages, Jefferson Night, and St. Charles Shelters.

**GF Transfer to Department of Executive Services (DES)**

**\$2,267,000**

**TECHNICAL**

***Previously Funded Risk Management/FBOD Programs [\$2,267,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$2.3 million in General Fund revenue for programs that were previously approved in the 2025 Annual Budget for the Office of Risk Management (ORMS) and the Finance and Business Operations Division (FBOD). This decision package would double budget the expenditure authority to allow for the accompanying General Fund transfer. The previously approved programs include:

- Within ORMS, this appropriation would be for vaccine litigation costs. ORMS expects the entirety of the funding to be used in 2025.
- Within FBOD, this appropriation would be for operations work to manage COVID relief programs and funding. FBOD confirms that all of this appropriation will be used in 2025.

**GF Transfer to Department of Public Health**

**\$3,530,000**

**TECHNICAL**

***GF Transfer Technical Adjustment [\$3,530,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$3,530,000 for programs that were previously approved in prior budgets. This includes \$1,778,128 to complete the Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) CT scanner project from the previous biennium (described in the Public Health section of this staff report), and \$1,751,062 for the Regional Gun Violence program. The gun violence funding was previously supported by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) moneys and supports program expenditures consistent with the proviso report transmitted last fall as 2024-RPT0116.<sup>17</sup>

In the Plan "Identifying Revenue to Replace Federal Funding for Gun Violence Prevention", the following outline was provided of gun violence prevention programming supported by CLFR dollars:

<sup>17</sup> 2024-RPT0116, Plan Identifying Revenue to Replace Federal Funding for Gun Violence Prevention, <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6871219&GUID=C595EB0D-E3E8-42F1-BC18-B043599ABB3C>

1. Regional coordination, by Public Health staff;
2. The Regional Peacekeepers Collective, community violence interventions by contracted community organizations through an intermediary, the Center for Children & Youth Justice;
3. Hospital-based and community-linked violence interventions at Harborview Medical Center;
4. Safe storage, a Public Health program;
5. Training and professional development for the community violence intervention workforce, by national experts, and
6. Quantitative and qualitative evaluation, by Public Health staff.

**GF Transfer to Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)      \$2,217,709**

**TECHNICAL**

***Previously Funded DNRP Programs [\$2,217,709].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$2.2 million in General Fund revenue for programs in DNRP that were previously approved in prior budgets. This decision package would double budget the expenditure authority to allow for the accompanying General Fund transfer. Specifically:

- \$1.4 million for the Youth and Amateur Sports program appropriated in the 2025 Annual Budget. This amount has already been awarded to grantees for reimbursement-based grants; and
- \$800,000 for the Green River project appropriated in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget to DLS, but the remaining moneys would be shifted to DNRP to manage the remainder of the program. These moneys relate to security and restoration of the property.

**GF Transfer to King County Information Technology (KCIT)      \$590,000**

**TECHNICAL**

***Transfer for Distributed Antenna System Stabilization Effort [\$590,000].*** The proposed ordinance would make a one-time transfer from the General Fund to KCIT to support a project to stabilize the legacy Distributed Antenna System in the King County Corrections Facility, Maleng Regional Justice Center, and the King County Courthouse. Further details on this project can be found in the writeup for the KCIT Services appropriation unit, which includes a corresponding appropriation request.

**GF CIP Transfer to Department of Executive Services (DES)      \$4,275,000**

## **NEW POLICY**

**KCCF Wall-Mounted Bunks [\$275,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$275,000 in General Fund revenue to support additional work on installing new wall-mounted bunks in the King County Correctional Facility. There is an accompanying decision package in the Major Maintenance Reserve Subfund, where this request will be described in greater detail.

## **TECHNICAL**

**Previously Funded FMD Program [\$4,000,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$4 million in General Fund Revenue for FMD's space consolidation program that was approved in a prior budget. This decision package would double budget the expenditure authority to allow for the General Fund revenue transfer to support the program in 2025.

## **GF CIP Transfer to PSB GF IT**

**\$774,207**

## **NEW POLICY**

**KCSO IT Project [\$774,207].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$774,000 in General Fund revenue to support a capital IT project to upgrade the King County Sheriff's Office CJIS network equipment to Cisco's Meraki Platform, to be deployed to all KCSO offices. There is an accompanying decision package in the General Technology Capital appropriation unit, where this request will be described in greater detail.

## **Jail Health Services (JHS)**

**\$1,504,000**

## **NEW POLICY**

**Case Manager for HIV-related Release Planning Services [\$143,525, 1.0 FTE, revenue-backed, ongoing].** The proposed ordinance would add approximately \$144,000 and 1.0 FTE for a case manager position to expand case management and discharge planning services for Seattle jail residents with HIV or at risk for HIV. This position would be fully revenue-backed with funding provided by the City of Seattle.

**Contracted Temporary Nursing Staff [\$1,400,000, ongoing].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional \$1.4 million to the base budget costs for contracted temporary nursing staff. To ensure adequate staffing to provide mandated health services for jail residents, JHS uses contracted agency nurses to cover staff vacancies and employee leave. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of utilizing agency nurses has increased significantly due to the national shortage of healthcare workers.

In 2025, the JHS budget includes \$84,725 for contracted temporary nurses, and forecasted costs are \$4,414,000, which is slightly lower than the \$4.48 million cost in

2024. JHS has typically paid agency nursing staff costs in excess of the budget through salary savings from vacant positions. However, the nursing staff vacancy rate is lower in 2025 than in 2024,<sup>18</sup> so \$1.4 million is being requested to ensure JHS has adequate budget to cover projected agency nursing staff costs.

The table below shows the increased reliance on temporary nursing staff pre-pandemic to post-pandemic. Executive staff state that the decreased costs in 2020 were due to a difficulty in procuring agency temporary staff.

**Table 2. Year-to-Year Comparison of Use of Agency Temporary Nurses**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Agency Nursing Costs</b>	<b>RN Vacant FTE as of Sept. (point in time)</b>
2019	\$184,774	2.60
2020	\$149,592	6.50
2021	\$3,147,069	5.10
2022	\$6,733,977	14.2
2023	\$7,164,180	22.3
2024	\$4,474,074	12.3
2025 as of April	\$1,213,739	8.70

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question about vacancy rates and salary underspending, the Executive stated that the vacancy rate contra used in the 2025 JHS budget was calculated by averaging the percentage underspend in wages and benefits over the past five fiscal years and applying it to the estimated personnel budgets. In 2024, JHS had 53 FTE new hires. In 2025, JHS has so far had 27 FTE new hires and is projecting to hire 25 more through the end of 2025.

#### **TECHNICAL**

***Parking Benefit for WSNA Members [\$104,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$104,000 in General Fund revenue to extend the parking benefit at Goat Hill Garage for members of the Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA) through 2025. This amount is equal to the actual parking costs of 2024. As background Ordinances 19836 and 19837, passed by Council in October 2024, ratified two memoranda of agreement (MOAs) for a one-year extension of the Collective Bargaining

<sup>18</sup> According to Executive staff, the JHS Registered Nurse vacancy rate was 12.3 in September 2024, and 8.7 in April 2025.

Agreement with the Washington State Nurses Association, which represents both nurse staff and nurse supervisors. The MOAs extended the parking benefit allowing JHS registered nurses and supervisors working day shift to park in Goat Hill Garage at the afterhours rates.

Contract negotiations with the WSNA are ongoing.

***Behavioral Health Risk Assessment Tool [-\$143,525, -1.0 FTE]***. The proposed ordinance would transfer an appropriation of approximately \$149,000 and 1.0 FTE from Jail Health Services to DAJD. This position is funded by MIDD and is currently vacant in the JHS budget. The position would increase the number of social workers providing personal recognizance interview and needs screening of jail residents. According to Executive staff, transferring this position would allow DAJD to identify more people eligible for pretrial release and program referrals.

There is an accompanying decision package in the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.

<b><u>Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,014,395, 1.0 FTE</u></b>
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**NEW POLICY**

***Reduction of Vacancy Rate Contra [\$3,933,185]***. The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$3.9 million in General Fund revenue to reduce the standard vacancy rate contra (assumed salary savings) in the 2025 Adopted Budget, meaning DAJD would need the additional appropriation authority. As DAJD continues to staff up and vacancy rates are reduced, salary savings are decreasing.

Executive staff indicate that the reduction of the vacancy rate contra aims to account for two factors: successful hiring efforts and the current overtime forecast. Regarding hiring efforts, the 2025 budget was built with an assumption of 80 vacancies in Quarter 1 of 2025, while actual vacancies are at 66. Between January 1 and May 30, 2025, DAJD hired 58 employees. Meanwhile, the reliance on overtime to staff posts continue as hired officers go through a New Employee Orientation (5 weeks), Academy (10 weeks), and field training program.

**UPDATE:** In answer to questions about vacancy rates and salary underspending, the Executive stated that the vacancy rate contra used in the 2025 DAJD budget was calculated by averaging the percentage of underspend in wages and benefits over the past five fiscal years and applying it to the estimated personnel budgets. To account for the higher vacancy rates in recent years, the 2025 DAJD budget included an additional \$1.8 million vacancy contra, nearly doubling the DAJD's vacancy rate contra. Additionally, the adopted 2025 budget added 8.0 FTE that were not funded, adding an additional \$1.13 million to DAJD's vacancy rate contra for a total of \$4.83.

The transmitted 2025 DAJD vacancy rate contra was equivalent to an assumption of 80 corrections officer (CO)<sup>19</sup> and 25 juvenile detention officer (JDO) vacancies. Actual vacancies are below the rate assumed in the budget, with 66 CO vacancies and 7 JDO vacancies as of May 30, 2025. As stated above, DAJD hired 58 new employees between January 1 and May 30, 2025. DAJD projects 53 additional new hires will be added by the end of the year.

**Food and Supplies Budget [\$3,977,815, ongoing].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$3.98 million in General Fund revenue for the food and other supplies budget at King County detention facilities. Executive staff state that the cost of food and supplies has increased significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic due to inflation and a higher average daily population.

When asked why the food and supplies budget was off by \$3.98 million, Executive staff indicated that it is PSB's policy not to automatically adjust non-labor costs, instead expecting agencies to manage inflationary increases in non-labor costs through salary savings. Further, DAJD's high vacancy rate in past years have allowed the Department to absorb these costs. With salary savings declining as hiring efforts improve, exacerbated by high overtime spending, DAJD no longer has this flexibility.

Table 3 below shows the food and supplies adopted budget versus actuals in recent years.

**Table 3. Food and Supply Budget, Actuals vs Adopted**

Year	Adopted Budget	Actuals	Notes
2023	\$4,656,522	\$8,486,524	
2024	\$4,656,522	\$8,356,957	
2025	\$4,656,522	\$2,622,788	*actuals through April

<sup>19</sup> An additional 8 CO vacancies were added to in the adopted 2025 budget.

**Scanner for the Youth Detention Facility [\$150,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$150,000 in General Fund revenue to purchase new scanning security equipment at the Judge Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center. The equipment would comply with new state radiation safety standards for youth detention facilities enacted in December 2024.

## TECHNICAL

**Overtime Pay Incentives [\$939,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$939,000 in General Fund revenue to fund overtime pay bargained in collective bargaining agreements<sup>20</sup> for Juvenile Detention Officers and Juvenile Division Correction Supervisors.

**Behavioral Health Risk Assessment Tool [\$149,395, 1.0 FTEs, ongoing].** The proposed ordinance would transfer an appropriation of \$149,395 and 1.0 FTE from JHS to DAJD. This position is funded by MIDD and is currently vacant in the JHS budget. The position would increase the number of social workers providing personal recognizance interview and needs screening of jail residents. According to Executive staff, transferring this position would allow DAJD to identify more people eligible for pretrial release and program referrals.

There is an accompanying decision package in Jail Health Services.

<b>Department of Public Defense (DPD)</b>	<b><u>\$5,691,227<sup>21</sup></u></b>
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## NEW POLICY

**Legal Services [\$3,841,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$3.8 million from the General Fund to support assigned counsel, expert services, and contract attorney expenses. Executive staff confirm that the use of these services is trending similar to previous years, and the cost increases are not driven by the recent surge in case filings. Instead, these services have been consistently underbudgeted, and DPD has used salary savings from vacancies to offset the expenses. In 2025, DPD has planned to fill all vacant positions as Phase I of the new caseload standards is implemented.<sup>22</sup> Due to successful recruitment efforts, there are few vacancies and, as a result, reduced salary savings. Additionally, DPD has seen an increase in the rates charged for expert services.

Table 4 shows what was included in the 2025 Adopted Budget by service, a breakdown of the \$3.8 million request by service, and the new totals should the proposed ordinance

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<sup>20</sup> Ordinances 19897 and 19898.

<sup>21</sup> The previous version of the staff report rounded this number to the nearest thousandth to align with the proposed budget ordinance. It is corrected here to show the actual total of the three decision packages.

<sup>22</sup> Washington State Bar Association. March 14, 2024. *State Bar Adopts New Public Defense Standards*. [Press Release] [\[LINK\]](#), last accessed June 5, 2025]. Phase I begins July 2, 2025.

be adopted. According to budget materials, this request would ensure that DPD does not exceed its appropriation authority.

**Table 4. Breakdown of Appropriation by Legal Service**

<b>Legal Service</b>	<b>2025 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Omnibus Request</b>	<b>Proposed Total</b>
<b>Assigned Counsel<sup>23</sup></b>	\$2,961,703	\$2,013,807	<b>\$4,975,510</b>
<b>Contract Attorneys<sup>24</sup></b>	\$736,704	\$453,868	<b>\$1,190,572</b>
<b>Expert Services<sup>25</sup></b>	\$844,929	\$1,373,325	<b>\$2,218,254</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,543,336</b>	<b>\$3,841,000</b>	<b>\$8,384,336</b>

**UPDATE:** In answer to a request for information around what is driving the increased cost for expert services, the Executive clarified that, while some specific services have seen rate increases, the overall cost for expert services is consistent with the past four years. The demand for the services is trending similar to previous years, and most rates for these services have remained stable since 2021. Some expert services, however, have seen rate increases – examples include arson, accident reconstruction, audit/video enhancement, computer analysis, interpretation, document translation, psychiatric, and sexual deviancy evaluation polygraph services.

Executive staff reiterated that the substantive issue is *"DPD has been unbudgeted to perform this important function and the County has relied on the salary savings in DPD to offset the costs. DPD has changed its recruiting strategy and is no longer having difficulty filling vacancies and as a result is no longer experiencing the same level of salary savings. King County can no longer depend on these saving to offset the underfunding of expert services."*

Executive staff note that rates for expert services are impacted by inflation. When asked how the Executive is thinking about accounting for increases in the future, they stated that the *"consultation and use of experts by defense counsel is required by Washington State law. The Washington Supreme Court in State v. A.N.J. (2010) ruled that defense counsel was ineffective by failing to use an investigator to adequately investigate the case and failing to consult with other relevant and necessary experts resulting in*

<sup>23</sup> DPD handles the majority of its case assignments with county employees; however, approximately 4% of assignments go to the Assigned Counsel Panel. The panel is comprised of private attorneys who contract with the county to handle cases that DPD cannot take due to a conflict of interest.

<sup>24</sup> In 2022, DPD created the Contract Attorney Panel (or capacity contracts) with private attorneys to help address an increased number of court filings. According to Executive staff, about 3% of case assignments are handled by the Contract Attorney Panel. They also note that as vacant attorney positions are filled, fewer cases will need to be sent to either the Assigned Counsel Panel or the Contract Attorney Panel.

<sup>25</sup> Public defenders request expert services when such services are necessary to effectively represent their client [\[LINK\]](#). This could include expert opinions on various matters, such as forensic evaluations, psychological evaluations, or other expert testimony. Executive staff add that the consultation and use of experts by defense counsel is required by state law and point to State v. A.N.J. (2010).

*constitutionally deficient representation. The use of relevant experts necessary for a defense is mandatory and not permissive for constitutionally effective representation."*

**Labor Costs for Increased Felony Caseload [\$529,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$529,000 from the General Fund for the 12 attorney positions released earlier this year due to higher than projected felony assignments. This is in accordance with the expenditure restriction included in the 2025 Adopted Budget.<sup>26</sup>

The number of felony cases filed in Superior Court in the months of March and April were in excess of what was expected by the DPD staffing model. For example, felony filings increased in April 2025 to 572 cases. Executive staff note that this represents the highest monthly total seen in the last four years and an increase of 26% from the previous month. Per Executive staff, the increase in PAO filings, a related increase in DPD assignments, and a case mix that includes felonies of a higher severity than in many previous months, have led to two consecutive months with total credits exceeding the base caseload assumed in DPD's staffing model, thus triggering the expenditure restriction and the release of 12 additional FTEs.

The appropriation requested is equivalent to four months of salary costs (not including benefit costs) for the 12 attorney positions released. According to Executive staff, this is an amount agreed upon between PSB and DPD and informed by conversations with the PAO regarding filing expectations for the remainder of the year. DPD plans to fill the positions in September 2025, noting that it is no longer experiencing recruiting difficulties.

**UPDATE:** Additional caseload data came in for the month of May 2025 showing a sustained increase in felony caseload credits. DPD has alerted the Executive and is requesting the Executive ask for an additional 5 FTEs to be included in the omnibus (so funding to support 17 FTEs instead of 12 FTEs) consistent with Expenditure Restriction ER1.

**Eliminate Vacancy Rate Contra [\$1,320,227].** The proposed ordinance would eliminate the vacancy rate contra (assumed salary savings) in the 2025 Adopted Budget meaning DPD would need \$1,320,227 of additional appropriation authority.<sup>27</sup> As

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<sup>26</sup> Ordinance 19861, Section 55, Expenditure Restriction 1. The expenditure restriction on DPD's appropriation was first established in the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget to ensure DPD has the flexibility to hire up to 20.0 additional FTE attorney positions than it has funding for in the event there is a surge in felony filings. These "vapor" positions are unbudgeted meaning that DPD can fill the number of FTEs released but does not automatically receive additional appropriation authority. Positions are released when felony case credits exceed staffing model estimates for two months in a row. This expenditure restriction was triggered for the first time in October 2024. One position was released, and DPD was able to use salary savings at that time.

