



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19772

Proposed No. 2024-0157.2

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Zahilay, Balducci, Perry and Barón

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to personal and demographic
2 information obtained, maintained, and shared by county
3 agents and employees; and amending Ordinance 16692,
4 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.010.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Ordinance 16692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.010 are
7 each amended to read as follows:

8 A. Except as otherwise provided in this section or when otherwise required by
9 law, a Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., County office, department, employee,
10 agency, or agent shall not condition the provision of county services on the citizenship or
11 immigration status of any person.

12 B. All applications, questionnaires, and interview forms used in relation to the
13 provision of county benefits, opportunities, or services shall be reviewed by each agency,
14 and any question requiring disclosure of information related to citizenship ~~((or)),~~
15 immigration status, or national origin unless required by state or federal law, or
16 international treaty, shall be ~~((, in the agency's best judgment, either))~~ deleted ~~((in its~~
17 ~~entirety or revised such that the disclosure of the information is no longer required.~~
18 ~~Agencies that have a need for the collection of demographic data related to immigration~~
19 ~~status for performance measurement shall identify mechanisms that will allow for the~~

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20 ~~separation of the demographic information from personally identifying information~~)).
21 Agencies that are required by state or federal law, or international treaty, to collect
22 immigration status or national origin information must separate that information from
23 personal information in the agencies' records as soon as is practicable.

24 C. The ~~((Seattle King County))~~ department of public health shall not condition
25 the provision of health benefits, opportunities, or services on matters related to
26 citizenship, national origin, or immigration status. The ~~((Seattle King County))~~
27 department of public health may inquire about or disclose information relating to a
28 person's citizenship, national origin, or immigration status for the purpose of determining
29 eligibility for benefits or seeking reimbursement from federal, state, or other third-party
30 payers.

31 D. Except when otherwise required by law, where the county accepts
32 presentation of a state-issued driver's license or identification card as adequate evidence
33 of identity, presentation of a state-issued document marked as not valid for federal
34 purposes or presentation of a photo identity document issued by the person's nation of
35 origin, such as a driver's license, passport, or other consul-issued document, such as a
36 Matricula Consular de Alta Seguridad, shall also be accepted and shall not subject the
37 person to a higher level of scrutiny or different treatment than if the person had provided
38 a Washington state driver's license or identification card. ~~((However, a))~~ A request for
39 translation of such a document to English shall not be deemed a violation of any
40 provision of this chapter; however, translation services may not be provided by any
41 federal immigration authority. This subsection does not apply to documentation required
42 to complete a federal I-9 employment eligibility verification form. Once the county

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43 agency's legitimate purpose in viewing the required documentation is completed, the
44 documentation shall be promptly returned to its owner. Copies of the required
45 documentation shall not be made or maintained by a county agency unless otherwise
46 required by law.

47 E. A county employee or an agent or agency of King County shall not inquire
48 about or request, from a member of the public information about the citizenship, national
49 origin, or immigration status or place of birth of any person unless the inquiry, request, or
50 investigation is required by state or federal law, regulation, or directive or court order or
51 rule, or to ensure compliance with any state or federal law, regulation, or directive or
52 court order. When an inquiry, request, or investigation into nationality, immigration
53 status, or citizenship, including place of birth, is required to be or for any reason is made,
54 the King County agent or county employee shall not attempt to coerce a response. All
55 persons to whom the inquiries are made shall be explicitly informed of their right to
56 decline to respond, free from fear or threat of retaliation.

57 F. Agents of King County and county employees are hereby prohibited from
58 conditioning King County services on immigration status, except where required under
59 applicable federal or state law or regulation or directive or court order or rule. Agents of
60 King County and county employees are prohibited from verbally abusing or coercing
61 persons or threatening to report them or their family members to ICE or threatening to
62 take other immigration-related action against them or their family members.

63 G. Except where necessary to provide King County services, for performance
64 measurement purposes including data analysis conducted to ensure services are being
65 provided in an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner, or where otherwise required by

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66 state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order, King County agents and
67 employees are not permitted to ~~((either))~~ obtain, maintain, or share ~~((, or both, personal~~
68 ~~information or))~~ information about ~~((national origin,))~~ a person's race, ethnicity, language
69 proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, housing
70 status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal
71 history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a secure detention or other
72 custody, or status as a veteran.

73 H. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as to prohibit any county employee,
74 upon request of the noncitizen, from aiding a noncitizen to obtain immigration benefits
75 pursuant federal immigration law.

76 I. An agent of King County or a county employee shall not expend any time,
77 moneys, or other resources on facilitating the civil enforcement of federal immigration
78 law or participating in civil immigration enforcement operations, except where state or
79 federal law, regulation, or court order shall so require. However, a county agency,
80 employee, or agent is not prohibited from sending to, or receiving from, federal
81 immigration authorities, information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of a
82 person. Also, nothing in this section prohibits any county agency from sending to,
83 receiving from, requesting from, or exchanging with any federal, state, or local agency
84 information regarding the immigration status of a person or from maintaining such
85 information.

86 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any county employee
87 from participating in cross-designation or task force activities with federal law
88 enforcement authorities for criminal law enforcement.


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89 K. The executive shall ensure that all King County employees and agents receive
90 appropriate training on the implementation of the provisions of this section.

Ordinance 19772 was introduced on 5/7/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/11/2024, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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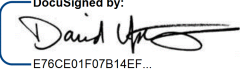
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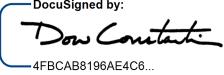
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