

September 3, 1997

Introduced By:

Kent Pullen

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MOTION NO. **102994**

A MOTION authorizing the Executive to enter into agreements with the cities of Bellevue, Kent, and Seattle relating to the provision of emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, King County provides its citizens with invaluable, life-saving aid through the delivery of emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, King County should continue to exercise leadership to assure the orderly and comprehensive development and provision of emergency medical services county-wide, and

WHEREAS, provision of emergency medical services throughout the County requires coordination and cooperation with a variety of service providers, including cities, fire districts, private ambulance companies and hospitals, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services in King County are funded by a six-year voter-approved property tax levy, and

WHEREAS, per RCW 84.52.069, submittal of this levy proposition to the King County electorate requires the approval of the County and all cities in King County with a population over 50,000;

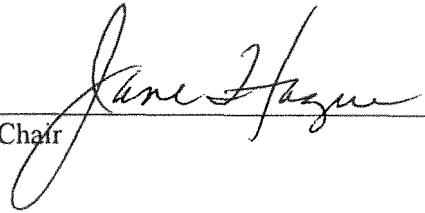
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

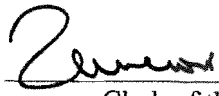
The executive is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the cities of Bellevue, Kent, and Seattle relating to the provision of emergency medical services substantially in the same form as the attached agreements for each city.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 19 97.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments:

- A. Interlocal Agreement Regarding Emergency Medical Services Between the City of Bellevue and King County
- B. Letter of Understanding Between Kent Fire Department and the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health
- C. Interlocal Agreement Regarding Emergency Medical Services Between the City of Seattle and King County

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FILED NO. 08-19-97  
CITY OF BELLEVUE  
DATE 08-19-97  
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 6130

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF BELLEVUE

AND

KING COUNTY

FILED NO. 024700  
CITY OF BELLEVUE  
DATE 08-19-97  
*Chaugen*  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 6131

THIS AGREEMENT, is entered into by and between the City of Bellevue (the "City") and King county (the "County"),.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to place before the qualified electors of King County a ballot proposition authorizing the County to levy an additional regular property tax on all taxable property within King County for the support of emergency medical services pursuant to the powers granted it in RCW 84.52.069, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City has given its approval for said levy pursuant to resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City provides emergency medical services, which include basic and advanced life support services within its own jurisdiction and also by contract to Medina, Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point, Beaux Arts, Newcastle, Fire District #14; and

WHEREAS, by contract the City also provides advanced life support services to Mercer Island, Issaquah, Newcastle, North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fire District #38, Fire District 50, portions of Kirkland and Redmond, and to portions of Fire District #10 and to such other areas as may be mutually agreed upon by the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to allocate a portion of said property tax levy revenues to the City for support of its emergency medical services program: and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, RCW 39.34; now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall submit to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held therein on November 4, 1997 in conjunction with the state-wide general election to be held on the same date or at such other time as the County may determine, subject to the provisions of RCW 29.13.010 regarding the calling of a special county election, a proposition authorizing the levy of an additional regular property tax on taxable property within the County pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, as amended, in the sum of not more than 29 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, each year for six years beginning in 1998 for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 (4), the City approves submittal of such a levy proposal by the County.

2. This Agreement shall commence upon the authorization of the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy as set forth in RCW 84.52.069, as amended, and the imposition of said levy by King County Council ordinance. This Agreement shall terminate December 31, 2003. The County shall incur no obligation for the payments specified hereinafter except to the extent that the additional regular property tax authorized by RCW 84.52.069, as amended, is approved by the voters of King County, is actually levied and the tax revenues resulting therefrom are collected and the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled.

3. The City and the County shall negotiate contracts each year for six years beginning in 1998 to provide for the actual administration of services by the City. Any equipment or personal property purchased by the City in whole or in part with tax levy revenues shall be used only for the purposes set forth in RCW 84.52.069, as amended. Any proceeds from the sale or disposition of any such equipment or personal property shall be used for the purposes set forth in RCW 84.52.069, as amended.