<sup>27</sup> The vacancy rate contra is based on a formula. The calculation is made by taking an average of the percentage underspend in the wages and benefits accounts the preceding five fiscal years (2020-2024) and multiplying it by the Final Revised Adopted budgeted amount in the wages and benefits accounts for 2025. In order to prevent very high or very low contras, the percentage applied to the 2025 Budget is bounded by a floor of 0.5% of wages and benefits expenditures and a ceiling of 1.5% of wages and

previously noted, due to DPD's successful recruitment efforts, there are few vacancies and therefore reduced salary savings.

According to Executive staff, this appropriation would have the flexibility to be used as needed by the Department. DPD would use the funding to:

- Support existing salaries;
- Address the salary discrepancy between budgeted and actual amounts for lateral experienced attorney hires<sup>28</sup>; and
- Address any additional budget challenges experienced with the Assigned Counsel Panel and Contract Attorney Panel expenses.

**UPDATE:** The following answers were provided by Executive staff in response to a request for information on the assumptions used in DPD's vacancy rate contra:

Number of vacancies assumed? Vacancy rate contras are calculated as a percentage of the total wage and benefits budget within each appropriation unit and not on a specific number of assumed vacant positions. This approach is taken because total vacant positions fluctuate throughout a budget period based on the balance between attrition and new hiring. Vacancy rate contras are calculated by taking an average of the percentage underspend in the wages and benefits accounts the preceding five fiscal years and multiplying it by estimated personnel budgets. In order to prevent very high or very low contras, the percentage is bounded by a floor of 0.5% and a ceiling of 1.5%. Sometimes adjustments are made to vacancy contras based on updated operational information.

Number of new hires estimated to occur in 2025 when the 2025 Budget was adopted?  
69 FTEs (44 new FTEs and 25 vacant FTEs)

Number of new hires in 2025 to date? To-date, DPD has hired 72 FTEs in 2025:

- *Lawyers:* 68 FTEs. This includes 46 new lawyers (recent graduates or recently completed clerkships or fellowships) and 22 lateral lawyers. Of the 68 lawyers hired, 19 have started, 3 are expected to start in the next couple of months, and the remaining 46 are expected to start October 6, 2025.
- *Professional Staff:* 4 FTEs (1 investigator, 2 legal assistants, and 1 senior HR analyst) with recruitment outstanding for 11 additional professional staff positions (5 mitigation specialists, 5 investigators, and 1 legal assistant). Executive staff

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benefits expenditures. The final amounts in the calculation also include an estimate of wage increases based on GWI assumptions.

<sup>28</sup> In 2025, DPD has planned to fill all vacant positions using the salary savings to hire experienced lateral attorneys as well as newly graduated attorneys. Lateral experienced attorney salaries are significantly higher than entry level attorneys.

emphasize that these professional positions are critical to account for the additional attorney hiring. They also note that hiring is dependent on available funding and that they "are holding on filling some of these positions because without the omnibus grant we cannot afford to fill these positions."

Due to attrition, the number of "new hires to-date" is higher than the number of "new hires estimated when the budget was adopted".

The number of new hires that DPD expects by the end of 2025? At this time, DPD expects to hire about 91 FTEs by year end, filling all vacant positions and assuming they receive funding to support the 17 FTEs released by Expenditure Restriction ER1. DPD caveats, however, that this number is a moving target given future attrition and hiring are unknown.

DPD adds that "Our department requested authority and funding for 60 FTEs in addition to the Executive's proposed budget. The Council provided an additional 10 funded FTEs through their striker amendment. For 2025 our funded FTE authority was raised by 44. While our FTE authority became 527 FTEs, only 492 were funded because 35 FTEs of our authority are unfunded (20 trigger positions, and 15 3L positions). We understand the Council had to make difficult decisions about funding in the 2025 budget process, but the 10 FTEs additional we were granted were not sufficient to fund our work to deal with the increased filings and assignments."

<b>NON-GENERAL FUNDS</b>
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<b>\$140.2 million</b>
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### Summary

The total supplemental appropriation proposed for the non-General Fund appropriation units is \$140.2 million, of which approximately \$24.1 million is revenue-backed. The remaining \$116.1 million would come from fund balance of the various non-General Funds.

### Behavioral Health

**\$71,500,000**

### REAPPROPRIATION

***Medicaid Gainshare Repayment [\$71,500,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$71,500,000 of Medicaid revenue that was unused during the pandemic. In the 2024 budget supplemental, DCHS received \$89 million for Medicaid Gainshare repayments to managed care organizations. According to the Executive, "These payments reflect the excess revenue received by King County as a result of the official public health emergency resulting from the pandemic. Only \$17 million of these funds were repaid in 2024 as individual settlement dates between the MCO and state Health Care Authority varied. The remainder has been paid or will be paid in fiscal year 2025."

Medicaid dollars are restricted and cannot be used for purposes other than Medicaid eligible expenses.

**Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) \$25,569,033**

**REAPPROPRIATION**

***VSHSL Reappropriation [\$25,569,0333].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$25.6 million from the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget in underspent VSHSL moneys. Of the \$25.6 million, \$17.1 million is tied to Housing Stability strategies. Executive staff indicate that housing strategies face unique timing challenges due to the complexities of anticipated projects. Additionally, 2024 was the first year of the renewed levy which often requires a ramp-up period, causing delays.

PSB provided a table of each amount being reappropriated, which can be provided to Councilmembers upon request.

**Surface Water Management Local Drainage Services \$621,000**

**REAPPROPRIATION**

***In-House Mowing Team Reappropriation [\$154,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$154,000 from the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget to complete the purchase of vehicles for an in-house mowing team. The Washington state Department of Ecology and the King County Design Manual require mowing at all stormwater facilities once or twice a year to ensure proper functionality. Executive staff state that previously, contracted labor has provided these mowing services but has not been able to deliver services effectively. This proposal would use existing budget to shift to an in-house mowing team of seasonal temporary staff managed by a crew supervisor.

***Burns Creek Stream Flow Impediment Study Reappropriation [\$187,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$187,000 to complete a study evaluating the cause of stream flow impediments in Burns Creek, a tributary of the Green River located in Council District 9. Executive staff indicate that the study will be completed in 2025.

As background, an alluvial fan in Burns Creek causes episodic local flooding. Executive staff state that the Water and Land Resources Division is developing short- and long-term strategies to protect access, health, and safety while balancing and improving salmonid habitat.

***Stormwater Asset Management Plan Reappropriation [\$280,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$280,000 to complete the Stormwater Asset Management Program (SWMP) Plan in 2025. The County's SWMP Plan identifies proposed actions to comply with the Phase I Municipal Stormwater National Pollutant

Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued by the Department of Ecology. The draft 2025 SWMP is currently under development and open for public comment.

## **Local Services Administration**

**\$0**

### **NEW POLICY**

**Legacy Business Program [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would remove Expenditure Restriction ER 1, requiring \$100,000 be expended solely for work on the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) work plan action item relating to the creation of a legacy business program for unincorporated King County. The Council imposed this expenditure restriction but did not allocate additional funding, which would require the Department of Local Services to fund this out of existing appropriation authority.

As background, the 2024 KCCP<sup>29</sup> included workplan action item *Action 15: Legacy Business Program*. Action 15 partially defines legacy businesses as long-standing businesses that have cultural and historical significance in a community. Action 15 requires the Executive to file a report and any accompanying legislation to implement the recommendations of the report by September 31, 2027. The report is to evaluate the needs of legacy businesses and ways to reduce displacement of such businesses, including: analyzing existing legacy business programs; defining a legacy business; setting the maximum size of a legacy business through a community-selected advisory committee; and evaluating what types of assistance legacy businesses need. This assistance is to include technical, financial, and marketing assistance as well as a program to help legacy businesses navigate government bureaucracy.

Executive staff state that DLS does not have existing capacity to create this program as the Department has one economic development manager for the 11 unincorporated areas. Executive staff further indicate that DLS does not have a non-General Fund revenue source to support this work and will consider funding options to comply with the work plan action item described above in 2026-2027 Biennial Budget development.

When asked what the operational impact would be of leaving this expenditure restriction in the budget without adding additional General Fund revenue, Executive staff indicated that DLS would have to reduce an existing economic development program and redirect staff resources and funding to work on this program. Existing economic development programs include the Rural Economic Development Strategies work, the White Center Revitalization Program, and the White Center Lighting Program, in addition to ongoing work to support local unincorporated King County businesses. The Unincorporated King County Economic Alliance is also under the economic development program, but the majority of moneys for this program are under contract.

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<sup>29</sup> [King County - File #: 2023-0440](#)

**REAPPROPRIATION*****Healthy Communities and Parks Reappropriation [\$2,770,777, revenue-backed].***

The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$2.8 million in Parks Levy funding for the Healthy Communities and Parks Fund, which is part of the Targeted Equity Grant Program. These grants support projects that increase access to recreation and use of parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities in underserved areas and communities. Executive staff state that these grants were not carried forward during the 2025 budget process. This reappropriation would include 7 grant projects committed in the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget, 8 grant projects committed in 2023, and 23 grant projects committed in 2024.

**Historic Preservation****\$298,524**

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**TECHNICAL**

***Cost Recovery Adjustment [\$298,524, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$299,000 to support the full cost recovery of services that the Historic Preservation Program (HPP) provides to other county agencies. Each county agency utilizing the HPP pays the program using revenue transfers, and this change would result in a higher per hour cost of using the program.

Executive staff state that no additional appropriations are needed for those county agencies, which include the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, and to a lesser extent the Department of Local Services, the Department of Executive Services, and the Department of Community and Human Services. Executive staff further indicate that this change would ensure that the fund stays within budget and that actual fixed costs of administering the HPP's cultural resource reviews are recovered from program users.

**Best Starts for Kids (BSK)****\$0, 1.0 FTE**

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**NEW POLICY**

***Contract Compliance Capacity [\$0, 1.0 FTE].*** The proposed ordinance would add 1.0 FTE to the Best Starts for Kids fund to increase contract compliance capacity. Executive staff indicate that additional appropriation is not needed in 2025 due to anticipated underexpenditure in one-time capital projects carryforward, but the estimated 2026-2027 appropriation to pay for this position through the end of the levy is \$335,000.

Executive staff state that BSK has identified a need for more proactive and upstream fiscal and contracting capacity when contracting with new organizations. This FTE scope of work would include providing orientation, training on fiscal best practices and contract compliance, screening, and referring to capacity building as early as possible.

Currently, BSK moneys within Public Health cover 3.5 FTEs to perform compliance visits for BSK contracts. In DCHS, a compliance team of 6.0 FTEs is centralized in the Director's Office and works across all DCHS divisions, a portion of which is paid for by BSK through overhead rates.

## **Public Health (DPH)**

**\$13,064,000, 2.0 FTEs**

### **NEW POLICY**

***School Based Mental Health Programming Expansion [\$5,878,000, 1.0 FTEs, ongoing, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$5.9 million and 1.0 FTE to expand mental health programs across 21 school-based health centers (SBHC) in Seattle Public schools. This is an expansion of existing King County-funded school-based mental health programming. This expansion is fully revenue-backed by the Seattle payroll tax in 2025.

According to information from Executive staff this additional investment from the City of Seattle would provide moneys to double the mental healthcare capacity at the 21 SBHCs in Seattle middle and high schools. Executive staff indicate that this capacity expansion would be achieved by hiring 21 new mental health therapists and 21 mental health care coordinators, who will further support assessment and triage to help connect students to available mental health resources. In addition, these moneys would support training and clinical consultation as well as additional PSHKC staff to support the program expansion. Executive staff state that this program is expected to be funded by an expansion of the City of Seattle Families, Education, Preschool and Promise levy which is anticipated to be on the November ballot with continued funding starting in 2026.

The 1.0 FTE would be a Project Program Manager III. Executive staff state this position would be responsible for leading the implementation of this mental health expansion work. This includes contracting and supporting the development of the behavioral health care coordinator role and providing training and technical assistance in partnership with new contracted agencies.

***Behavioral Health Service Expansion [\$550,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$550,000 of a \$600,000 grant received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for funding through August 2025. This allocation would support two strategies: 1) two substance use disorder (SUD) harm reduction specialists and one behavioral health specialist who would provide direct street outreach, prioritizing

encampments and communities most impacted by overdose and incarceration; and 2) contingency management services within the outpatient Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) program, a clinic-based and field-based harm reduction-oriented team run by the Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC).

According to Executive staff, the Health Care for the Homeless Network (HCHN) proposed these strategies in their HRSA grant application to fill key gaps in and to seamlessly integrate with existing King County-funded mental health programming.

***WIC Nutrition Assistant [\$104,000, 1.0 FTE, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$104,000 and 1.0 FTE for a Nutrition Assistant (NA) position to support a caseload increase in Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Clinics. This decision package is fully revenue-backed by the Washington State Department of Health which has increased their funding based on DPH's 2024 caseload. The expectation is that this increase is ongoing.

According to Executive staff, the NAs, who work out of DPH clinic and community partner sites, qualify participants for the WIC program through WIC Certifications or assessments. NAs also distribute the WIC food cards, and complete low risk nutrition contacts required by the program. Based on information provided by Executive staff, there are 49 NAs in DPH and participation in WIC is up 12% since January 2024. Minimum staffing for NAs is 1 per 500 participants and the current caseload through March 2025 is 25,198.

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question about how well the WIC program is performing and if there is more that King County can do to improve the effectiveness of this program, Executive staff provide the following response:

"The state WIC program funds our services because of our ability to deliver those services effectively. The ongoing increase in demand reflects both the success of the program and the growing needs of the community. We have strong systems in place and consistently meet or exceed our goals. The proposal to add a WIC Nutrition Assistant is driven by the number of participants on the program (caseload) and staffing standards set by the state. The state assesses caseload quarterly and provides increases for agencies performing at or above 101% their previous caseload. In that sense, the funding is demand-driven so long as federal funds passed through the state remain available. After several years of relatively stable caseloads, we are now experiencing an unprecedented increase in our WIC caseload. Public Health typically does not maintain a waitlist for WIC services, but the recent surge in demand has created pressure on our capacity. The addition of a Nutrition Assistant, funded by the increased caseload, will enhance our effectiveness, and improve our ability to reduce the waitlist and serve our participants in a timely manner."

***Naloxone Distribution for Overdose Prevention [\$1,116,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$1.1 million of Crisis Care

Center revenue to DPH to expand overdose prevention infrastructure through naloxone vending machines and community-based distribution methods. Executive staff indicate this allocation would be used to fill current vending machines and other naloxone distribution models.

***Overdose Prevention and Response Programs [\$330,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$330,000 of MIDD dollars to sustain overdose prevention services, including naloxone access, outreach efforts, and harm reduction programming. This amount is fully revenue-backed by the MIDD Levy, and the investment is a result of strategy adjustments in 2025 that updated the MOU between DCHS and DPH. Executive staff indicate that the need for the revision arose from updated revenue forecasts and program planning discussions to ensure continued support for critical overdose response work. Executive staff state that this is an ongoing funding proposal and is expected to continue in 2026-2027 with future funding determined by the MIDD III implementation plan which is expected to be transmitted to Council in June 2026.

***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Grant [\$1,962,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$2 million of CDC funding from a multi-year grant to strengthen Public Health infrastructure, workforce, and data systems through a variety of work including a focus on public health accreditation, an internship program, Public Health Camp, policy co-design, community navigators, and staff salaries.

According to Executive staff the Community Navigator team's ongoing work allows participation in crucial activities including forums with residents to identify and understand health needs, gatherings to ensure effective communication and accessibility for individuals with limited English proficiency and others who do not have access to health information and resources, and efforts to improve communication with community and disseminate information effectively.

The Public Health Camp originally launched in 2023 and is intended to implement, and evaluate an academic-to-practice pipeline by engaging high school students in a 3-day program to increase their likelihood of pursuing involvement and leadership in public health practice. Participants range in age from 15 to 23 years old and attend schools from across King County. Additional information about Public Health Camp was published on DPH's Public Health Insider Blog on August 23, 2024.<sup>30</sup>

***Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant [\$245,000, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$245,000 to continue two existing emergency preparedness positions based on extended funding from the state through June 2025. This is revenue-backed using Washington State Consolidated Contract 2024

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<sup>30</sup> Public Health Insider, Public Health Camp 2024: A Video Tour.  
<https://publichealthinsider.com/2024/08/23/public-health-camp-2024-a-video-tour/>

underspend carryforward with a current funding period through the end of June 2025. The Consolidated Contract is a contract with the State of Washington that funds several programs.

Executive staff indicate that this specific award is a federal indirect grant whereby the State of Washington acts as a pass-through agency. This award is not associated with FEMA funding. According to Executive staff, the key functions of these positions include emergency planning to provide critical services, resources, and information to promote the health of the most impacted communities during public health emergencies.

## **REAPPROPRIATION**

***Best Starts for Kids (BSK) [\$1,138,000].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$1.1 million for community contracts providing childcare consultation, lead and toxics screening, school-based health services, child and adolescent immunization, and other programs. This is fully revenue-backed by BSK and carries forward contracts from 2024 for multiple BSK strategies as described in Table 5 below.

**Table 5.**  
**Proposed BSK Carryforward in PO 2025-0159**

<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Home-Based Services	\$401,532	\$93,000 for performance pay, \$309,000 for a multi-year contract with Apex for SBHC Data Hub.
Child Care Health Consultation	\$305,352	To complete the initial systems implementation projects recommended by the CCHC Strategic Vision.
Communities of Opportunity	\$277,643	\$50,000 is to support a pilot expansion of the COO's place and community partnerships strategy. \$142,000 is a six-month payment hold for 2024 to Freedom Project. \$85,000 to build coaching capacity for COO grantees.
Child & Adolescent Immunizations	\$75,439	\$25,000 for the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, \$50,000 is for the contract with SeaMar.
Community Well-Being Initiative	\$40,000	For the Centering Diverse Healers contracts.
Healthy and Safe Environments	\$20,690	For Sustainable Seattle.
Home-Based Services	\$8,000	To support gatherings with the provider in 2025 and to facilitate community engagement for a required RFP process.
Communications	\$5,616	For cash value cards not yet used.
Community-Based Parenting Supports	\$4,600	To conduct community listening sessions and bias trainings.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,138,872</b>	

## TECHNICAL

***KC Medical Examiner (MEO) Scanner [\$1,778,128].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1,778,128 of General Fund dollars to DPH to complete the MEO CT scanner project from the previous biennium. This amount has increased from \$1,064,000 in the 2025 budget when it was funded by a reappropriation of CLFR dollars. Executive staff state this is due to an increase in the project cost estimate.

