



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**October 23, 2012**

**Ordinance 17443**

**Proposed No. 2012-0433.1**

**Sponsors Phillips**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the provision of transit  
2 tickets to human services agencies; amending Ordinance  
3 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210  
4 and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. Agencies serving homeless and low-income populations have identified bus  
8 ticket needs for 2012 in excess of those authorized under K.C.C. 4A.700.210.

9 B. Some homeless shelter operators have determined that they have insufficient  
10 bus tickets to provide transportation for their clients for the remainder of 2012 and  
11 therefore have chosen to close facilities this fall with the goal of saving their limited  
12 number of bus tickets for use later in the year when weather is worse and shelter needs  
13 are higher.

14 C. The council desires to help those agencies serving homeless and low income  
15 populations through an increase in the available bus ticket subsidy levels for 2012.

16 D. The executive has identified a one-time source of funds to meet this 2012  
17 objective.

18           E. To effectuate a distribution of bus tickets in 2012, the executive must initiate a  
19 proposal process with qualified health and human services agencies by November 1,  
20 2012.

21           F. It will not be possible to meet that schedule and make tickets available this  
22 year unless this ordinance is enacted as an emergency ordinance, due to the time required  
23 under the county charter for nonemergency legislation to be considered, heard, adopted,  
24 enacted and to take effect.

25           G. Ordinance 17438 was adopted with a technical error missing the words "one  
26 hundred" in the statement of authority. This technical error has the unintended effect of  
27 causing the legislation to not achieve the adopted intent of the ordinance. Due to this  
28 technical error, a technical amendment needs to be adopted as an emergency to achieve  
29 the goals and intent of Ordinance 17438.

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

32           The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of  
33 tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of  
34 meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total  
35 amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed one  
36 million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for any one year with the exception  
37 of 2012. For 2012, the total amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the  
38 program shall not exceed two million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.  
39 However, the amount of the eighty percent discount may be increased by up to an  
40 additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket

41 program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit  
42 incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, section 1. The allocation of discount  
43 tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local  
44 jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services  
45 programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall  
46 determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the  
47 human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are  
48 valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

49 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this ordinance expires January 1, 2013.

50 SECTION 4. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county  
51 council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

52 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the  
53 support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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Ordinance 17443 was introduced on 10/22/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/22/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None