

RESOLUTION NO. 1873

A RESOLUTION of the city council of the city of Kent, Washington, supporting the county-wide 2014-2019 Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy.

A. The delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government.

B. The internationally recognized county-wide tiered Medic One/EMS in King County provides county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of week, or time of day.

C. It has been to the benefit of the citizens of the City of Kent to support and participate in the county-wide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services.

D. King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost efficient development and provision of emergency services throughout the county.

E. State law, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.52.069 provides for county-wide emergency medical care and service levies.

F. The highly praised patient and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a county-wide Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2013.

G. The EMS Advisory Task Force, created via King County Ordinance 15862, worked collaboratively with EMS Stakeholders to develop the Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Strategic Plan to continue providing this county-wide service and has recommended an initial levy rate of 33.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value to fund EMS services throughout King County.

H. The City of Kent significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process and was represented on the task force.

I. RCW 84.52.069 requires that cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve a county-wide levy prior to placement on a ballot.

J. The City of Kent has a population of 119,100 thousand people.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION

SECTION 1. The above is found to be true and correct in all respects.

SECTION 2. The City of Kent supports the proposed six-year \$.335 per thousand dollars of assessed value county-wide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014-2019 and urges the voters to vote for the Levy.

SECTION 3. - Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED at a regular open public meeting by the city council of the city of Kent, Washington, this 19th day of February, 2013.

CONCURRED in by the mayor of the city of Kent this 19th day of February, 2013.


SUZETTE COOKE, MAYOR

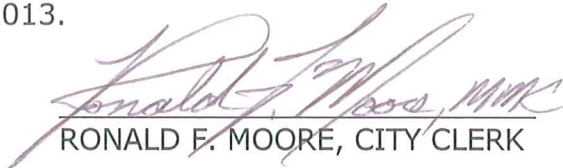
ATTEST:


RONALD F. MOORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1873 passed by the city council of the city of Kent, Washington, the 19th day of February, 2013.


RONALD F. MOORE, CITY CLERK