The number of overdose deaths has increased significantly since 2019 as can be seen on the DPH overdose dashboard.<sup>31</sup> In 2019 there were 426 fatal overdoses, and as of

<sup>31</sup> Public Health—Seattle & King County Overdose deaths data dashboard, Data source: King County Medical Examiner's Office. <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/medical-examiner/reports-dashboards/overdose-deaths-dashboard>

June 2, 2025, there have been 429 confirmed fatal overdoses and an additional 41 probable overdoses, pending toxicology. This increase has contributed to higher caseloads for the MEO, increasing the risk of reaching and exceeding its 325 autopsies per pathologist threshold needed to maintain its National Association of Medical Examiners accreditation. Currently, in cases where there is a likelihood of overdose (e.g., the decedent has a history of substance use, there is paraphernalia at the scene, etc.), an autopsy is the standard of care because it can rule out other causes of death. In a significant number of these cases, imaging by a CT scanner can eliminate the possibility of a different cause of death without the need for an autopsy. Using a CT scanner can reduce the number of autopsies performed when there is a high likelihood that the cause of death is a drug overdose. Methods such as toxicology testing, analyzing the death scene, and interviews with decedent relations would also be used for determining cause of death. This decision package is associated with the decision package in the General Fund Transfer to DPH.

## **Environmental Health**

**\$1,258,000**

### **NEW POLICY**

***Program Manager for Storm Water Research Project [\$152,000, 1.0 TLTs, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$152,000 and 1.0 TLT to add a temporary program manager to study the effect of paraphenylenediamine (PPD) and perfluoroalkyl chemical (PFAS) compounds in high fish consumers in the Puget Sound area. This is fully revenue-backed by a reimbursable grant from the EPA, administered through the Washington State Department of Ecology from May 2025 through June 2027. According to Executive staff, the total award for this grant, which is expected to last through June 2027, is \$698,275.

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question about what risk there is of moneys from the EPA not being released to support the Program Manager for Storm Water Research Project, Executive staff state that while the County cannot predict what actions the federal administration may take next in terms of grant funding, in cases to date where funding has been jeopardized, program staff have collaborated with agency and Executive leadership to plan next steps. While there are no specific known risks to this funding stream, Executive staff continue to monitor federal funds and changes from the federal administration.

### **REAPPROPRIATION**

***Onsite Septic System (OSS) Climate Equity Project [\$1,105,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1,105,000 to continue two OSS to sewer conversion pilot projects in King County under Ordinance 19711. According to information provided by Executive staff, each award, funded by the King County Climate Equity Capital Pool, granted \$1 million to two sewer districts to complete OSS to sewer conversion in neighborhoods located in high socially vulnerable areas in unincorporated urban King County. The first project, which allows 17 properties near Boulevard Park to connect to sewer, was substantially complete in December 2024. The second project, located in

Skyway, was expected to be complete at the end of April. When complete, it will allow seven to nine properties to convert from OSS to sewer. Executive staff indicate that as of June 2025, most construction for the project is complete and “final connections are waiting for approval to adjust the sewer district’s service area to include two parcels in the project area. The decision is expected mid-June, with final completion of the project expected in 3rd quarter 2025.”

Out of the \$2 million in funding available, the project spent \$119,103 for professional services in 2023 and \$776,464 in 2024 .The remaining balance \$1,104,433 will be spent down this year. Executive staff state that the balance remaining is \$49,542.50 and most of the construction is complete and invoiced.

<b>Employment Education Resource (EER)</b>	<b>\$2,274,525</b>
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### **NEW POLICY**

**Open Doors Program [\$450,000, revenue-backed].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$450,000 in revenue-backed expenditure authority for an expanded contract with Seattle Central College to provide case management for Open Doors. This Seattle Central College contract was recently increased from \$75,000 per year to \$450,000 per year.

As background, the Open Doors Youth Reengagement program is a reengagement system that provides education and services for youth, ages 16-21, who have dropped out of school or are not expected to graduate from high school by the age of 21. Open Doors reengages disconnected youth through programs that encourage community partnerships, create multiple pathways for students to realize success, and provide an on-ramp to post-secondary achievement through a performance-based, individualized support model.

Open Doors program is revenue-backed by state dollars from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction via Renton Technical College and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Program, which are cost-per-student reimbursements.

### **REAPPROPRIATION**

**BSK Reappropriation [\$304,843, revenue-backed].** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate approximately \$305,000 in unspent BSK revenue committed in accordance with two Implementation Plan strategies, specifically Stopping-the-School to Prison Pipeline and Transitions to Adulthood. These RFP awards have been announced and moneys should be fully contracted by mid-2025.

### **TECHNICAL**

**Restorative Community Pathways (RCP) Grant [\$559,817, revenue-backed].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$560,000 of remaining moneys

from an existing grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. The grant supports evaluation of RCP program.

RCP is a community-based diversion program for youth that operates as a consortium.<sup>32</sup> Consortium members hire, train, and support community navigators who work with referred youth and their families as well as people who have experienced harm. DCHS administers all RCP service contracts for the county.

Table 6 shows the 2025 budgeted expenditures (including the additions in this decision package) allocated to RCP and Table 7 shows the 2025 budgeted revenue.

**Table 6. 2025 RCP Budgeted Expenditures with the Proposed Decision Package**

	<b>Budgeted Appropriation</b>
<b>Salaries, Wages, and Benefits</b>	\$316,780
<b>Supplies</b>	\$5,000
<b>Other Operating Charges</b>	\$14,289
<b>Central Rates</b>	\$70,327
<b>Contracts</b>	\$5,764,261
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,169,657</b>

**Table 7. 2025 RCP Budgeted Revenues with the Proposed Decision Package**

	<b>Budgeted Appropriation</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$5,026,383
<b>Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</b>	\$923,453
<b>Best Starts for Kids</b>	\$219,821
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,169,657</b>

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question for clarification about the purpose of the grant, specifically whether the full grant amount was for evaluation, Executive staff stated that the grant is not actually for evaluation; that was an inadvertent description error. The description should have reflected that the funding is for infrastructure support only, not

<sup>32</sup> Current consortium members includes: Choose 180, Collective Justice, Creative Justice, Congolese Integration Network, East African Community Services, Pacific Islander Community Associations, and Rooted in Vibrant Communities. See [2023-RPT0102](#) for additional information on RCP.

evaluation of the program. Infrastructure support includes policy and procedures, bylaws, workforce wellbeing and resilience protocols, workgroups and other systems coordination to create comprehensive service and resource hubs or connections, and information feedback loops that contribute to an effective consortium of nonprofit organizations and coordinated program implementation.

DCHS applied for a Federal Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant in 2023 to gain additional resources to support RCP. As DCHS worked with community partners to implement RCP in 2021 and 2022, Executive staff state that it became clear that additional resources were necessary. With these grant moneys, DCHS began to create a three-year strategic plan, formalize systems for navigators, engage with community, and develop partnerships with organizations and internal departments. DCHS worked with RCP's contracted partners to develop the proposal to DOJ and was notified of the award in the fall of 2023.

***Jump Start Budget [-\$226,000].*** The proposed ordinance would shift expenditures related to the case management of the JumpStart program to the Climate Office. EER would continue to perform the work, but would instead bill their related hours directly to the Office of Climate.

JumpStart King County is a program that aims to address the lack of skilled workers in the clean technology and energy sector. Participants develop skills to become a part of this industry and the program provides services to 40 youth, ages 18 to 24, with the goal of transitioning participants into full-time, living wage employment.

The program is funded by the WA Jobs Initiative Grant and the King County Climate Office. Executive staff indicate that the expenses are charged to the Executive's Office, who manages the Climate Office. This budgeting decision was determined after the proposed 2025 Annual Budget was transmitted.

***Open Doors Program and Out of School Youth Reappropriation and Expansion [\$1,185,865, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$1.2 million to increase capacity for the Open Doors program. This is revenue-backed by fee-for-service revenue received in 2024 as well as an increase in revenue expectations for 2025.

As background, the Open Doors Youth Reengagement program is a reengagement system that provides education and services youth, ages 16-21, who have dropped out of school or are not expected to graduate from high school by the age of 21. Open Doors reengages disconnected youth through programs that encourage community partnerships, create multiple pathways for students to realize success, and provide an on-ramp to post-secondary achievement through a performance-based, individualized support model. The Out of School Youth program is focused on both education and employment opportunities for youth ages 16 to 24 and is largely funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

**NEW POLICY**

**Proviso Changes [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would amend two provisos to remove the requirement that the proviso reports be transmitted with an accompanying motion acknowledging receipt of the reports. The restricted moneys would instead be released upon transmittal.

The first proviso, P1, restricts \$500,000 until the Executive transmits a flow control analysis and enforcement report for construction and demolition materials and the Council passes an accompanying motion. Specifically, the report would include an inventory and description of existing flow control methods; a summary of enforcement efforts; findings from the evaluation of flow control compliance; and recommended actions and policies the county could take to improve flow control compliance. The report and motion are due December 15, 2025.

The second proviso, P2, restricts \$500,000 until the Executive transmits an Organics System Mapping and Policy Report and the Council passes an accompanying motion. This report would include a comprehensive analysis that maps or depicts how organic materials flow through the solid waste system; a review of best practices in the flow control and management of organic materials in relation to zero waste efforts; and recommended actions and policies the county could take to improve the flow control of organic materials. The report and motion are due December 15, 2025.

Executive staff state that the Solid Waste Division intends to submit the required reports and motions as required by the two provisos by the December deadline, but anticipate the Division may need the cumulative \$1.0 million in appropriation authority to close out 2025.

**Airport****\$867,000****NEW POLICY**

**Star Forge Acquisition Project [\$747,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$747,000 in Airport operating funds in order to reimburse the Facilities Management Division (FMD) for the Star Forge Acquisition Project for costs incurred between November 2018 and April 2024. Executive staff state that FMD recently requested reimbursement for the prior year's expenditures for FMD staff support, legal counsel, and other professional services.

The Star Forge Acquisition was a capital project budgeted in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, but was fully disappropriated in the 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Omnibus when the acquisition did not occur. At the time of the disappropriation, Executive staff indicated that the County was not able to come to acceptable terms with the current owners of the site.

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question about why the County pursued the acquisition of a contaminated site and why the purchase fell through, Executive staff state that the County was originally interested in securing the site because of the increasing property values and demand for warehouse/industrial space near the KCIA. As land is acquired by the public sector, there is reduced opportunity to expand the footprint of the KCIA and created additional obstacles within regulated airspace, complicating the aeronautical situation at the Airport. For this reason, the Executive determine this to be a desirable acquisition. Ultimately, the County and the property owners were unable to come to terms. The current owners were not willing to fund the required environmental remediation, which made the site cost prohibitive.

**Fuel Farm Pollution Insurance [\$120,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$120,000 to obtain pollution insurance for the fuel storage tanks at the King County International Airport. This would cover the cost of a three-year policy, which requires an upfront payment. The operations and management responsibilities of the fuel farm recently reverted back to the KCIA, requiring this insurance be obtained.

Executive staff state that the Airport has an open competitive RFP process for a vendor to build and operate a new fuel farm, but that RFP has not yet resulted in a new fuel farm or vendor. The Airport anticipates it will be a few years until that is completed, so it is currently being operated by the Airport's fixed lease operator, Signature.

**UPDATE:** In answer to a question about how KCIA could increase the fees associated with landing, Executive staff stated that current landing fees are \$1.50 per 1,000 pounds of landed weight. KCIA commissioned a third party analysis of the County's fees in relation to comparable and competitive airports. This analysis recommended an increase in landing fees to accommodate future capital projects. The increase would require a code change and will be evaluated for inclusion in the Executive's proposed 2026-2027 Biennial Budget.

## **Wastewater Treatment**

**\$12,851,713**

### **NEW POLICY**

**West Point Access Road Repair [\$1,000,000, revenue-backed].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1 million to cover the costs of repair to City of Seattle's road (\$100,000) and Seattle Public Utilities' storm drainage damage beneath the road. The Seattle road is the sole access route in and out of the West Point Treatment Plant and thus WTD is requesting an appropriation to repair it while it works with the PAO to negotiate with the City of Seattle for reimbursement costs.

WTD reports the consequence of complete road failure are significant for WTD, as the road is the sole ingress and egress route for West Point Treatment Plant. Complete failure of the road is possible and would prevent biosolids (Loop) removal from the plant and prevent deliveries of necessary chemical, parts, and supplies. The plant produces

biosolids continuously and there is no place to store excess biosolids at the plant site. Executive staff indicate that reliable access is necessary for plant operations and to ensure permit compliance.

## REAPPROPRIATION

***Contracted Services [\$1,145,996].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$1,145,996 for various contracted services.

***Vehicles and Equipment [\$2,429,968].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$2,429,968 for funding for various vehicles and equipment approved in 2023-2024.

***WaterWorks Grant Program [\$6,010,538].*** The proposed ordinance would reappropriate \$6,010,538 for funding for the WaterWorks Grant Program. Grant funds were awarded at the end of 2023 and will be fully spent between 2025-2027. The request is to carry forward the unspent grant funds from 2023-2024 into the 2025 budget.

## TECHNICAL

***SEIU 925 Classification Adjustments [\$2,265,211].*** The proposed ordinance would add additional appropriation authority for the memorandum of agreement on classification wage increases and new hire/transfer items the collection bargaining agreement with SEIU 925.

## Transit Operating

**\$5,866,468**

## NEW POLICY

***Contracted security services [\$3,313,772, partially revenue-backed].*** In response to transit safety and security concerns, Metro committed earlier this year to increase the number of contracted transit security officers (TSOs) deployed throughout the system and to increase their span of service. The proposal would provide appropriation authority for 50 additional TSOs and a security deployment pilot at a total cost of \$3.3 million in 2025, with \$1 million of that total revenue-backed by the City of Seattle. For the non-revenue-backed portion of the request, Metro operating fund balance would be used.

With the proposed appropriation, the total number of TSOs would be approximately 220. Metro increased the span of service and the number of TSOs at two different points earlier this year:

- In January and February, Metro launched a security deployment pilot, in which approximately 30 existing TSOs were placed on foot patrols inside and around operations buildings at each Metro base. Beginning in April, this security deployment was focused on ingress points around the perimeter of the bases, as

a less resource-intensive way to provide 24/7 coverage. This initiative will cost \$400,000 for 2025.

- In April, Metro increased staffing by 50 TSOs at a cost of \$2.9 million for 2025. Approximately 16 of these TSOs are funded by the City of Seattle and have been stationed at bus stops, bus shelters, and on coaches along Third Avenue and Jackson Street in Downtown Seattle. The remaining new TSOs have been posted at transit route terminal points to provide security for late-night (aka Night Owl) transit services, specifically at U District Station; Third Avenue and Pike Street; Renton Transit Center; and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and SW Barton Street. In addition, new TSOs have been added to the security deployment to provide 24/7 coverage at Metro's Atlantic/Central and South Bases.

**UPDATE:** Councilmembers had a number of questions about the deployment of contracted Transit Security Officers (TSOs) and Metro's plans for ongoing transit safety and security:

- **What is the number of TSOs Metro plans to maintain moving forward?** Metro indicates that the increase of 50 additional TSOs to 220, which is what the proposed omnibus would fund, is based on a commitment Metro made earlier this year. Metro indicates that it will evaluate the optimal number of TSOs based on its experience, as well as the recommendations of the Transit Safety Task Force, which are expected by the end of September (Motion 16783). However, because the 2026-2027 budget process is already underway within the Executive branch, Metro indicates that it has proposed to the Executive that the budget continue to fund 220 TSOs throughout the 2026-2027 biennium. (The Executive has not yet made final budget recommendations, this is Metro's proposal to the Executive.)
- **Metro resumed fare enforcement this year. How is Metro staffing fare enforcement?** Metro indicates that fare enforcement is being handled from among the existing 220 TSOs. Metro notes that because fare enforcement began on May 31, it is too soon to determine if it will propose any changes to TSO staffing levels or deployment based on fare enforcement needs.
- **How does Metro coordinate with Sound Transit on fare enforcement and general transit safety and security?** Although Metro operates Sound Transit Link light rail and express buses under contract to Sound Transit, Metro does not provide security staffing for Sound Transit. To coordinate between the two agencies, Metro indicates that Metro and Sound Transit share incident reports, safety data, and operational updates, and that Metro meets monthly with Sound Transit and Community Transit to help ensure regional alignment on fare enforcement practices. Metro indicates that there are differences between Metro and Sound Transit due to agency policies, officer authority, contract terms, and Sound Transit's multi-county service model, but that Metro is working with Sound

Transit and regional law enforcement agencies through the Transit Safety Task Force to strengthen operational consistency and develop a joint response to the Task Force's recommendations.

- **The use of TSOs to provide 24/7 base security was described as a pilot program. What will happen moving forward?** Metro launched a pilot base security program in January 2025, which included foot patrols inside and around operations buildings at each Metro base. In April 2025, Metro moved to a new deployment approach focused around patrolling ingress points around base perimeters, which requires fewer TSOs while still providing 24/7 coverage. Metro indicates that it has proposed maintaining this more focused approach to base security in the 2026-2027 budget.

***Metro Transit Police services [\$2,552,696].*** The budget proposal would implement another commitment Metro made earlier this year in response to transit safety and security concerns: to add 10 Metro Transit Police (MTP) officers, bringing the total budgeted officer positions to 89 FTEs.<sup>33</sup> The cost of \$2.5 million for 2025 would be covered by Metro operating fund balance.

