



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 8, 2016**

**Ordinance 18390**

**Proposed No. 2016-0486.1**

**Sponsors Upthegrove**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to county property tax levies for  
2 collection in 2017; implementing RCW 84.55.0101, finding  
3 substantial need and providing for a limit factor of one  
4 hundred and one percent in accordance with RCW  
5 84.55.0101.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

8 A. RCW 84.55.0101 allows the county council to set limit factors for regular  
9 property tax levies to a maximum of one hundred one percent upon a finding of  
10 substantial need.

11 B. The total adopted King County budget for 2017-2018 is \$10 billion and the  
12 total adopted general fund budget for 2017-2018 is \$1.65 billion.

13 C. The general fund and other funds are continuing to experience a fiscal  
14 shortfall that is the result of revenue growth that is not keeping pace with the increasing  
15 costs of providing services.

16 D. The fiscal shortfall is expected to continue in 2018 and thereafter.

17 E. King County has aggressively reviewed all expenditures in the general fund  
18 and other property-tax-supported funds for reductions and has reviewed possibilities for  
19 enhanced revenues.

20 F. King County has reduced the general fund budget and other property-tax-  
21 supported budgets below the amounts necessary to sustain current service levels through  
22 direct service reductions and efficiencies.

23 G. The 2017-2018 Biennial Budget Ordinance assumes that property taxes  
24 increase by the one-percent limit factor and any increase less than that would require  
25 substantial direct service reductions.

26 H. Because of the findings in subsections A. through G. of this section, the King  
27 County council finds that a substantial need exists for the use of property tax limit  
28 factors up to the maximum of one hundred one percent.

29 SECTION 2. The limit factors to be used for county property tax levies for taxes  
30 to be collected in 2017 shall be as follows:

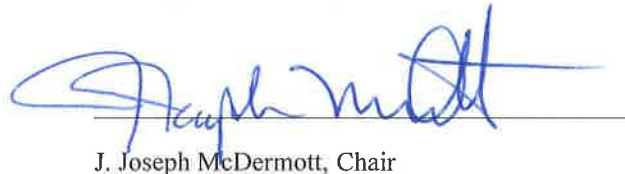
31 Levy	Limit Factor
32 Regular Levy	One hundred one percent
33 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	One hundred one percent
34 County Road District	One hundred one percent
35 Conservation Futures	One hundred one percent

- 36 Transit One hundred one percent
- 37 Marine One hundred one percent
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Ordinance 18390 was introduced on 10/3/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/7/2016, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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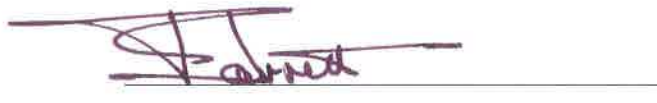
J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None