

ORDINANCE NO. 0004480

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2 AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to  
3 the electors of King County at a special  
4 election to be held therein on November 6,  
5 1979, in conjunction with the State-wide  
6 general election to be held on the same date,  
7 of a proposition imposing the levy of a  
8 general tax each year for six year beginning  
9 in 1979 in a sum of \$.21 per \$1,000 of  
10 assessed valuation on taxable property within  
11 the County pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of  
12 1979, First Extraordinary Session, passed by  
13 the Legislature of the State of Washington on  
14 May 14, 1979, for expenses incurred in the  
15 provision of emergency medical services.

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17 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

18 SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of purpose. The  
19 Council finds that:

20 (1) Emergency medical services are among the most  
21 important services provided County residents. These services  
22 include basic and advanced life support, training in cardio-  
23 pulmonary resuscitation and an effective communications system.  
24 In combination, these programs have made the emergency services  
25 network in King County an invaluable life-saving effort and an  
26 important part of the quality of life standards afforded  
27 citizens of this County.

28 (2) Cardio-vascular disease is the leading cause of death  
29 in the nation and in King County. The delivery of paramedic  
30 services in King County has tripled the survival rate of victims  
31 of cardiac arrest; the initiation of cardio-pulmonary  
32 resuscitation by bystanders or emergency medical technicians has  
33 doubled discharge rates.

(3) King County should exercise leadership in and assume  
responsibility for assuring the orderly and comprehensive  
development and provision of emergency medical service throughout  
the County.

(4) The concern for assuring a County-wide emergency  
medical services program is shared by King County cities and fire  
protection districts who participate in emergency medical service

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1 programs.

2 (5) Emergency medical services provided to County residents  
3 should be of high quality and should meet uniform service  
4 delivery standards.

5 (6) The demand for emergency medical services has grown  
6 over the years; however, such demand has not been accompanied by  
7 a stable source of revenues.

8 (7) Emergency medical services are essential and should be  
9 afforded a stable and discreet funding base.

10 (8) Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session  
11 recognizes the needs and concerns described above and provides a  
12 funding source for the provision of such emergency medical  
13 services.

14 (9) The provision of emergency medical services on a  
15 County-wide basis is a public purpose of King County. In order to  
16 assure such a provision of services, it is both necessary and  
17 appropriate that an additional regular property tax of \$.21 per  
18 \$1,000 of assessed valuation be levied as provided for in this  
19 ordinance.

20 (10) Reimbursement and transfer to the City of Seattle of  
21 all tax revenues collected pursuant to the levy provided for in  
22 this ordinance from taxable property located within the legal  
23 boundaries of the City of Seattle will not affect the County's  
24 ability to provide emergency medical service throughout King  
25 County.

26 SECTION 2. Authorization of levy. The authorization for  
27 this additional regular property tax levy for the support of  
28 emergency medical services is found in Chapter 200, Laws of 1979,  
29 First Extraordinary Session passed in extra session of the  
30 Washington State Legislature on May 14, 1979.

31 SECTION 3. Approval of cities over 50,000 population.  
32 Pursuant to Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session,  
33 approval to impose this additional regular property tax has been

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1 obtained from the legislative bodies of all cities in the County  
2 over 50,000 population.

3 SECTION 4. City of Seattle reimbursement. It is  
4 recognized that the City of Seattle operates and funds an  
5 emergency medical services program that is separate from the  
6 County program. During the period of this six-year levy as set  
7 forth herein and as authorized by the qualified electors of King  
8 County, all tax revenues collected pursuant to such six-year levy  
9 from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the  
10 City of Seattle shall be reimbursed and transferred to the City  
11 of Seattle at the levy rate authorized herein.

12 SECTION 5. Type of levy. Pursuant to the authorization in  
13 Chapter 200, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session, this  
14 levy is a regular property tax levy in addition to the statutory  
15 tax rate limit of RCW 84.52.043 and is not subject to the 106%  
16 limitation of RCW 85.55.010 for the first levy imposed, but is  
17 subject thereto for the remaining five levies.

18 SECTION 6. Levy rate. The rate at which this levy shall be  
19 submitted to the voters shall be the sum of \$.21 per \$1,000 of  
20 assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years.

21 SECTION 7. Deposit of funds. All funds collected under  
22 this levy shall be deposited into the County Emergency Medical  
23 Services Fund. The share of this collection designated for the  
24 City of Seattle under Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be  
25 dispersed from this Fund.

26 SECTION 8. Ratification by voters. This six-year levy must  
27 be approved by a majority of at least three-fifths of the  
28 electors thereof voting on the proposition, at which election the  
29 number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall  
30 constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty per centum of  
31 the total votes cast in such taxing districts at the last  
32 preceding general election; or by a majority of at least three-  
33 fifths of the electors thereof voting on the proposition to levy



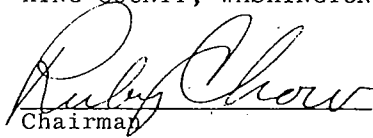
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1            SECTION 10. Severability. Should any section, subsection,  
 2 sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared  
 3 unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, that determination  
 4 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this  
 5 ordinance.

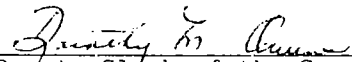
6            INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
 7 August, 1979.

8            PASSED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1979.

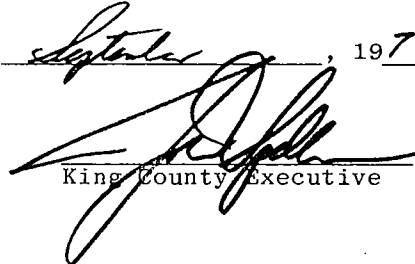
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 10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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 12 Chairman

13 ATTEST:

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 16 Deputy Clerk of the Council

17 APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1979.

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 19 King County Executive

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