Metro notes that, as of early June 2025, 69 of the total 89 MTP FTEs are filled. To cover the vacancies, MTP officers have worked 15,155 hours of overtime out of 63,538 total hours worked from January 1 through May 30, 2025, for a total estimated annual cost of \$929,000. Because overtime is funded using salary savings, the Executive states that the proposed appropriation will cover overtime costs.

Metro indicates that the additional MTP officers will address Transit Code of Conduct violations, patrol in areas where data indicates higher levels of incidents are occurring, and respond to employee assaults and sexual misconduct violations that occur on or near transit.

**UPDATE:** In response to questions about how Metro plans to deploy MTP officers moving forward, Metro notes that it has proposed maintaining the 89-officer level of budgeted MTP officers through 2026-2027 while it evaluates and implements relevant recommendations from the Transit Safety Task Force. (The Executive has not yet made final budget recommendations; this is Metro's proposal to the Executive.)

***Vanpool Update Report proviso (P4), remove requirement for Council action.*** The budget proposal would retain the proviso requirement that the Executive transmit both a Vanpool Update Report and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report, and that these should be transmitted by August 31, 2025. However, the proposal would remove the requirement that the Council must act on the motion for the \$50,000 encumbered by

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<sup>33</sup> Metro Transit Police (MTP) officers are King County Sheriff deputies funded by Metro through a contract with the King County Sheriff's Office. Motion 11711 approved Transit Security Policies that included guidance on the staffing model for the MTP. The MTP contract is funded by Metro's budget, not by the General Fund.

the proviso to be released. Instead, the encumbered funds would be released when the report and motion are transmitted.

***Expediting RapidRide Report proviso (P5), remove requirement for Council action.*** The budget proposal would retain the proviso requirement that the Executive transmit both an Expediting RapidRide Report and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report, and that these should be transmitted by September 30, 2025. However, the proposal would remove the requirement that the Council must act on the motion for the \$100,000 encumbered by the proviso to be released. Instead, the encumbered funds would be released when the report and motion are transmitted.

## **TECHNICAL**

***State funding for water taxi [\$0].*** The proposal would accept \$1.28 million in new State funding to support Metro in providing four mid-day weekday round trips on the water taxi's Vashon route. This is a continuation of service that began July 1, 2024. The State funding will extend until June 30, 2027.

## **Facilities Management Division**

**\$0, 3.0 FTEs**

### **NEW POLICY**

***Harborview Bond Program [\$0, 3.0 FTEs, revenue-backed].*** The proposed ordinance would allocate 3.0 FTEs, including one Administrator and two Business Finance Officer (BFO) positions to support the Harborview bond program in 2025 with County Hospital Levy dollars. Executive staff indicate that the need for these positions was identified over the last six months and are intended to provide additional capacity for the bond program as the project enters the design and construction phase. Executive staff state that the cost for these positions would be allocated to multiple projects over time that are funded by County Hospital Levy dollars and the 2020 Bond Fund.

These positions were not identified during discussions about the County Hospital Levy tax in fall 2024. According to Executive staff, this was because detailed planning and analysis had not yet been done. Executive staff state that if they are not approved it would impair project control and financial oversight of infrastructure projects, including development of a cost allocation methodology, impacting the schedule and budget of the projects.

Executive staff state that the rationale for paying for these 3.0 FTEs under the County Hospital Levy fund makes “sense from an oversight and accountability perspective” and that there will be additional staff requested as part of the 2026-2027 budget process. A cost allocation plan for funding these programs is planned to be transmitted with the biennial budget materials provided to the Council in September.

The estimated costs for these positions in 2026 are \$125,000 for the Administrator II, \$125,000 for the BFO II, and \$158,000 for the BFO IV. This includes salary and benefits.

**UPDATE:** In response to a question regarding how many FTEs are funding in the 2025 Annual Budget using County Hospital Levy revenue, Executive staff indicate that the adopted 2025 Annual Budget includes \$250,000 to support 1.0 FTE and consulting services in the Executive Office related to monitoring the hospital services agreement and expenditure of the levy proceeds.

Councilmembers also asked for the importance of including the three FTE positions proposed for this appropriation unit. Executive staff state that the 3 new requested FTE positions in the FMD appropriation unit are key to overall success of construction and facility work at Harborview. The FTEs would support the overall construction and facility work paid for through the Harborview bond and County Hospital Levy revenue. The cost of these new employees will be charged to the appropriate revenue source based on workload. This is how existing staff on the bond program are resourced.

Executive staff is working on developing a cost overhead model for the facility and construction work at Harborview. The new FTEs would develop his body of work. Lastly, Councilmembers asked whether they are entry level roles. Executive staff state that the two budget and financial officer (BFO) positions are not entry level positions. The BFO IV position will serve as the de facto CFO for the program. The BFO II position will be filled with someone with extensive capital management and construction finance experience. To date, the program has used a single BFO position as the program was largely personnel and contractor related costs, though as the program begins to shift to design and construction, the complexity of budgeting and financial management will appropriately increase. The Administrator II position has a lower level of responsibility but would not be an entry-level position. The Administrator II position is someone with experience providing administrative support and experience supporting large, complex public sector programs. These 3 FTEs would be funded through County Hospital Levy ER2 to support the 2020 bond program, and it would not decrease or affect the money designated to go to Harborview for operations under ER3.

## **KCIT Services**

**\$3,260,000**

### **NEW POLICY**

***Distributed Antenna Systems Stabilization Effort*** ~~***[\$280,000 ongoing, \$310,000 \$590,000<sup>34</sup> one-time]***~~. The proposed ordinance would **make a one-time appropriation of appropriate** General Fund for a project to stabilize the legacy Distributed Antenna System in the King County Correctional Facility (KCCF), Maleng Regional Justice Center, and the King County Courthouse (KCCH). According to budget materials, the County relies on in-building radio system communication, referred to as Distributed

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<sup>34</sup> This staff report corrects an error on the June 11<sup>th</sup> staff report that incorrectly stated that a portion of the \$590,000 appropriation request was ongoing.

Antenna Systems (DAS), to communicate amongst staff, emergency responders, and public safety officials. Executive staff indicate that the existing systems in both buildings have reached their end of life making radio communications unreliable, which poses a safety risk. Of the requested \$590,000, approximately \$280,000 would be spent on salaries and wages for a combination of vendors and existing employees and \$310,000 on supplies and vendor labor. According to Executive staff, at the conclusion of this project, the radio systems in both KCCF and KCCH are expected to be reliable and additional investments are not anticipated to be needed.

Executive staff indicate that a request for ongoing DAS support will be evaluated for inclusion in the 2026-2027 proposed budget.

A commensurate transfer is provided for in the General Fund Transfer to KCIT appropriation unit.

## **TECHNICAL**

### ***Add TLT Budget to Support Previously Approved Projects [\$870,000, ongoing].***

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$870,000 for TLT salaries to support DCHS Behavioral Health and Recovery Division projects and the KCIT Teams Shared Devices replacement project. Budget materials indicate the projects the TLTs would work on were approved in prior budgets, and it is a KCIT standard practice to hire all the labor resources in the KCIT operating funds and charge to programs and projects as work is performed. According to Executive staff, these costs are ongoing because the TLTs support multi-year projects and programs, and the resources are billed to agencies based on work performed.

***Correct 2025 Salaries to Reflect PROTEC17 CBA Provisions [\$1,800,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1.8 million to update 2025 salaries to correctly reflect the career progression classifications provisions in the adopted collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the union PROTEC17.<sup>35</sup> According to budget materials, there was an error in the 2025 base budget due to timing of the Peoplesoft data extract. The PROTEC17 CBA was approved in 2023 by the Council and provided that the County updates and/or creates new IT classifications to establish countywide consistency in their job duties.

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<sup>35</sup> Ordinance 19714

**Summary**

The total supplemental proposal for the Capital Improvement Program is \$173.4 million, primarily for projects in the Landfill Reserve (\$91.0 million), Water Quality Construction (\$40.1 million), and Transit Revenue Fleet Capital (\$20.2 million) funds.

**Conservation Futures Subfund****\$0****NEW POLICY**

***Appropriate and Disappropriate Moneys based on Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Recommendations [\$0].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$4.37 million to projects and disappropriate \$4.37 million from other projects in the Conservation Futures Subfund, for a net \$0 appropriation. These changes would match the committee's recommendations provided in the Annual Project Progress Report through Fall 2024, transmitted to Council in December 2024.<sup>36</sup>

The table below shows the projects and amounts to be appropriated or disappropriated.

**Table 8.**  
**Conservation Futures Projects and Proposed Appropriation Amounts**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Proposed Appropriation</b>
Non Profit - Watershed Community Development Bend Live/Work	\$830,000
King County - North Green River	\$828,470
Bellevue - Bellevue Cougar Mountain Connections	\$737,411
Duvall - Big Rock Park Expansion	\$476,400
King County/Seattle North Highline Seola Pond	\$380,000
Covington - Jenkins Creek Open Space	\$335,000
Non Profit - Watershed Community Develop Bend Live/Work SSC	\$215,000
Seattle - Longfellow Creek SSC	\$100,000
King County - Frog Holler Forest Additions	\$85,321

<sup>36</sup> [2025-RPT0020](#)

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Proposed Appropriation</b>
Seattle - Beacon Hill / Mount Baker Urban Villages	\$80,000
King County - Griffin Creek Natural Area	\$79,328
Seattle - Beacon Hill 17th/Walker SSC	\$50,000
Non Profit - Forterra Rockdale	\$50,000
Seattle - Westwood-Highland Park Gap Acquisition	\$50,000
Duvall - Big Rock Park Expansion SSC	\$30,000
Non Profit - GROW Ching Community Gardens SSC	\$21,732
Auburn - Downtown Auburn Open Space Acquisition	\$17,000
King County - Vashon Park District	-\$1,457
Non Profit - GROW Ching Community Gardens	-\$19,169
King County - Eastrail Woodinville	-\$50,000
Shoreline - West Echo Lake	-\$52,064
Covington - Covington Community Park Expansion	-\$99,000
Seattle - Lakeridge Park Addition	-\$275,000
Seattle - Bitter Lake Urban Village Park	-\$350,000
King County - North Highline Urban Greenspace - Seola Pond	-\$380,000
King County - Hollywood Hills	-\$400,000
Non Profit - Forterra Kenmore Arrowhead	-\$738,972
Seattle - East Duwamish Greenbelt Brick Pits	-\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The rationale for the proposed disappropriations is summarized below. The following projects would be closed.

- King County - Vashon Park District – Acquisition has been completed.
- Non-Profit - GROW Ching Community Gardens – Acquisition has been completed.
- King County - Eastrail Woodinville – The Executive has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners, and indicates that there is not near-term opportunity to make progress on the project.
- Shoreline - West Echo Lake – Acquisition has been completed.
- Covington - Covington Community Park Expansion - The City of Covington has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners and has indicated that the project is unable to proceed.
- Seattle - Lakeridge Park Addition – The City of Seattle has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners and has indicated that the project is unable to proceed.
- Seattle - Bitter Lake Urban Village Park – The City of Seattle has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners and has indicated that the project is unable to proceed.
- King County - North Highline Urban Greenspace - Seola Pond – The project is now a joint venture between Seattle and King County, and the remaining funding has been transferred to a new project number to reflect this fact.
- King County - Hollywood Hills – The Executive has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners, and indicates that the project is unable to proceed.
- Non-Profit - Forterra Kenmore Arrowhead – Acquisition has been completed.
- Seattle - East Duwamish Greenbelt Brick Pits – The City of Seattle has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners and has indicated that the project is unable to proceed.

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**Department of Public Health Technology Capital**

**\$370,581**

**NEW POLICY**

***Access and Outreach Program Database Update [\$370,581].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$371,000 to the DPH Technology Capital fund for an IT project related to the development of an access and outreach database. The Capital Appropriation Proposal indicates that the project would improve the County's ability to track and target enrollments for healthcare and other benefits across multiple programs. The project would also partner with the Solid Waste Division's Low-Income Discount Program to provide financial relief for curbside residential solid waste management to low-income households.

Executive staff indicate that the existing database is outdated and needs modernization, given that the database is used to provide data to DPH's grant funder contracts and to document all outreach and customer communication.

No need for additional appropriation authority beyond 2025 is expected.

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**General Technology Capital****\$774,207****NEW POLICY**

***Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network Hardware Upgrade [\$774,207].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$774,000 in one-time General Fund revenue to support a capital IT project upgrading the King County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) network equipment to Cisco's Meraki Platform. The CJIS network is a secure database and communication system which allows KCSO to access and share information such as criminal histories, outstanding warrants, missing persons reports, and vehicle registrations. The system also allows KCSO to utilize the Washington State Patrol's (WSP) A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System (ACCESS), which is the state database that criminal justice agencies use to query multiple state and national criminal history databases.

According to the Executive, KCSO's CJIS compliant network equipment reached end-of-life status in August of 2022; meaning the manufacturer was no longer providing operational support or security patches necessary to prevent security threats, system failure, and performance degradation. In April of 2024, the manufacturer alerted KCIT that the KCSO's CJIS network firewall had security vulnerabilities. Upon receiving this notification, KCIT and KCSO began researching possible replacement options. In the third quarter of 2024, and after the 2025 annual budget process had been completed, WSP issued a negative CJIS certification audit finding. Due to this finding, KCSO was put at risk of losing access to ACCESS which would adversely impact KCSO operations, as well as KCSO's ability to share important information with the PAO, DPD, and DAJD.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Cisco's Meraki platform was improved to meet current security and auditing requirements<sup>37</sup> and a viable option for KCSO to acquire and deploy to all KCSO office locations. The Executive completed an Options Analysis wherein three potential CJIS Network Solutions were evaluated, and the Meraki platform was selected as the most optimal choice due to it most completely meeting cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection requirements, using equipment KCIT has experience supporting, and being less complex than other options evaluated. The project completion date is expected to be March 1, 2026.

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<sup>37</sup> Federal Information Processing Standards 140-2 encryption and FIPS 140-3, as well as, auditing requirements of the FBI CJIS Policy, KCIT InfoSec Policies, and KCSO policies.

In response to Council staff inquiry, the Executive has been in communication with WSP regarding the project and its status. According to the Executive, so long as the county is moving toward implementation and correcting the security issues, it is unlikely that WSP would end KCSO's ability to use ACCESS during the procurement and implementation process.

It should be noted that the appropriation includes a 40% tariff contingency. With the new costs associated with federal tariffs not yet known, the vendor suggested a possible 30% increase, but indicated this may change due to executive orders on tariffs. From this information, KCIT suggested revising the total project cost estimate to include a tariff contingency of 40%; 30% to meet the vendor's suggestion and an additional 10% buffer.

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**Surface Water Management Construction Subfund** **\$0**

**NEW POLICY**

***Water Quality Program [-\$300,000] and Stormwater Asset Preservation Program [-\$400,000].*** The proposed ordinance would transfer \$300,000 from the Water Quality Program and \$400,000 from the Stormwater Asset Preservation Program to the Water Quality May Creek Tributary 291A Cemetery Project as discussed in the next decision package. The transferred amounts are not currently allocated to any subprojects in the Water Quality Program or the Stormwater Asset Preservation Program.

***Water Quality May Creek Tributary 291A Cemetery Project [\$700,000].*** The proposed ordinance would transfer the moneys referenced in the decision package above to a project located in the May Creek Tributary 291A basin. The purpose of this project is to improve flow control and treatment of runoff from developed land that has no stormwater controls. The detention facility occupies a historic wetland and this project will restore portions of the wetland to increase the detention storage and improve water quality treatment.

The original timeline had assumed construction costs would not be needed until 2026. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit requires that the project be under construction contract by March 2026 and appropriation authority is needed in late 2025 to advertise the contract by January 2026. The project has previously been appropriated \$2.3 million and the additional appropriation would bring the total budget to approximately \$3.0 million.

**NEW POLICY*****King County Correctional Facility (KCCF) Bunk Modification Project [\$275,000].***

The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$275,000 for installation of 208 new wall-mounted bunk beds in the KCCF West Wing. The new beds are intended to improve inmate safety by closing a gap between the beds and the walls. This project was previously appropriated \$500,000 and this request would bring the total amount to \$775,000.

***Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC) Top Deck Recoating [\$597,891].*** This request would fund an epoxy recoating of the top floor of the MRJC parking structure for approximately \$598,000, as well as providing for anti-slip aggregate over walking pathways and replacement of expansion joint covers.

**TECHNICAL**

***MRRF Project Disappropriations [-\$1,001,490].*** Various projects, as shown in Table 9 below, are proposed to be disappropriated from as the projects have been completed.

**Table 9. Major Maintenance Reserve Subfund Disappropriations  
from Completed Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Proposed Disappropriation</b>
KCSO Precinct 4 Electrical System Maintenance	(\$208,429)
Earlington Building Mezzanine Floor Structural Repairs	(\$9,433)
Earlington Building Security System (Video Recorders)	(\$13,554)
KCSO Precinct 3 HVAC Repairs	(\$266,555)
KCSO Precinct 4 Standby Power Generation	(\$234,342)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$732,313)</b>

Note that in addition to the \$732,313 in disappropriations above, the proposed ordinance would disappropriate \$269,177 from a 4<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Building sewer line repair project because the project is no longer active, so the funding can be reprioritized for other needs.

## **Radio Communication Services Capital Improvement**

**\$650,000**

### **NEW POLICY**

**KCIT Subscriber Radio Replacement [\$650,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$650,000 for the ongoing KCIT Subscriber Radio Replacement capital project. This project is used to acquire radio and radio-related items using radio replacement moneys collected from County agencies. According to budget materials, purchases are made based on agency request only and the requested appropriation will support radio purchase requests for 2025.

## **Parks Capital**

**\$855,500**

### **NEW POLICY**

**Transfer Funding from the East Lake Sammamish Trail to the Green to Cedar River Trail [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would disappropriate \$1.2 million in unused contingency funding from the East Lake Sammamish Trail project and appropriate it to the Green to Cedar River project. According to Executive staff, the East Lake Sammamish Trail project has one subproject remaining, and this subproject, the George Davis Creek culvert replacement fish passage project, could not be completed at the same time as the rest of the trail due to property acquisition and permitting challenges. Based on existing information, Parks estimates that construction could begin between 2026 and 2028. Executive staff state that they do not anticipate needing contingency funding to complete the East Lake Sammamish Trail project, and that additional money is needed for the Green to Cedar River Trail project due to inflation and additional project requirements not anticipated in the original funding request.