4. King County agrees to provide to the City of Bellevue funds for the support of basic life support services in an amount proportionate to the total funds to be made available annually for basic life support services to all jurisdictions within the County's paramedic service areas. Such amount shall be determined annually for basic life support services to all jurisdictions within the County's paramedic service areas. Such amount shall be determined annually as follows:

- a) one-third based on the City's assessed value as a percentage of the total assessed value of all jurisdictions in the County's paramedic service areas.
- b) one-third based on the City's aid calls for the previous year as a percentage of the total number of aid calls of all jurisdictions in the County's paramedic service areas.
- c) one-third based on the City's population as a percentage of the total population of the County's paramedic service areas.

5. King County agrees to provide to the City funds for the support of basic life support services to the Cities of Bellevue, Medina, the Towns of Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Newcastle, Hunts Point and Beaux Arts, and King County Fire Protection District No. 14 annually in an amount to be derived pursuant to Section 4 above: PROVIDED, that so long as the City of Bellevue continues to provide basic life support services to such jurisdictions, it shall receive funding of not less than \$896,353 annually during the period of this described Agreement unless the sum of the percentages in-sections 4(a), (b) and (c) above declines, or the total amount of funds available for basic life support services is reduced on the recommendation by the King County Emergency Medical Services Division and this reduction is approved by the King County Council: PROVIDED FURTHER, in the event one of the above jurisdictions terminates its agreement with the City of Bellevue for basic life support services or the City terminates its agreement with one of the jurisdictions, the amount the City shall receive from the County shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with Section 4 above. It shall be the responsibility of the City of Bellevue to secure the said written agreements from such jurisdictions prior to the release of said funds by the County.

6. The City agrees to provide advanced life support services to the Cities of Bellevue, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Issaquah, North Bend, Snoqualmie, portions of Kirkland and Redmond, Towns of Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point, Beaux Arts, and King County Fire Protection District No. 14, King County Fire Protection District 38, King County Fire Protection District 50, and to those portions of King County Fire Protection

Districts No. 10 being served as of January 1, 1998 and to such other areas as may be mutually agreed to in writing by the City and the County.

7. King County agrees to provide to the City of Bellevue funds for the support of advanced life support services as provided in the King County Emergency Medical Services System Paramedic Service Area Standards on the basis of a standard paramedic unit cost which shall be not less than \$934,059 annually.

8. The City agrees to comply with the King County Emergency Medical Services System Paramedic Service Area Standards in force as of the effective date of this Agreement and such modifications as are subsequently recommended by the King County Division of Emergency Medical Services.

9. Upon approval by the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy described herein, this Agreement shall supersede and terminate all previous agreements between the parties relating to emergency medical services property tax levies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the date first above stated.

KING COUNTY

THE CITY OF BELLEVUE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Kunda M. Barton

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Deputy City Mgr.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/18/97

Acting under authority of motion \_\_\_\_\_

Acting under authority of Resolution 6130 & 6131

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
Prosecuting Attorney

[Signature]  
Asst. City Attorney

## Letter of Understanding Between Kent Fire Department and the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding is to clarify a portion of Section 1 of Resolution 1492 authorizing King County to place the King County Emergency Medical Services levy renewal on the November 1997 General Election ballot at a levy rate of twenty-nine cents (\$.29) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation. Resolution 1492 was approved at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Kent on July 1, 1997.

The Kent Fire Department affirms that it supports the current system by which King County Medic One advanced life support (ALS) operations are being coordinated and managed by the King County Emergency Medical Services Division, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. A very strong and positive working relationship exists between the Kent Fire Department and the King County Medic One program.

It is not the intention of Section 1 of Resolution 1492 that a formal interlocal agreement between Kent and King County be approved prior to the EMS Levy being placed on the ballot. Kent is concerned that, in the future, changes may occur which would lead King County or other agencies to determine that ALS services would no longer be provided by the Health Department, and delivered under a different form of management or administration.

