



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 15, 2015**

**Ordinance 18203**

**Proposed No. 2015-0497.2**

**Sponsors McDermott**

1 AN ORDINANCE creating the best starts for kids fund;  
2 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

3 PREAMBLE:

4 At a special election held in King County on November 3, 2015, the  
5 qualified electors of King County approved a proposition authorizing a  
6 property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter  
7 84.55 RCW for a consecutive six-year period at a first year rate of not  
8 more than 14 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and  
9 limiting annual levy increases to three percent in the five succeeding  
10 years, all for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention  
11 strategies to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their  
12 communities. Collection of this additional tax will commence in 2016.

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

14 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200  
15 a new section to read as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created the best starts for kids fund.

17 B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund.

18 C. The director of the department of community and human services shall be the  
19 manager of the fund.

20 D.1. The fund shall account for the proceeds of the property tax levy approved by  
21 the voters of King County, in accordance with Ordinance 18088 on November 3, 2015, in  
22 excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW. The six-year levy  
23 commencing in 2016, has been approved by the voters for the express purpose of paying  
24 costs as outlined in Ordinance 18088, Section 5.

25 2. Out of the first year's levy proceeds:

26 a. nineteen million dollars shall be used to plan, provide and administer  
27 a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative; and

28 b. such sums as are necessary to provide for the costs and charges incurred by  
29 the county that are attributable to the election.

30 3. The remaining levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide and administer the  
31 provision of a wide range of strategies to:

32 a. improve health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as  
33 the families and the communities in which they live, including, but not limited to, by  
34 ensuring adequate services and supports for pregnant women and newborns; access to  
35 safe and healthy food; support for hospitals and other mental health providers in King  
36 County to provide children and youth with access to mental health services; and  
37 developmental screening for children and youth;

38 b. prevent and intervene early on negative outcomes, including, but not limited  
39 to, chronic disease, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence and  
40 incarceration;

41 c. reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county; and

42           d. strengthen, improve, better coordinate, integrate and encourage innovation  
43 in health and human services systems and the agencies, organizations and groups  
44 addressing the needs of children and youth, their families and their communities.

45           4. Of the eligible expenditures described in subsection D.3. of this section:

46           a. fifty percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies focused  
47 on children and youth under five years old and their caregivers, pregnant women and for  
48 individuals or families concerning pregnancy. Of these moneys, not less than forty-two  
49 million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be used to provide health services, such as  
50 maternity support services and nurse family partnership home visiting program services;

51           b. thirty-five percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies  
52 focused on children and youth ages five through twenty-four years old;

53           c. ten percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer communities of  
54 opportunity; and

55           d. five percent shall be used to plan, fund and administer the following:

56           (1) evaluation and data collection activities;

57           (2) activities designed to improve the delivery of services and programs for  
58 children and youth and their communities;

59           (3) services identified in subsection D.3. of this section provided by  
60 metropolitan park districts in King County. Of these moneys identified in this subsection  
61 D.4.d.(3), an amount equal to the lost revenues to the metropolitan park districts resulting  
62 from prorationing as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, up to one million dollars, shall be  
63 provided to those metropolitan park districts if authorized by the county council by  
64 ordinance; and

65 (4) services identified in subsection D.3. of this section provided by fire  
66 districts, in an amount equal to the lost revenues to the fire districts in King County  
67 resulting from prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, for those services, to the  
68 extent the prorationing was caused solely by the levy and if authorized by the county  
69 council by ordinance.  
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Ordinance 18203 was introduced on 11/16/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Ms. Lambert

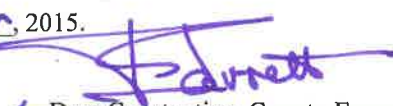
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None

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