The 2020-2025 Parks Levy motion (Motion 15378) requests that the Executive transmit a report by September of a given year if changes to projects or funding amounts listed in Attachment A to the motion are to be proposed for the following year. A report was not submitted in 2024. Executive staff state that the need for additional funding for the Green to Cedar River Trail was not known at the time in 2024 that the report would have been sent.

**Wayne Golf Course Trail Connector Improvements [\$855,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$855,000 to the Wayne Golf Course Trail Connector project in Bothell, which would be used to construct a trail bridge and connection to future local trails on the former Wayne Golf Course property. This appropriation completes the funding specified for this project in the 2020-2025 Parks Levy motion.

**Appropriate and Disappropriate Moneys based on Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Recommendations [\$0].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$1.08 million to projects and disappropriate \$1.08 million from other projects in the Parks Capital fund, for a net \$0 appropriation. These changes would match the committee's

recommendations provided in the Annual Project Progress Report through Fall 2024, transmitted to Council in December 2024.<sup>38</sup>

The table below shows the projects and amounts to be appropriated or disappropriated.

**Table 10.**  
**Acquisition Projects and Proposed Appropriation Amounts**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Proposed Appropriation</b>
Frog Holler Forest Addition	\$425,403
Green River Newaukum Creek Preservation	\$400,000
Parks Griffin Creek Natural Area Acquisition	\$250,000
Vashon Parks District Surplus	-\$410
Eastrail Woodinville Bottleneck	-\$49,805
Snoqualmie Valley Trail at Mill Site Acquisition	-\$50,605
Parks Hollywood Hills Forest and Pasture Acquisition	-\$377,320
Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions	-\$447,393
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The rationale for the proposed disappropriations is summarized below. The following projects would be closed.

- Vashon Parks District Surplus – Acquisition has been completed.
- Eastrail Woodinville Bottleneck – The Executive has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners, and indicates that the project is unable to proceed.
- Snoqualmie Valley Trail at Mill Site Acquisition – Supporting documentation states that, while the Executive has made numerous acquisitions within the scope of this project, further progress is not possible at this time.
- Parks Hollywood Hills Forest and Pasture Acquisition – The Executive has not been able to come to an agreement with the landowners, and indicates that the project is unable to proceed.
- Boxley Creek Natural Area Additions – Supporting documentation states that King County has completed the primary acquisition, and work continues, but this additional funding is not needed.

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<sup>38</sup> [2025-RPT0020](#)

**NEW POLICY<sup>39</sup>**

**Process Replacement/Improvement [\$3,004,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$3.0 million to meet an urgent request to replace four existing membrane cartridges at Brightwater Treatment Plant. Replacements need to be done during a dry season and sequenced with another project.

**Mechanical Upgrade and Replacement [\$8,115,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional \$8.1 million to the Mechanical Upgrade and Replacement Asset Management Project that replaces or upgrades mechanical systems that have served their useful life. The project is currently forecasted to need an additional \$8.1 million for upgrade purchases. The 2025 Adopted Budget included \$10.1 million for this project.

**Pipeline Replacement [\$2,510,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$2.5 million to the Pipeline Replacement Program to cover the current spending forecast in 2025. These projects improve the safety, reliability, efficiency or increase the redundancy of the piping systems and code required upgrades.

**Small Generator Replacement at Various Offsite Stations [\$5,621,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$5.6 million for the program to replace standby generators at 15 regulator stations and outfalls in Seattle. The 2025 Adopted Budget included \$669,000 for this project. Additional appropriation is needed to issue a notice to proceed (NTP) for the construction contract.

**PIMS Replacement [\$278,565].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional approximately \$279,000 to modernize and enhance rather than replace the current Pretreatment Information Management System (PIMS) program. WTD had originally tried to implement a Commercial Off the Shelf System but the project pivoted to modernizing the existing system when WTD identified the solution would meet its requirements.

**Medina Pump Station MCC and Generator Replacement [\$1,023,775].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional approximately \$1.0 million for the Medina Pump Station Generator Replacement Project. The project is completing construction in 2025. The total project cost is increased mainly due to unexpected design discrepancies and scope changes not identified in the original contract.

**South Plant Raw Sewage Pump #3 Replacement [\$5,221,000].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional \$5.2 million for this project. The primary

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<sup>39</sup> Given current deliberations on the proposed wastewater rate increase, Council staff asked WTD for information on the process it uses to determine the necessity of capital project requests. WTD indicated that it uses a multistep vetting process to determine which projects need supplemental funding, taking into account regulatory requirements, cost impacts of delaying, and other factors.

objective of this project is to replace a raw sewage pump and associated equipment at South Treatment Plant. The additional appropriation is needed to issue a notice to proceed (NTP) for a construction contract in 2025. The 2025 Adopted Budget included \$1.8 million for this project.

***Mouth of Duwamish Facility Plan [\$13,363,521].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional approximately \$13.4 million for the Mouth of Duwamish Facility Plan. This project will develop a Facility Plan to achieve the greatest reasonable reduction for the King County Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls identified in the Modified Consent Decree. The 2025 Adopted Budget included \$15.5 million for this project and the total estimated cost at completion is \$53 million.

***Chinook Research Vessel Replacement [\$999,100].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate an additional approximately \$1.0 million for the replacement of the Chinook Research Vessel. The 2025 Adopted Budget included \$1.1 million for this project. WTD reports additional funding is needed because the vessel purchase requires the guarantee of the full appropriation to secure a contract to have a vendor build it. This requirement was not known at the time of the 2025 Annual Budget, and only half of the appropriation was requested because that is what was anticipated being spent in 2025. Therefore, WTD is asking for the full appropriation now to secure a contract with a vendor and have it built.

<b>Transit Revenue Fleet Capital</b>	<b>\$20,169,782</b>
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#### **NEW POLICY**

***Transit Operator Safety Partitions [\$20,169,782].*** In response to transit safety and security concerns, Metro committed to installing operator safety partitions on all coaches. For new buses currently on order, the partitions will be installed at the factory. For existing buses, the omnibus requests appropriation authority of \$20.2 million from fund balance in the Transit Revenue Fleet capital fund<sup>40</sup> to procure and install operator safety partitions on 1,200 Metro coaches.

Metro states that the procurement is expected to begin in October 2025, with installation completed by December 2026. Metro states that the partitions reflect input from operators for creating a more enclosed compartment than what is currently in place. For passengers, Metro states that using the partitions will not require any changes to the way passengers pay their fares: existing fareboxes and ORCA readers will remain in place so that passengers can continue to pay using either cash or ORCA card, and paper transfers for those who pay cash will continue to be available.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> Fund 3642

<sup>41</sup> KCC 4A.700.010.B allows Metro fares to be paid using cash or with a transfer.

**NEW POLICY**

**KCIT Infrastructure Equipment Replacement [\$752,665].** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$753,000 for the ongoing KCIT Infrastructure Equipment Replacement capital project. This project replaces platform infrastructure equipment supporting County agency applications when it reaches the end of its useful life and includes such things as servers and equipment that supports cloud technology. The proposed appropriation is to be paid for using fund balance and according to budget materials will cover infrastructure replacement planned for 2025 and also an overspend in 2024.

**County Road Major Maintenance****\$0****NEW POLICY**

**Countywide Roadway Preservation Program Disappropriation [-\$650,000].** Roads Services proposes to transfer REET #1 funds from this parent project to a drainage project in south King County that is experiencing a budget shortfall (discussed below). The \$650,000 in REET funding was budgeted in 2025 for paving 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in White Center. However, the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW project received a Transportation Improvement Board grant that can be used to supplant the REET funding.

**SE 384<sup>th</sup> Street and 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE Drainage Improvement Culvert [\$650,000].**

The SE 384<sup>th</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Drainage Improvement Culvert would receive a supplemental appropriation of \$650,000. The Culvert project is experiencing a shortfall primarily due to inflation between 2020 when the project was proposed for state grant funding and 2025. Construction costs also increased over the budget estimate because of new requirements for larger fish passage structures during the past five years.

**County Road Construction****\$1,250,000****NEW POLICY**

**Roads Facilities and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program [\$1,250,000].** The proposed ordinance would allocate \$1.25 million in proceeds from the sale of the Titus Pit property from the Roads Services Division to the Department of Natural Resources and Parks. The \$1.25 million would be appropriated for Roads Services Division facility improvements, including:

- Additional funds to support construction of salt sheds to protect Roads' investment in road treatment material for winter weather;
- Initial efforts to support electrical upgrades for our Renton maintenance campus to reduce risk of campus-wide electrical failures and power outages; and
- Adding staff capacity to support a capital projects manager (TLT) to implement the various capital projects programmed for 2025.

This is consistent with the adopted Roads Services Division Financial Policies and Practices<sup>42</sup> and Strategic Plan for Road Services 2014 Update<sup>43</sup>, which called for proceeds from surplus property sales to be used to make improvements to division facilities rather than road overlay or other routine asset maintenance projects.

## **Solid Waste Construction**

**\$13,330,333**

### **NEW POLICY**

***Transfer Station Major Asset Rehabilitation [\$13,330,333].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$13.3 million for the ongoing Transfer Station Major Asset Rehabilitation capital project. This project is used for the rehabilitation of major assets at the transfer stations, as well as other capital assets within the Solid Waste Division, and covers major overhaul or replacement. Executive staff indicate that examples of planned work with this appropriation include: structural floor repairs at the Factory Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS); fire mitigation upgrades at the Enumclaw RTS; and stormwater improvements to meet water quality standards at the Houghton RTS, to name a few. A full list of anticipated work is available upon request. The appropriation request is proposed to be funded by General Obligation bonds.

According to budget materials, the requested appropriation includes 2025 spending in excess of the existing appropriation, as well as the appropriation for the 2026-2027 biennium. Executive staff indicate that the Division forecasts spending approximately \$16.0 million for this project in the years 2025 through 2027, which includes \$2.8 million in existing appropriation. Of the \$16.0 million in forecasted expenditures during this period, approximately \$7.2 million would be spent in 2025 and \$8.9 million in 2026-2027, according to Executive staff. Executive staff note that the Division considered splitting the appropriation requests between 2025 and the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget but indicated “the overlapping timelines of development and subsequent adoption of the budgets may have resulted in confusion” and consolidating the request “allowed for clearer communication about appropriation need for the next few years, more stable data for forecasting spending, and a smoother administrative process.” Councilmembers could consider limiting the appropriation in the proposed ordinance to the planned expenditures in 2025 and requesting that 2026-2027 expenditures be included in the biennial budget to provide more clarity about total capital expenditures planned in 2025-2026 as they deliberate on the biennial budget.

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<sup>42</sup> Motion 13595

<sup>43</sup> Motion 14190

**NEW POLICY**

***Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Major Asset Rehabilitation [\$8,758,789].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$8.8 million for the ongoing Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Major Asset Rehabilitation capital project. This project is used for the assessment of major assets at the landfill and supports major overhaul or replacement. Executive staff state that the proposed appropriation would support both newly planned asset replacement and rehabilitation, as well as cost increases in previously planned replacements. Examples of work at the landfill that are expected to be completed with the requested appropriation include: safety improvements to the haul road; increased costs in deconstruction of eastern properties to reestablish the 1000-foot buffer; investigation and repair of leachate leak under the liner and remediation cleanup requirements; to name a few. A full list of anticipated work is available upon request. The appropriation request is proposed to be funded by General Obligation bonds.

According to Executive staff, the requested appropriation includes 2025 spending, as well as the appropriation for the 2026-2027 biennium. Executive staff indicate that the Division forecasts spending approximately \$13.5 million for the work in the years 2025 through 2027, which includes \$2.2 million in existing budget authority. Of the \$13.5 million in forecasted expenditures during this period, approximately \$3.5 million would be spent in 2025 and \$10.0 million in 2026-2027, according to Executive staff. Councilmembers could consider limiting the appropriation in the proposed ordinance to the planned expenditures in 2025 and requesting that 2026-2027 expenditures be included in the biennial budget to provide more clarity about total capital expenditures planned in 2025-2026 when they deliberate on the biennial budget.

Executive staff indicate that none of the planned work under this requested appropriation is related to the forthcoming legislation that would authorize the acquisition of the landfill gas processing facility onsite at the Cedar Hills landfill. Council staff are anticipating that the purchase and sale agreement for the facility acquisition, as well as a supplemental budget ordinance supporting acquisition, will be transmitted shortly. Further details about this package of legislation will be provided following transmittal.

***Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Header Replacement [\$6,346,687].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$6.3 million for the previously approved project to replace the header component of the landfill gas collection system that experiences frequent failures. According to budget materials, the estimated total cost at completion has increased from approximately \$5.7 million (2022 estimate) to approximately \$12.1 million. Budget materials indicate that the requested appropriation will address unanticipated cost escalations, as well as cover additional pipeline length, replacement equipment, and consultant work. Part of the requested appropriation is offset by a \$2.63 million Climate Commitment Act grant from the Department of Ecology

and the remaining approximately \$3.7 million of the request is proposed to be funded by General Obligation bonds.

Executive staff indicate that none of the planned work under this requested appropriation is related to the forthcoming legislation that would authorize the acquisition of the landfill gas processing facility onsite at the Cedar Hills landfill. Council staff are anticipating that the purchase and sale agreement for the facility acquisition, as well as a supplemental budget ordinance supporting acquisition, will be transmitted shortly. Further details about this package of legislation will be provided following transmittal.

***Restructure of Cedar Hills Top Deck Development and Closure Capital Projects in Areas 5 and 6.***

The proposed ordinance includes a restructure of related capital projects concerning Areas 5 and 6 that would:

- Disappropriate the remaining appropriation for and closeout the following existing projects: ***Area 5 Top Deck Development and Closure project [-\$11,000,000]*** and ***Area 6 Top Deck project [-\$11,000,000]***; and
- Create the following two new projects that will cover the same scope of work as the disappropriated projects, as well as appropriate additional money for the next phases of work: ***Area 5/6 Top Deck Development [\$43,234,348]*** and ***Area 5/6 Top Deck Closure [\$54,713,571]***.

The projects proposed for disappropriation and closeout were intended to develop the top decks in Areas 5 and 6 of the landfill, which allows for waste deposit to the allowable height, and to also construct the closure cover system as required by state law in those areas. This work is underway; however, Executive staff indicate they are proposing to restructure the way this work is budgeted in the capital project system to increase transparency for costs and help track revenue more efficiently. According to Executive staff, both the design and construction for the top deck in Areas 5 and 6 have been integrated into a single contract and consolidation of this work into a single project for development better reflects the reality of work. Executive staff state that the rationale for creating a separate project for the closure cover work in both areas is that the construction will be advertised and awarded under a different contract and the project is cash-funded instead of bond-funded.

Executive staff indicate that the requested appropriation of approximately \$43.2 million for the Area 5/6 Top Deck Development project is expected to be sufficient to complete this work through project closeout and is proposed to be funded by General Obligation bonds. Executive staff also state that the requested appropriation of approximately \$54.7 million for the Area 5/6 Top Deck Closure project is expected to be sufficient to complete this work through project closeout and is proposed to be cash funded with solid waste fee revenue.

According to budget materials, the current plan is to fill Areas 5 and 6 to capacity after Area 8 is full, which is expected to occur based on current forecasts in January 2027. After Areas 5 and 6 are reach capacity, which is projected in the 2030-2031 timeframe, the Division expects to fill Area 9, which is currently being developed.

Council staff analysis is ongoing.

**UPDATE:** According to Executive staff, across the four projects, the proposed ordinance would make a net request of approximately \$72.0 million in new appropriation, as the \$22.0 million to be disappropriated will be reallocated to the two newly created projects.

Council staff analysis is complete.

### **Building Repair and Replacement Subfund**

**\$4,233,876**

#### **NEW POLICY**

***SODO Hub Security Camera Upgrade [\$15,368].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate approximately \$15,000 for security cameras at the SODO hub. The existing cameras are offline and incompatible with standard King County monitoring equipment and software. According to the project description, the project is "essential for ensuring the safety of both occupants and equipment within the building, while also improving the efficiency of building maintenance."

***Distributed Antenna System Upgrade [\$4,400,000].*** The proposed ordinance would appropriate \$4.4 million to replace the existing radio system at the King County Correctional Facility (KCCF), King County Courthouse (KCCH), and Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC), which have been experiencing radio performance and coverage issues. The Facilities Management Division anticipates completing the work by the end of this year. This project is included in Proposed Ordinance 2025-0158, which was transmitted with the omnibus and would amend the bond ordinance the Council passed in 2024.<sup>44</sup>

Executive staff indicate that the focus in 2025 is on the KCCF, KCCH, and MRJC, but FMD is assessing the need for improvements at other County-owned facilities. Depending on the results of that assessment, funding for other facilities may be requested for the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget.

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<sup>44</sup> Ordinance 19862

## TECHNICAL

### ***Downtown Public Health Buprenorphine Program Disappropriation [-\$181,492].***

The proposed ordinance would disappropriate \$181,492 from a completed BUPE Program space improvement project at the Downtown Public Health Center.

## TIMING

The BFM Chair, in consultation with staff, has proposed a schedule for 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus activities, which is provided in the table below.

### **2025 1<sup>st</sup> Omnibus Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
May 29 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs)	Executive transmits
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 9:30am</b>	<b>BFM – Committee briefing</b>
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup> (Fri) COB</b>	<b><i>Striking amendment requests due to BFM Chair</i></b>
June 30 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) COB	BFM Chair's striking amendment direction due to staff & <b><i>district councilmanic grant allocations due April Sanders</i></b>
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Wed) COB	Striking amendment finalized and distributed
July 7 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) COB	Line amendment direction due to staff
<b>July 9<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 9:30am</b>	<b>BFM – Committee action on striker and line amendments</b>
July 14 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) Noon	Line amendment direction due to staff for Full Council
<b>July 15<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 1:30pm</b>	<b>Full Council – Possible action</b>

## AMENDMENTS

The committee packet includes Striking Amendment S1 and a corresponding Title Amendment T1. A line amendment packet will be distributed separately, if needed. The striking amendment is summarized below.