This Letter of Agreement constitutes written assurance that the Kent Fire Department will have the future opportunity to negotiate for management and/or administration of ALS services in South King County in the event the King County Emergency Medical Services Division ceases to provide ALS service, or offers to other agencies - partially or in total - the responsibility to manage or administer South King County ALS units and services.

This Letter of Agreement fulfills the intent of Section 1 of Resolution 1492, and constitutes the signed agreement referred to in Section 1 of that Resolution.



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Kent Fire Department  
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Kent, WA 98031



Alonzo E. Plough, Ph.D., Director  
Seattle-King County Department of  
Public Health  
999 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 1200  
Seattle, WA 98104

Date: August 21, 1997

Date: August 20, 1997

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
FOR ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES  
BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
AND  
KING COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to the "Interlocal Cooperation Act" codified as Ch. 39.34 RCW, by and between The City of Seattle ("The City") and King County ("The County");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to place before the qualified electors of King County a ballot proposition authorizing the County to levy an additional regular property tax in the sum of 29 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years on all taxable property within King County for the support of emergency medical services pursuant to the powers granted to it in RCW 84.52.069 and

WHEREAS, the City operates and funds an emergency medical services program which is independent from the County's program; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenues to be collected pursuant to said levy will be attributable to taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to reimburse and transfer to the City for the support of its emergency medical services program all revenues to be collected pursuant to said levy from the taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the reimbursement and transfer agreement set forth above will not affect the County's ability to provide emergency medical service throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides that no County levy proposal may be placed on the ballot without approval of the legislative authority of the City;

Now, Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall submit to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held therein on November 4, 1997 in conjunction with the state-wide general election to be held on the same date or at such other time as the County may determine, subject to the provisions of RCW 29.13.010 regarding the calling of special county elections, a proposition authorizing the County to



levy an additional regular property tax each year for six years beginning in 1997 for collection beginning in 1998 on taxable property within the County in the sum of 29 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services.

2. This Agreement shall commence upon its signing by both parties. Upon the approval by the qualified electors of King County of the additional regular property tax levy as set forth in RCW 84.52.069, subject to any limitation imposed by state law, the King County Council shall by ordinance impose said levy at a rate of 29 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation or any lesser rate that, when applied to the assessed valuation in Seattle, would yield at least \$12,944,000 in 1998, \$13,462,000 in 1999, \$13,866,000 in 2000, \$14,282,000 in 2001, \$14,710,000 in 2002, and \$15,152,000 in 2003. The County shall levy said voter approved regular property tax beginning in 1997, and each year thereafter for a total of six consecutive years. This Agreement shall terminate on the later of December 31, 2003 or when all property taxes levied by King County under this agreement have been collected and the proper share transferred to the City.

3. The County shall reimburse and transfer to the City all revenue collected pursuant to said levy from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City at the levy rate authorized herein. The County shall not by ordinance or public vote or otherwise impose any constraints on the City's use of the revenues from this levy beyond those imposed by state law or by paragraph 5 of this agreement.

4. Reimbursement and transfer of the revenues set forth in Section 3 above, shall be administered by the King County Office of Finance in the manner and at such times as revenues produced pursuant to levies authorized by RCW 84.52.043.

5. All revenues received pursuant to said levy and this Agreement shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services as specified in RCW 84.52.069 (3) and shall be deposited into a special revenue account established by the City for that purpose.

6. In return for the reimbursement and transfer as set forth in Section 3 above, the City gives its approval by ordinance for the submission to the qualified electors of King County of the County-wide six-year additional property tax levy proposition for emergency medical services set forth in Section 1 above.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit the City from levying an annual tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.069, to fund emergency medical services.

8. The parties hereto expressly reserve for themselves the right to amend this agreement. No amendment hereto will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

KING COUNTY

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Norman B Rice

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/2/97

Acting under authority of  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Acting under authority of  
Ordinance 118692

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:  
Mark Sidran, Seattle City Attorney

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Prosecuting Attorney

by Sandra L Cohen  
Asst. City Attorney