**Table 11. Summary of Striking Amendment S1**

<b><i>Appropriation Unit</i></b>	<b><i>Change</i></b>
<b><i>Performance, Strategy, and Budget</i></b>	<b><i>1) Proviso \$250,000 until the Executive transmits an agency budgeting report for the 2026-2027 biennium focusing on King County sheriff's office, department of public health, jail health services, the prosecuting attorney's office, department of public defense, and adult and juvenile detention.</i></b> <b><i>2) Proviso \$250,000 for a report on the Executive's plans for</i></b>

	<i>community and council engagement on levies coming up in the next biennium.</i>
<i>King County Sheriff's Office</i>	<i>Would add and ER \$845,000 to the Sheriff's total appropriation and restricts that amount to restore minimum staffing levels in Precincts 2 and 3.</i>
<i>External Support</i>	<i>1) Would reallocate \$250,000 previously appropriated to Kirkland Historic Cabin to Seattle REconomy.</i> <i>2) Would add and ER \$500,000 in GF revenue to Planned Parenthood NW for reproductive healthcare support.</i> <i>3) Would add and ER \$250,000 in GF revenue to Northwest Abortion Access Fund for reproductive healthcare support.</i> <i>4) Would add and ER \$100,000 in GF revenue for the Coalition Ending Gender-based Violence for a trans resource and referral guide.</i> <i>5) Would add and ER \$10,000 in GF revenue for a Rotary Club of Maple Valley community 10k event.</i> <i>6) Would add and ER \$250,000 in GF revenue, \$125,000 each for Federal Way School District and Auburn School District pre-apprenticeship programs.</i> <i>7) Would add and ER \$505,000 in GF to El Centro de la Raza for the Mercado Project in Federal Way.</i>
<i>Behavioral Health and Recovery Division and GF Transfer to Department of DCHS</i>	<i>1) Would add and ER \$145,000 in GF revenue to preserve Seattle LEAD programing by PDA (Purpose, Dignity, Action) through the end of the year.</i> <i>2) Would add and ER \$150,000 for The Garage, a Teen Cafe for behavioral health services and programs.</i>
<i>Water and Land Resources Shared Services and GF Transfer to DNRP</i>	<i>Would ER \$250,000 in GF revenue for a contract with WDFW and Hickey Bros. Research to capture fish that predate on salmon in Lake Washington, in an effort to increase salmon population in future years.</i>  <i>Increase GF Transfer to DNRP by \$250,000.</i>
<i>Local Services Admin</i>	<i>Would proviso \$50,000 until the Executive transmits a letter certifying that DLS consulted with the Fairwood Community Group on outreach related to the Fairwood PAA subarea plan.</i>
<i>Community Services Operating and GF Transfer to DCHS</i>	<i>1) Would add and ER \$75,000 in GF revenue for Northwest Immigrant Rights Project to expand civil legal aid for asylum seekers.</i> <i>2) Would add and ER \$125,000 for The Circle, an organization that serves immigrant communities on the Eastside of King County.</i> <i>3) Would add and ER a total of \$225,000 in GF revenue to expand CSO Councilmanic Grants, specifically to respond to federal and state cuts. Each council office would receive an additional \$25,000. Each council office could allocate to up to three organizations.</i>
<i>Employment and Education Resource</i>	<i>Would remove \$560,000 in a US Dept of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention grant for the Restorative Community Pathways Program.</i>

<i><b>Solid Waste Operating</b></i>	<i>1) Proviso \$1 million until the Executive transmits a code change ordinance that allows Seattle residents to use the Shoreline and Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Stations, as well as a plan for implementation. 2) Would add and ER \$11,902,446 contingent on PO 2025-0176, which authorizes the Executive to enter into an agreement regarding the purchase of the landfill gas processing plant at Cedar Hills, becoming effective (note, this would incorporate the supplemental requests in PO 2025-0177).</i>
<i><b>Solid Waste Construction Fund</b></i>	<i>Would add and ER \$80 million contingent on PO 2025-0176, which authorizes the Executive to enter into an agreement regarding the purchase of the landfill gas processing plant at Cedar Hills, becoming effective (note, this would incorporate the supplemental requests in PO 2025-0177).</i>
<i><b>Housing and Community Development</b></i>	<i>1) Would add and ER \$450,000 for Mercy Housing Northwest for a housing preservation project. The funding source would be determined by DCHS. 2) Would add and ER \$1.5 million for Seattle Chinatown International District PDA for funding to acquire and convert Quarters Housing on Pacific PDA property to permanently affordable housing. The funding source would be determined by DCHS, with a preference for using interest earnings.</i>
<i><b>Housing and Community Development and GF Transfer to DCHS</b></i>	<i>Would add and ER \$300,000 in GF revenue for Low Income Housing Institute for tiny house village operations in Tukwila.</i>
<i><b>Wastewater Treatment</b></i>	<i>Would ER \$1,687,843 for Waterworks Grants, which was anticipated in the 2025 Annual Budget. Note, projects have not yet been determined, so this would allow projects to be designated by motion at a future date.</i>
<i><b>Transit Operating</b></i>	<i>Would add and ER \$50,000 in Metro fund balance to Sound Generations to provide additional Hyde Shuttle services for seniors and people with disabilities.</i>
<i><b>Facilities Management Internal Service</b></i>	<i>1) Would ER \$93,339 in existing appropriation authority for a security officer presence in Chambers at all committee and Council meetings. 2) Would proviso \$50,000 for a report providing an update on the parking project in the HMC tower.</i>
<i><b>CSO/VSHSL/YASF</b></i>	<i>Would allocate Councilmanic Grants.</i>
<i><b>Various</b></i>	<i>Would make technical corrections.</i>



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2025-0107.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

- 1                   A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
- 2                   Neal Black, who works in council district six, to the King
- 3                   County Housing Authority board of commissioners.
- 4                   BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 5                   The county executive's appointment of Neal Black, who works in council district
- 6                   six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners, for a five-year term

7 to expire on May 22, 2030, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Health, Housing, and Human Services

## STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>	5	<b>Name:</b>	Olivia Brey
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0107	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

## SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2025-0107 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Neal Black, who resides in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, for a five-year term to expire on May 22, 2030.

## BACKGROUND

The King County Housing Authority (KCHA) was established in 1939 by the King County Council to provide "decent, safe and sanitary housing for those families unable to obtain such housing elsewhere." Housing authorities are authorized by state and federal law to issue tax-exempt debt to finance the acquisition, preservation, and development of affordable housing. KCHA is a municipal corporation and is governed under Chapter 35.82 RCW, which governs housing authorities.<sup>1</sup>

A board of commissioners is responsible for making strategic decisions and providing oversight of statutory, regulatory, contractual, and financial obligations.<sup>2</sup> The KCHA Board of Commissioners is made up of 5 commissioners, appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council. Currently, Commissioner Douglas Barnes serves as the chair of the Board, but his term expired in May 2025 and he is not eligible for reappointment so a replacement commissioner is needed.

King County Code (K.C.C.) 2.88.015<sup>3</sup> requires that at least one person appointed to the Board of Commissioners be an individual who is directly assisted by the KCHA. The KCHA refers to this position as the "resident commissioner". Additionally, appointees may not serve for more than two successive terms. Filling an unexpired portion of a term counts toward the two-term limit.

## APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Neal Black works in council district six as a partner at Phinney Black LLP. He has over 26 years of experience as a lawyer, where he provides legal and strategic counseling to public and private companies. Mr. Black was elected to be a councilmember of the

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<sup>1</sup> [Chapter 35.82 RCW: HOUSING AUTHORITIES LAW \(wa.gov\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [US Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

<sup>3</sup> [K.C.C. 2.88](#)

Kirkland City Council in 2019 and re-elected in 2021. He also serves on a number of boards, including the Board of Trustees for the King County Bar Association, and the Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee where he serves as the Chair.

KCHA noted, "Mr. Black would provide valuable strategic advice and insight to KCHA as we work to address housing needs for the region's lowest income households."

## **ANALYSIS**

If confirmed by the Council, Neal Black would be appointed to Position 5 for a full five-year term. Table 1 below shows the proposed composition of the Board.

**Table 1. KCHA Board Profile**

<b>Pos. #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>K.C.C. District</b>	<b>Background and/or Representing</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b># of Appointed Terms</b>
1	Jerry Lee	6	Community volunteer	10/10/24	5/22/26	1 Partial
2	Tina Keys	3	Resident Commissioner	10/9/24	5/22/25	1 Partial
3	Richard Jackson	8 (Works)	Community volunteer	1/27/23	5/22/27	1 Full
4	Regina Elmi	9	Community volunteer	2/23/21	5/22/23	1 Full
5	Neal Black (Proposed)	6 (Works)	Community volunteer	To be determined	5/22/30	1 Full, subject to Council confirmation

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of the King County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Currently, there are two members of the KCHA Board of Commissioners with expired terms. KCHA staff noted that they are working on asking members if they are interested in reappointment and preparing for recruitment for vacant positions. K.C.C. 2.28.003.C. states that "[a]ny member whose term has expired shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed [...]".

## **INVITED**

- Neal Black, Appointee to King County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- Jessica de Barros, Vice President of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, King County Housing Authority
- Robin Walls, CEO, King County Housing Authority

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0107 (attachments available upon request)

2. Transmittal Letter for Neal Black
3. Legislative Review Form for Neal Black



## KING COUNTY

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### Signature Report

#### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2025-0157.1

**Sponsors** Quinn

- 1                   A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
- 2                   Eric Ballentine, who resides in council district five, to the
- 3                   King County veterans advisory board.
- 4                   BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 5                   The county executive's appointment of Eric Ballentine, who resides in council
- 6                   district five, to the King County veterans advisory board, for a three-year term to expire

7 on April 30, 2028, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

## STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6	<b>Name:</b>	Miranda Leskinen
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0157	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

## SUBJECT

A Motion to confirm the appointment of the following individual to the King County Veterans' Advisory Board:

- **Eric Ballentine**, who resides in Council District 5, to the Veterans' Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2028.

## BACKGROUND

**King County Veterans Program (KCVP).** The King County Veterans Program (KCVP) has served low-income, homeless, disabled, at-risk veterans and their families since the 1950s. The KCVP is required by state law and is funded by King County taxpayers.<sup>1</sup> The KCVP provides numerous direct services including case management, financial assistance, housing assistance, mental health referrals and other supportive services. The KCVP works collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, the VA Regional Office, the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and various community organizations.

State law requires counties to maintain a veterans' advisory board to oversee each county's state-mandated veterans' assistance program.

From 2018-2024, the membership of the Veterans Committee of the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Advisory Board dually served as the membership of the state-required King County Veterans' Advisory Board. In June 2024, the Council passed Ordinance 19780 to make updates to the VSHSL Advisory Board in accordance with recommendations from the 2024-2029 renewal VSHSL Implementation Plan (Ordinance 19719). These updates included, among other things, separating the state-required Veterans' Advisory Board from the VSHSL Advisory Board's Veterans Committee. Ordinance 19781 was concurrently adopted to establish the King County Veterans' Advisory Board as a standalone entity, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300.

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<sup>1</sup> State law (RCW 73.08.080) requires the legislative authority in each county to create a veterans' assistance fund that is funded through a property tax of their respective counties. Per RCW 73.08.010(1), county veterans' assistance programs shall be funded, at least in part, by the veterans' assistance fund created under the authority of RCW 73.08.080.

**Veterans’ Advisory Board Overview.** Requirements relating to the composition, duties, and terms of the King County Veterans’ Advisory Board, which are identified in K.C.C. 2A.300.530, are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1. Overview of the Veterans’ Advisory Board Composition and Duties**

<p><b>Board Duties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Advise</u> County on the needs of local indigent veterans and available resources and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families</li> <li>• <u>Advise</u> DCHS, or its successor, on the administration of the King County Veterans’ Program, the county’s state-required veterans’ assistance program (per Chapter 73.08 RCW)</li> <li>• <u>Meet</u> at least four times annually</li> <li>• <u>Elect</u> a chair annually from its membership</li> </ul>	<p><b>Board Composition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 members appointed by the Executive, in accordance with RCW 73.08.035, and subject to Council confirmation</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Member Term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four-year terms (after initial board)</li> <li>• Members are not allowed to serve on the Board for more than 4 consecutive years</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Membership Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must reside in King County</li> <li>• Must be a veteran as defined in RCW 73.08.005</li> </ul>
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## **APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

Eric Ballentine is a veteran of the U.S. Army and currently serves as the Program Director for the Minority Veterans of America nonprofit organization in Seattle. As indicated in their application materials, Eric has worked with veterans in a variety of fields including education, mental health, housing, and transitioning from military service to civilian life.

## **ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment which appears to be consistent with King County Code requirements.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0157
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile



**Signature Report**

**Motion**

**Proposed No.** 2025-0173.2

**Sponsors** Mosqueda, Dembowski and  
Barón

1           A MOTION regarding the council's commitment to  
2           welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and  
3           refugees, and requesting a report evaluating the county's  
4           progress towards that commitment.

5           WHEREAS, according to the 2023 American Community Survey conducted by  
6           the United States Census Bureau, King County is home to approximately five hundred  
7           eighty-six thousand foreign-born residents from every corner of the world totaling over a  
8           quarter of the county's population, and

9           WHEREAS, immigrants and refugees enhance the county's cultural richness and  
10          economic vitality with, according to a 2020 report from the Keep Washington Working  
11          workgroup, immigrant-owned businesses in Washington state generating over \$2.3  
12          billion in annual revenue and creating thousands of jobs, and immigrant households  
13          across the state paying an estimated \$9.7 billion in federal taxes and \$3.9 billion in state  
14          taxes, and

15          WHEREAS, many immigrant residents of King County, including those who are  
16          not currently able to obtain lawful permanent residence, or live in mixed-status families,  
17          may be fearful for their lives due to federal anti-immigration laws and are especially  
18          vulnerable to discrimination, hate crimes, racial profiling, and deportation, and

19 WHEREAS, King County seeks to provide all of its residents fair and equal  
20 access to services, opportunities, and protection irrespective of origins or immigrant or  
21 refugee status, and

22 WHEREAS, in 2009, King County enacted Ordinance 16692 prohibiting a county  
23 office, department, employee, agency, or agent from using the citizenship or immigration  
24 status of any individual to condition the provision of county services, except where  
25 required by federal law, and also prohibiting the sheriff's office from requesting specific  
26 documents relating to a person's civil immigration status for the sole purpose of  
27 determining whether the individual has violated federal civil immigration laws, and

28 WHEREAS, in 2010, King County enacted Ordinance 16948, known as the  
29 "Equity and Social Justice Ordinance", which used the countywide strategic plan's  
30 principle of "fair and just" to integrate equity and social justice into all the county does in  
31 order to achieve equitable opportunities for all people and communities, and

32 WHEREAS, in 2014, King County enacted Ordinance 17886 ending the honoring  
33 of civil immigration hold requests from the United States Immigration and Customs  
34 Enforcement for individuals in the custody of the department of adult and juvenile  
35 detention, and

36 WHEREAS, in 2017, King County enacted Ordinance 18499 appropriating  
37 \$750,000 to address issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities, which  
38 included: providing culturally specific support services; shoring up funding for the  
39 Resilience Fund, which is a collaborative with the Seattle Foundation, the city of Seattle,  
40 and other organizations to provide timely, flexible funding to address urgent needs of  
41 immigrant and refugee populations; and funding legal defense for immigrants with

42 limited financial resources, and later that same year enacted Ordinance 18544 to  
43 appropriate an additional \$250,000 to support legal defense for immigrants with limited  
44 financial resources, and

45 WHEREAS, support services for immigrants and refugees have become an  
46 ongoing investment supported by the veterans, seniors, and human services levy  
47 approved by the voters 2017, and again in 2023, and

48 WHEREAS, in 2017, King County enacted Ordinance 18653 establishing the  
49 immigrant and refugee commission so the county can better serve its immigrant and  
50 refugee communities, including many who have come to King County because they have  
51 been persecuted or feared they would be persecuted on account of race, ethnicity,  
52 religion, nationality, or membership in a particular social or political group, and

53 WHEREAS, in 2017, King County enacted Ordinance 18665 establishing  
54 requirements for how county agencies, offices, and employees will provide services to  
55 immigrants; requiring all county agencies to develop plans to provide communications  
56 and vital documents in the top six non-English languages used in King County as  
57 identified by the office of equity and racial and social justice and the county  
58 demographer; and establishing an immigrant and refugee assistance fund to provide legal  
59 representation for indigent immigrants and refugees in deportation proceedings in  
60 immigration court and to support citizenship services for these residents and for English  
61 language classes for immigrants and refugees, and

62 WHEREAS, Chapter 440, Laws of 2019, known as the Keep Washington  
63 Working Act, in part, restricts the extent to which local law enforcement agencies may  
64 participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and

65 WHEREAS, Chapter 37, Laws of Washington 2020, the Courts Open to All Act,  
66 among other protections for immigrants and refugees interacting with the court system,  
67 prohibits judges, court staff, prosecutors, prosecutor's office staff, and court security  
68 personnel from inquiring into or collecting information about an individual's immigration  
69 or citizenship status or place of birth, and from disclosing nonpublic personal information  
70 to immigration authorities, except as required by law, and

71 WHEREAS, the Washington state Attorney General's Office has issued model  
72 policies and recommendations to help public institutions comply with Washington laws  
73 limiting state and local participation in immigration enforcement activity, and

74 WHEREAS, in 2022, the council passed Motion 16106 declaring support for the  
75 Cities for Citizenship initiative and directing the executive to sign the county onto the  
76 initiative as a participating community, and

77 WHEREAS, in 2024, King County enacted Ordinance 19770 establishing a  
78 human and civil rights commission intended to strengthen the county's anti-  
79 discrimination policies and protections, ensure equitable allocation of county resources,  
80 and engage robustly with diverse communities in the county, and will include a  
81 representative who is active and engaged with one or more immigrant or refugee  
82 communities, and

83 WHEREAS, King County recognizes that immigrant and refugee women,  
84 LGBTQIA+ individuals, and gender-diverse people face unique, intersecting barriers to  
85 safety, economic opportunity, and digital inclusion, and commits to gender justice and  
86 advancing the needs of survivors of gender-based violence, which is recognized as a push  
87 factor of migration, and

88 WHEREAS, King County is committed to continue building a welcoming, safe,  
89 and hate-free environment in communities, where all immigrants and refugees are  
90 welcomed, accepted, and valued, and encourages business leaders, civic groups,  
91 community institutions, and residents to join in a communitywide effort to adopt policies  
92 and practices that promote belonging, inclusion, and equity;

93 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

94 A. The council remains committed to welcoming and actively supporting  
95 immigrants and refugees from all nationalities, religions, ethnicities, gender identities,  
96 sexual orientations, races, and backgrounds, regardless of political preference, with  
97 policies, codesigned programs, and dedicated resources that foster inclusion, meaningful  
98 participation, and economic opportunity for all, in partnership with immigrant-led  
99 organizations, ensuring services are trauma-informed and culturally competent.

100 B. In alignment with the Keep Washington Working Act, it is the intent of the  
101 council to consider legislation to ensure that no county department, employee, agent,  
102 contractor, or third-party, may use county funds, facilities, property, equipment,  
103 technology, systems, databases, or personnel to investigate, data-share, enforce,  
104 cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or  
105 surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target King County  
106 residents solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or  
107 national or ethnic origin.

108 C. The council values the executive's partnership in supporting immigrants and  
109 refugees in King County and respectfully requests the executive do the following:

110           1. Post signage, or otherwise clearly designate areas in all county facilities that  
111 are not open to the public, or areas open only for a limited specific purpose, to assist  
112 county employees in implementing K.C.C. 2.15.020, which requires employees to  
113 immediately refer warrantless attempts or requests for access to county facilities,  
114 property, equipment or nonpublic databases, or nonpublic portions of otherwise public  
115 databases, or people in King County's custody to the department or agency director;

116           2. Create and regularly update a centralized county webpage with links to  
117 county and external resources related to immigration issues for residents, including  
118 information on civil liberties and constitutional rights, to increase access to timely  
119 information and diminish disinformation. Resources should be vetted for accuracy and  
120 currency and be offered in multiple languages, including the top six languages identified  
121 by the tier map of limited-English-proficient persons maintained by the office of equity  
122 and racial and social justice and the county demographer; and

123           3. Consider increasing staffing for the office of equity and racial and social  
124 justice to enhance outreach to and engagement with immigrant and refugee communities  
125 and request the language access team within the office to work with necessary  
126 stakeholders to ensure all public safety, victim support, and legal navigation resources are  
127 available digitally and in multiple languages, with special attention to the needs of  
128 women and non-binary people experiencing violence or discrimination.

129           D. The council supports the superior court, district court, and prosecuting  
130 attorney's efforts to fully comply with the Courts Open to All Act and other relevant state  
131 law and encourages the implementation of policies and practices that endeavor to prevent  
132 or mitigate immigration consequences for immigrants and refugees at all stages of the

133 criminal legal process, and take into consideration whether noncitizen residents may face  
134 harsher punishments than United States citizens solely due to their immigration status.

135 E. The council supports the King County department of elections in continuing to  
136 utilize best practices to keep our voting systems accessible to voting-eligible residents  
137 from immigrant backgrounds and multi-lingual voters.

138 F. The council fully backs the county's efforts to monitor federal actions that may  
139 target immigrant communities and prepare legal strategies in response, including  
140 partnering across jurisdictions and with community organizations. The council will  
141 consider allocating additional resources to support this critical work.

142 G. The council commits to expanding investments in the county's efforts to  
143 support immigrants and refugees, including, but not limited to: deportation defense,  
144 rapid response efforts coordinated with local city and Washington state agencies,  
145 citizenship programs, English language learning and workforce development programs,  
146 language access, mental and physical health services, food security, and investments to  
147 combat displacement as well as "know your rights" trainings for county staff, contracted  
148 community organizations, and immigrants and refugees.

149 H. The council reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that the county is in full  
150 compliance with the Keep Washington Working Act, the Courts Open to All Act, and  
151 K.C.C. chapter 2.15. The council supports the efforts of elected officials and staff in  
152 local jurisdictions within the county and throughout Washington state in complying with  
153 the state laws, developing policies, and expanding resources and funding to further  
154 protect populations whose rights may be abrogated and interests harmed by the federal  
155 government, including, but not limited to, immigrants and refugees.

156           I. The council condemns President Trump's deployment of federalized National  
157 Guard and federal troops into the city of Los Angeles, which violates both federal statutes  
158 and the United States Constitution. The council respectfully requests the Washington  
159 state Congressional delegation take steps to exercise oversight of the deployment of  
160 federalized troops, rescind the deployment order, and withdraw military troops from our  
161 communities.

162           J. The council requests that the executive file a report evaluating the county's  
163 progress in implementing section C of this motion within one year of this motion's  
164 passage. The executive should consult with the immigrant and refugee commission and  
165 community-based organizations contracted by the county to provide services to  
166 immigrant and refugee communities when drafting the report. The report should be filed  
167 in the form of an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an

- 168    electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief  
169    of staff, and the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

### REVISED STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	7	<b>Name:</b>	Melissa Bailey
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0173	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

### COMMITTEE ACTION

***Proposed Substitute Motion 2025-0173.2, which would express the Council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees and request a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment, passed out of committee on July 1, 2025, with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The Proposed Motion was amended in committee with Striking Amendment S1 to add two whereas statements, align language with the state's Keep Washington Working Act, and request the Executive to consider increasing OERSJ staffing to support work with immigrant and refugee communities (rather than create a separate Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs) – among other changes. A more detailed description of the striking amendment can be found in the "Amendment" section of this staff report.***

### SUBJECT

The proposed motion would express the Council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees and request a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment.

### SUMMARY

King County has enacted several policies regarding fair and equitable access to county services and resources as well as policies aimed at welcoming and supporting immigrants and refugees. The proposed motion would reaffirm the Council's commitment to these efforts. It would also express support for the county's work to monitor federal actions that may target immigrant communities and prepare legal strategies in response. The motion would state that it is the Council's intent to consider additional resources for this work as well for other county efforts to support immigrants and refugees (such as deportation defense, citizenship programs, mental and physical health services, and know your rights trainings). The motion would also indicate that it is

the Council's intent to consider legislation that would ensure county employees do not cooperate or assist with any registration or surveillance programs.

Additionally, the proposed motion would encourage or request things from: the Executive; the King County Superior Court, District Court, and Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO); and the Washington State congressional delegation. The Executive would be requested to: 1) have all county facilities post signage designating areas not open to the public to assist with the implementation of K.C.C. 2.15.020; 2) create and regularly update a centralized webpage with resources related to immigration issues; 3) consider establishing an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Assistance; and 4) provide a report within a year evaluating the progress of implementing these things. The courts and PAO would be encouraged to implement policies that endeavor to prevent or mitigate immigration consequences for immigrants and refugees at all stages of the criminal legal process. Finally, the congressional delegation would be asked to exercise oversight of President Trump's deployment of federalized National Guard and federal troops, including rescinding deployment orders and withdrawing military troops.

The sponsor has directed council staff to draft a striking amendment. To be considered at the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee meeting on July 1, 2025, the striking amendment would need to be distributed by Thursday, June 26, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

## **BACKGROUND**

**County Policies.** King County has enacted several policies regarding fair and equitable access to county services and resources as well as policies aimed at welcoming and supporting immigrants and refugees.

Fair and Just Principle. In 2010, the Council adopted an ordinance codifying definitions and directing implementation steps related to the fair and just principle of the adopted 2010-2014 Countywide Strategic Plan.<sup>2</sup> According to the County Code, "King County has transformed its work on equity and social justice from an initiative to an integrated effort that applies the county's principle of "fair and just" intentionally in all the county does in order to achieve equitable opportunities for all people and communities."<sup>3,4</sup>

The County Code defines equity as all people having full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to attain their full potential.<sup>5</sup> It goes on to list fourteen determinants of equity and states that access to these determinants "is necessary to have equity for all people regardless of race, class, gender, or language spoken. Inequities are created when barriers exist that prevent individuals and communities from

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<sup>1</sup> Per K.C.C. 1.24.155 Rule 16: Amendments.

<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 16948, known as the "Equity and Social Justice Ordinance".

<sup>3</sup> K.C.C. 2.10.200

<sup>4</sup> K.C.C. 2.10.210.F. "Fair and just" means the county serves all residents by promoting fairness and opportunity and eliminating inequities through actions to which equity and social justice foundational practices are applied. "Equity and social justice foundational practices" are defined in K.C.C. 2.10.210.D.

<sup>5</sup> K.C.C. 2.10.210.C.

accessing these conditions and reaching their full potential."<sup>6,7</sup> The determinants of equity listed in the County Code touch on: community economic development, jobs and job training, housing, transportation, early childhood development, education, food systems, health and human services, healthy built and natural environments, parks and natural resources, neighborhoods with strong social networks, equity in county practices that eliminates all forms of discrimination in county activities, community and public safety, and a law and justice system that provides equitable access and fair treatment.<sup>8</sup>

K.C.C. Chapter 2.15 – Citizen and Immigration Status. In 2009, the Council adopted an ordinance which created a new chapter of the King County Code (K.C.C.), K.C.C. Chapter 2.15, relating to the ascertainment of citizenship and immigration status.<sup>9</sup> The staff report at the time noted that the legislation was the first official policy document stating the provision of county services would not be conditioned on citizenship or immigration status, except as otherwise required by law.<sup>10</sup> According to legislative documents, this chapter was created to:

- Ensure all county residents have access to necessary services and benefits essential for upholding the county's commitment to fair and equal access for all residents;
- Foster trust and cooperation between law enforcement officials and immigrant communities to heighten crime prevention and public safety; and
- Promote the public health of county residents.<sup>11</sup>

Over the years, the Council has adopted several ordinances to amend and expand K.C.C. Chapter 2.15 with the most recent comprehensive set of changes occurring in 2018.<sup>12</sup> Table 1 provides a summary of the requirements currently in this chapter.

**Table 1. Summary of K.C.C. Chapter 2.15 by Section**

K.C.C.	Summary of Code Section
<b>2.15.005</b>	<u>Definitions.</u> This section defines words or phrases, including those specifically related to federal civil immigration enforcement such as “administrative warrant” and “civil immigration enforcement operation.”
<b>2.15.010</b>	<u>County Services.</u> Prohibits conditioning the provision of county services on the

<sup>6</sup> K.C.C. 2.10.210.B. "Determinants of equity" means the social, economic, geographic, political and physical environment conditions in which people in our county are born, grow, live, work and age that lead to the creation of a fair and just society. The definition also lists the fourteen determinants of equity.

<sup>7</sup> K.C.C. 2.10.210.G. "Inequity" means differences in well-being that disadvantage one individual or group in favor of another. These differences are systematic, patterned and unfair and can be changed. Inequities are not random; they are caused by past and current decisions, systems of power and privilege, policies and the implementation of those policies.

<sup>8</sup> A complete definition of the determinants of equity can be found in K.C.C. 2.10.210.B.

<sup>9</sup> Ordinance 16692

<sup>10</sup> Staff Report for Ordinance 16692 dated July 1, 2009

<sup>11</sup> See Findings Section for Ordinance 16692 and Statement of Facts for Ordinance 17706 and 17886.

<sup>12</sup> In 2018, Ordinance 18665 clarified, reordered, and expanded K.C.C. Chapter 2.15. Other ordinances amending this chapter include Ordinances 17706, 17886, 18635, 19026, 19541, 19772, and 19892.

K.C.C.	Summary of Code Section
	<p>citizenship or immigration status of a person. Relatedly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applications, questionnaires, and interview forms used by the county shall not include questions requiring information related to citizenship, immigration, status, or national origin.<sup>13,14</sup></li> <li>- County agencies must accept state-issued documents marked as not valid for federal purposes or photo identity documents issued by the person's nation of origin (such as a driver's license, passport, or other consul-issued document).<sup>15</sup></li> <li>- County employees shall not inquire about a person's citizenship, immigration status, or national origin – but, if for some reason they must (due to state or federal law, regulation, or directive or court order or rule), they cannot coerce a response and must inform the individual of their right to decline to respond, free from fear or threat of retaliation. County employees are prohibited from verbally abusing persons or threatening to take immigration-related action against a person or their family members, including reporting them to ICE.</li> </ul> <p>Throughout this section, it is noted that the requirements apply except as otherwise required by law. Nothing in the chapter is meant to conflict with state or federal law, be construed to prohibit any county employee from participating in cross-designation or task force activities with federal law enforcement authorities for criminal law enforcement, or be construed to prohibit any county employee, upon request of the noncitizen, from aiding a noncitizen to obtain immigration benefits pursuant federal immigration law.</p> <p>Finally, this section of code requires the Executive to ensure all county employees and agents are trained on these code requirements. A training titled "King County Immigrant and Refugee Ordinance Training" is available to county employees through NEOGOV.</p>
<b>2.15.015</b>	<p><u>Sheriff's Office.</u> The Sheriff's Office is prohibited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requesting specific documents related to a person's civil immigration status for the sole purpose of determining whether the person has violated federal civil immigration laws (these include but are not limited to passports, alien registration cards, or work permits)<sup>16</sup>;</li> <li>- Using stops for minor offenses or requests for voluntary information as a</li> </ul>

<sup>13</sup> The Department of Public Health may inquire about or disclose information relating to a person's citizenship, national origin, or immigration status for the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits or seeking reimbursement from federal, state, or other third-party payers.

<sup>14</sup> This section also notes that county agencies are prohibited from obtaining, maintaining or sharing information about a person's race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a secure detention or other custody, or status as a veteran – except where necessary to provide county services, for performance measurement purposes to ensure services are being provided in an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner, or where otherwise required by state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order (K.C.C. 2.15.010.G.).

<sup>15</sup> This subsection of the code does not apply to documentation required to complete a federal I-9 employment eligibility verification form.

<sup>16</sup> This section clarifies that, if a person offers up documents related to their civil immigration status in response to a general, nonspecific request, the Sheriff's Office may use those documents (K.C.C. 2.15.015.B.).

K.C.C.	Summary of Code Section
	<p>pretext for discovering a person's immigration status; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiating any inquiry of, or enforcement action against, a member of the public based solely on a person's civil immigration status, race, inability to speak English or understand the Sheriff's Office personnel, or hit on the National Crime Information Center database.</li> </ul>
<b>2.15.020</b>	<p><u>Civil Immigration Enforcement.</u> Prohibits county employees from expending any time, moneys, or other resources on facilitating the civil enforcement of federal immigration law or participating in civil immigration enforcement operations, except where state or federal law, regulation, or court order requires it. County agents, departments, and employees <u>shall not</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enter into any contract, agreement, or arrangement that would grant federal civil immigration enforcement authority or powers to the county or its agents or law enforcement officers;</li> <li>- Honor federal civil immigration detainer requests<sup>17</sup> or administrative warrants unless accompanied by a criminal warrant issued by a United States District Court judge or magistrate;</li> <li>- Permit federal immigration officers access to nonpublic areas of county facilities, property, equipment or nonpublic databases, or nonpublic portions of otherwise public databases, or people in the county's custody absent a judicial criminal warrant specifying the information or persons sought. Warrantless attempts or requests for access shall be immediately sent to the department or agency director or their designee. Permission to access nonpublic areas without a judicial criminal warrant may be provided but only with the express, written approval of the appropriate person<sup>18</sup>; and</li> <li>- Provide personal information about any person to federal immigration authorities for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement, absent a warrant signed by a judge or except as required by state or federal law.</li> </ul> <p>The Sheriff's Office and Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) shall not carry out a civil arrest, detain a person after the release date set by a court, or refuse to accept a bond based on an administrative warrant separately or in combination with a federal civil immigration detainer request.</p> <p>Additional requirements of DAJD include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If federal immigration officials are granted permission to access a county detention facility without a judicial criminal warrant, DAJD is required to provide the person in their custody with an oral explanation and written consent form that explains the purpose of the interview with immigration officials, that the interview is voluntary, and that the person may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with their attorney present. The form used must explicitly state that the person will not be punished or suffer retaliation for declining the interview. Immigration officials shall only be permitted to interview persons who have consented</li> </ul>

<sup>17</sup> In the United States, the federal government sets and enforces immigration laws. As part of enforcement operations, federal agents have historically used booking and other information provided by local law enforcement agencies to identify noncitizens in local custody and then request an immigration hold (detainer) on certain individuals.

<sup>18</sup> For any detention facilities that the county contracts with or leases land to for criminal or civil detention, this requirement (in K.C.C. 2.15.020.B.3.) must be included in the contracts.

K.C.C.	Summary of Code Section
	<p>in writing to be interviewed (absent a judicial criminal warrant);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, DAJD personnel are required to provide a copy to the person and inform the person whether the department intends to comply with the request; and</li> <li>- Consistent with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, any person in custody or detention shall be informed (through their attorney) of the right to communicate with the consular post of the country of which they are a national, and informed that consular officers have the right to visit, converse, or correspond with the person, if the person wishes the communication. In all cases, identification as a foreign national shall be voluntary and based on informed consent.<sup>19</sup></li> </ul>
<b>2.15.030</b>	<p><u>Interpretation and Translation Services.</u> Requires King County and all its contractors to provide free interpretation and translation services to limited-English proficient (LEP) persons.</p> <p>Additionally, county agencies and offices are required to develop language assistance plans that identify which vital document and public communication materials need to be translated into languages for use by LEP persons – based on the top six languages identified by the tier map of LEP persons maintained by the Office of Equity and Racial and Social Justice (OERSJ) and the county demographer.</p>
<b>2.15.100</b>	<p><u>Complaints.</u> A person who has been injured or otherwise sustained damages as a result of a violation of this chapter may file a complaint with the OERSJ.</p>
<b>2.15.110</b>	<p><u>Federal Law Compliance.</u> Federal law – specifically, 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1373 – limits the ability of state and local governments to ban sharing of certain types of information with federal immigration authorities. To acknowledge that the county fully intends to comply with federal law, this section states that "nothing in this chapter prohibits any county agency, agent or employee from sending to, or receiving from, federal immigration authorities, the citizenship or immigration status of a person. Also, nothing in this chapter prohibits any county agency from sending to, receiving from, requesting from or exchanging with any federal, state or local government agency information regarding the immigration status of a person or from maintaining such information."</p>

Immigrant and Refugee Task Force and Commission. In 2015, the Council adopted an ordinance directing the Executive to convene an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force (Task Force) to develop a final report with recommendations on the creation of an Immigrant and Refugee Commission.<sup>20</sup> In 2016, after meeting over a period of nine months and conducting more than 20 community meetings where they received input from over 500 members of immigrant and refugee communities, the Task Force provided a final report with recommendations.<sup>21</sup> The Task Force recommended the

<sup>19</sup> According to DAJD, "[i]f a resident requests consular notification or DAJD becomes aware, without making an inquiry, that a resident is a Foreign National, staff follow the guidelines in DAJD policy 5.02.003, Booking of Foreign Nationals."

<sup>20</sup> Ordinance 18085

<sup>21</sup> Report 2016-RPT0107

county move forward with forming an Immigrant and Refugee Commission as well as establish an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to support the commission.

In 2018, the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission (KCIRC) was formally established.<sup>22</sup> It is comprised of thirteen members and charged with acting as a central point of contact for connecting a broad group of stakeholders to identify, elevate, and develop shared strategies and solutions, streamline and strengthen efforts, and bring more resources to the most pressing issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities. The KCIRC is also responsible for understanding and addressing challenges faced by immigrant and refugee communities living in suburban cities and unincorporated areas of the county. A non-exhaustive list of the KCIRC's duties is provided in K.C.C. 2.78.020. To date, the county has not established an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Instead, the KCIRC is supported by staff from the Executive's Office of Equity and Racial and Social Justice and the Council.<sup>23</sup>

Additional County Legislation. In addition to the legislation establishing and amending K.C.C. Chapter 2.15 and K.C.C. Chapter 2.78, the County has adopted several pieces of legislation related to welcoming and supporting immigrants and refugees. Table 2 lists some of these motions and ordinances.

**Table 2. Additional Legislation Pertaining to Immigrants and Refugees**

Legislation	Year	Description
M 11791	2003	A motion to endorse the aim of drawing attention to the importance of immigrant rights of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.
M 12293	2006	A motion establishing King County's support of and advocacy for comprehensive and effective immigration reform that respects established civil rights, ensures due process of law for immigrants, including freedom from racial profiling and enforcement that is neither arbitrary or selective, reunites and protects families, protects workers regardless of immigration status, offers a pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants in this nation and therefore leads to the strengthening of our borders and national security.
M 14800	2017	A motion related to immigration, refugees and the freedom to travel; condemning the related Executive Order issued by the President on January 27, 2017.
M 14866	2017	A motion related to county services to immigrants and refugees, and the State Attorney General's Guidance Concerning Immigration Enforcement.
M 14946	2017	A motion calling on Congress to swiftly and comprehensively address federal immigration reform generally and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in particular to protect the legal status of thousands of Dreamers.
O 18499	2017	A supplemental budget ordinance appropriating \$750,000 to address issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities, which included: providing culturally specific support services; shoring up funding for the

<sup>22</sup> Ordinance 18653 and K.C.C. Chapter 2.78

<sup>23</sup> K.C.C. 2.78.070

Legislation	Year	Description
		Resilience Fund, which is a collaborative with the Seattle Foundation, the City of Seattle and other organizations to provide timely, flexible funding to address urgent needs of immigrant and refugee populations; and funding legal defense for immigrants with limited financial resources.
O 18544	2017	A supplemental budget ordinance including an additional \$250,000 to support legal defense for immigrants with limited financial resources.
O 18665	2018	In addition to making a comprehensive set of changes to K.C.C. Chapter 2.15 in 2018, this ordinance also created the Immigrant and Refugee Assistance Fund. This Fund, set in K.C.C. 4A.200.365, is a first tier fund managed by the director of the Department of Executive Services. <sup>24</sup> Per County Code, the fund "shall be used to collect revenue from state, local and other funding sources and to expend direct service and related administration dollars to provide legal representation for indigent immigrants and refugees in deportation proceedings in immigration court and to support citizenship services for these citizens. The fund may also be used for English language classes for immigrants and refugees."  According to Executive staff, this fund has never been used. Instead, moneys for these purposes have flowed through the Department of Community and Human Services.
M 15167	2018	A motion opposing the United States Attorney General's immigration policy that is separating families crossing the United States border.
M 15685	2020	A motion reaffirming the King County Council's support of unbanked money transfer operators and the immigrant communities they serve.
M 16106	2022	A motion declaring support for the Cities for Citizenship initiative and directing the Executive to sign the county onto the initiative as a participating community.
M 16108	2022	A motion requesting the Executive to develop a comprehensive response to the crisis in Ukraine – including consulting with the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission, and working with federal, state, and local governments and nonprofit partners, to provide support for refugees who may arrive in King County from Ukraine as a result of the conflict.
O 19770	2024	An ordinance establishing the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission. At least one member shall be a member of the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission or who demonstrates active and engaged civic participation in one or more immigrant and refugee communities and is well versed on the issues affecting those communities.

**State Law.** The state has also enacted laws aimed at protecting immigrants and refugees. Two relatively recent pieces of legislation, the Keep Washington Working Act and the Courts Open to All Act, are described below.

Keeping Washington Working Act. In 2019, the Washington State Legislature passed the Keep Washington Working Act.<sup>25</sup> The legislation made several changes to state law

<sup>24</sup> K.C.C. 4A.10.280. "First tier fund" means a fund that is invested for its own benefit and is listed or described as a first tier fund in K.C.C. Chapter 4A.200.

<sup>25</sup> E2SB 5497; Section 10, Chapter 440, Laws of Washington 2019. [\[LINK\]](#)

for the purpose of "ensuring the state of Washington remains a place where the rights and dignity of all residents are maintained and protected in order to keep Washington working."<sup>26</sup> The legislation:

- Establishes the Keep Washington Working statewide work group within the Department of Commerce<sup>27</sup>;
- Requires all public employees to serve all Washington residents without regard to citizenship or immigration status, or condition receipt of services based on citizenship or immigration status;
- Requires state agencies to limit the personal information an agency requests to only the information necessary to perform its duties, and requires state agencies to oversee their databases, including those maintained for the state by vendors, to limit the use of database information for immigration enforcement to the fullest extent permitted by state and federal law;
- Prohibits state agencies from using department funds, facilities, equipment, or personnel to participate in any federal registration or surveillance programs (or other laws, rules, or policies) that target Washington residents solely based on race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration or citizenship status;
- Prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies and school resource officers from providing information to federal immigration authorities for civil immigration enforcement or providing nonpublic personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities in noncriminal matters unless required by law;
- Prohibits the state Department of Corrections (DOC) from taking a person into custody or holding someone in custody solely for determining their immigration status, or based solely on a civil immigration warrant or immigration hold request<sup>28</sup>;
- Requires that any person in state or local custody, including those in community custody or DOC physical custody, be informed of their right to refuse an interview by federal immigration enforcement authorities and to refuse early release for the purpose of deportation. Additionally, the state must not accept language services, even at no cost, from federal immigration authorities; and
- Requires the state Attorney General to:
  - Publish model policies limiting immigration enforcement in public schools, health facilities operated by the state or its political subdivisions, courthouses, and shelters to ensure safe access for Washington residents regardless of immigration or citizenship status. These entities must either adopt the model policy or notify the Attorney General that it is not adopting the policy, state the reasons why, and provide a copy of its policies; and
  - Publish model policies, guidance, and training recommendations aimed at ensuring state and local law enforcement duties are carried out in a manner

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<sup>26</sup> E2SB 5497, Section 1. [\[LINK\]](#). The summary of the legislation is taken from the legislation itself as well as the Final Bill Report [\[LINK\]](#).

<sup>27</sup> Keep Washington Working Work Group [\[LINK\]](#). Also see the work group's [2020](#) and [2021](#) reports.

<sup>28</sup> In accordance with federal law, state or local agencies or officers may send and receive information from federal immigration authorities and exchange information with other federal, state, or local government agencies about immigration or citizen status of an individual.

that limits, to the fullest extent practicable and consistent with federal and state law, engagement with federal immigration authorities for the purpose of immigration enforcement. All state and local law enforcement agencies must either make their policies consistent with the model policy or notify the Attorney General that the agency is not adopting changes, state the reasons why, and provide a copy of the agency's policies.<sup>29</sup>

Open Courts for All Act. In 2020, the Washington State Legislature passed the Courts Open to All Act, which stated that "civil arrests at Washington court facilities have created a climate of fear that is deterring and preventing Washington residents from safely interacting with the justice system." Additionally, the legislation noted that "the administration of justice depends upon all people having free and full access to the courts" and "it is essential that the state have policies providing safeguards protecting access to justice."<sup>30</sup> The legislation:

- States that a person may not be subject to civil arrest while going to, remaining at, or returning from, a court facility<sup>31,32</sup>;
- Establishes court processes in the event of state or federal law enforcement action at court facilities. "Law enforcement action" includes but is not limited to observation of court proceedings, investigation, questioning, and arrests by law enforcement agents acting in their official capacity. Processes include:
  - Designated court staff must immediately be notified if a law enforcement agent is present in the court for the purpose of conducting a civil arrest.
  - The governmental entity responsible for the security of the court facility is required to collect information from all on-duty state and federal law enforcement officers, including plainclothes officers, entering court facilities. Law enforcement officers participating in a case or proceeding before the court are excluded from the information collection requirement<sup>33</sup>; and
- Prohibits judges, court staff, prosecutors, prosecutor's office staff, and court security personnel from:
  - Inquiring into or collecting information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status or place of birth (unless there is a connection between

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<sup>29</sup> The state Attorney General has provided model policies, which can be accessed on its website [\[LINK\]](#), along with a related frequently asked questions for law enforcement webpage [\[LINK\]](#).

<sup>30</sup> SHB 2567; Chapter 37, Laws of 2020 [\[LINK\]](#). The summary of the legislation is taken from the legislation itself as well as the Final Bill Report [\[LINK\]](#).

<sup>31</sup> "Civil arrest" is defined as the arrest of a person for an alleged violation of civil law. It is not an arrest for an alleged violation of criminal law, nor is it an arrest for contempt of the court in which a court proceeding is taking place or will be taking place. "Going to" and "returning from" a facility includes the area within one mile of the facility.

<sup>32</sup> Does not apply to arrests made pursuant to a valid court order, or in the interests of imminent risk to public safety, or pursuant to a warrantless arrest permitted by state law. Prior to any civil arrest, a designated judicial officer must review the court order authorizing the civil arrest.

<sup>33</sup> The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was charged with creating a standard form for the collection of the required information, which must include: name of the law enforcement officer, agency, date, time, the specific law enforcement purpose, and the proposed law enforcement action to be taken. Completed forms must be transmitted to the AOC monthly; the AOC must publish the information quarterly. The form along with related information (quarterly reports, frequently asked questions, etc) can be found on the AOC's resource page on its website under "Civil Arrests at Courthouses".[\[LINK\]](#)

such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law). Additionally, judges may make such inquiries as are necessary to adjudicate matters within their jurisdiction;

- Disclosing nonpublic personal information to immigration authorities, except as required by law; and
- Notifying federal immigration authorities of the presence of individuals attending proceedings or accessing court services in court facilities, unless required by federal law or court order.

It should be noted that the King County Superior Court first instituted an immigration policy on April 22, 2008. According to court staff, the policy remains in place and can be found on the court's website.<sup>34</sup> The policy reads as follows:

*The King County Superior Court judges affirm the principle that our courts must remain open and accessible for all individuals and families to resolve disputes under the rule of law. It is the policy of the King County Superior Court that warrants for the arrest of individuals based on their immigration status shall not be executed within any of the King County Superior Court courtrooms unless directly ordered by the presiding judicial officer and shall be discouraged in the King County Superior Court courthouses unless the public's safety is at immediate risk. Each judicial officer remains responsible for enforcing this policy within his or her courtroom. This policy does not prohibit law enforcement from executing warrants when public safety is at immediate risk.*

## **ANALYSIS**

The proposed motion has nine sections (A through I), which are summarized below.

**Section A** would state that the "council remains committed to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees from all nationalities, religions, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, races, and backgrounds – regardless of political preference – with policies, programs, and dedicated resources that foster inclusion, meaningful participation, and economic opportunity for all."

**Section B** would articulate the Council's intent to consider legislation "to ensure county employees will not cooperate or assist with any registration or surveillance programs or any other rules or policies that conflict with federal, state, or local laws and are targeted at immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status."

**Section C** would request the following of the Executive:

1. Have all county facilities post signage clearly designating areas that are not open to the public to assist employees with implementing K.C.C. 2.15.020, which requires employees to immediately refer warrantless attempts or requests for

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<sup>34</sup> King County Superior Court, Immigration Policy, Resolution passed at the April 22, 2008 Superior Court Judges' Meeting. [\[LINK\]](#)

access to county facilities, property, equipment, nonpublic databases, nonpublic portions of otherwise public databases, or people in the County's custody to the department or agency director.

2. Create and regularly update a centralized county webpage with links to vetted resources related to immigration issues, including information on civil liberties and constitutional rights and information in multiple languages. It also directs the centralized webpage to link to existing county webpages with immigration and language access information (such as the webpages maintained by the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Community and Human Services, and the Office of Equity and Racial and Social Justice).
3. Consider establishing an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Assistance. The motion suggests this office work with "community partners, county departments, and the Equity and Social Justice Ordinance to define and achieve desired outcomes for county investments for immigrants and refugees". It goes on to suggest setting specific measurable outcomes related to: employment, economic development, public health, student achievement, citizenship, public safety, criminal justice, civic engagement, and protection of civil rights.

Per the County Charter, an administrative office would need to be established via ordinance.<sup>35</sup> The Council may wish to consider an amendment to clarify that the Executive would need to transmit an ordinance for the Council's consideration should she wish to establish an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Assistance. Additionally, the Council may wish to explicitly name the Immigrant and Refugee Commission as one of the partners to include in this work.

**Section D** would express the Council's support for the King County Superior Court, District Court, and Prosecuting Attorney's efforts to fully comply with the Courts Open to All Act. It also would encourage the "implementation of policies that endeavor to prevent and/or mitigate immigration consequences for immigrants and refugees at all stages of the criminal legal process, and take into consideration whether noncitizen residents may face harsher punishments than U.S. citizens solely due to their immigration status."

**Section E** would state the Council's support of the county's efforts to monitor federal actions that may target immigrant communities and prepare legal strategies in response. It would also note that the Council will consider allocating additional resources for this purpose.

**Subsection F** would state that the Council commits to expanding investments in the county's efforts to support immigrants and refugees, including but not limited to: deportation defense, rapid response efforts coordinated with local city and Washington State agencies, citizenship programs, English language learning and workforce development programs, language access, mental and physical health services, food

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<sup>35</sup> King County Charter Article I, Section 140, Article II, Section 220.20, Article III, Section 320.20 , and Article III, Section 350

security, and investments to combat displacement as well as know your rights trainings for county staff, contracted community organizations, and immigrants and refugees.

**Subsection G** would reaffirm the Council's commitment to ensuring that the county is in full compliance with the Keep Washington Working Act, the Courts Open to All Act, and K.C.C. Chapter 2.15. It would also express support for "the efforts of elected officials and staff in local jurisdictions within the county and throughout Washington State in complying with the state laws and developing policies that further protect populations whose rights may be abrogated and interests harmed by the federal government, including but not limited to immigrants and refugees."

**Subsection H** would condemn President Trump's deployment of federalized National Guard and federal troops into the City of Los Angeles in response to protests for immigrants' rights. It would also request that Washington State's congressional delegation take steps to exercise oversight of the deployment of federalized troops, rescind the deployment order, and withdraw military troops.

**Subsection I** would request that the Executive file a report evaluating the progress implementing Section B and Section C of the motion within one year of the motion's passage. It would direct the Executive to consult with the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and community-based organizations contracted by the county to provide services to immigrant and refugee communities when drafting the report.

Section B of the proposed motion would articulate the Council's intent to consider legislation related to registration and surveillance programs while Section C would request several things of the Executive. If the Council's intent is to have the Executive report only on progress implementing Section C (and not the Council's progress implementing Section B), then Council may wish to amend the proposed motion to remove reference to Section B when listing report requirements.

## **AMENDMENT**

At the direction of the sponsor, council staff has drafted a striking amendment that would correct drafting errors. It would also:

- Add two whereas statements:
  - One that acknowledges the Washington state Attorney General's Office has issued model policies and recommendations to help public institutions comply with state laws limiting state and local participation in immigration enforcement activity; and
  - One that recognizes immigrant and refugee women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and gender-diverse people face unique, intersecting barriers to safety, economic opportunity, and digital inclusion, and commits to gender justice and advancing the needs of survivors of gender-based violence, which is recognized as a push factor of migration.
- Amend the following sections:

- Section A to include reference to codesigned programs and add that the work to welcome immigrant and refugee communities will be done "in partnership with immigrant-led organizations, ensuring services are trauma-informed, and culturally competent".
- Section B so that the language used mirrors the language in the Keep Washington Working Act.
- Section C.2 to remove reference to specific county websites and to clarify that the websites should be vetted for accuracy and currency.
- Section C.3. so that, instead of requesting the Executive to consider creating an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Assistance, it requests the Executive to consider increasing staffing for the Office of Equity and Racial and Social Justice to enhance outreach to and engagement with immigrant and refugee communities. Also requests the Language Access Team within OERSJ work with stakeholders to ensure all public safety, victim support, and legal navigation resources are available digitally and in multiple languages, with special attention to the needs of women and non-binary people experiencing violence or discrimination.
- Section I (now Section J) so that the report requested from the Executive is limited to the requests made of the Executive in Section C of the motion.
- Add a section to express the Council's support of the Department of Elections continued use of best practices to keep the county's voter systems accessible to voting-eligible residents from immigrant backgrounds and multi-lingual voters.