

# Proposed Ordinance 2025-0070 – Amendment Tracker

*Regional Policy Committee – April 3, 2025*

#	1 <sup>st</sup> Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
0.5	Page 13, Line 288	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would remove the Parks Capital and Open Space grants program (\$25 million).</li> <li>• Would allocate funding based on population and whether the city contains opportunity areas based on K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1.</li> <li>• There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.</li> </ul>
0.7	Page 14, 303	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would reduce the levy rate by 0.38 cents (\$0.0038) to 23.13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to reflect a total reduction of \$23.5 million in levy allocations, from the following funding categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants by \$10 million (from \$30 million to \$20 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing King County Open Space Acquisitions by \$6 million (from \$96 million to \$90 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing Dog Parks by \$500,000 (from \$2.5 million to \$2 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing General Infrastructure by \$2 million (from \$20 million to \$18 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing Regional Trails Rehabilitation by \$5 million (from \$55 million to \$50 million)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.</li> <li>• Title amendment needed.</li> </ul>
1	Page 15, Line 331	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical correction to insert a word that was inadvertently omitted from the proposed ordinance.</li> </ul>

#	1 <sup>st</sup> Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
1.5	Page 17, Line 371	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amendment would change the city passthrough formula to \$75,000 annually to each City, Town, or Park District, plus \$50,000 annually for each City or Town with a population of over 4,000, and then the remainder based 60% on population and 40% on assessed value.</li> </ul>
2	Page 20, Line 435	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require annual reporting on spending by zip code, in addition to by County Council District, by purpose detailed in the levy ordinance.</li> </ul>
T1	Page 1, Line 1	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conforms the title to line amendment 0.7.</li> </ul>

April 2, 2025

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Parks Levy Ordinance  
PCOS Grant to Direct City  
Allocation and Formula

[S.Hsu]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

1 On page 13, strike lines 288 through 291

2 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references  
3 accordingly.

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5 On page 16, beginning on line 342, after "C. " strike "Up to twenty-five million dollars to  
6 eligible entities for the parks capital and open space grants program" and insert "Twenty-  
7 five million dollars for a municipal parks capital and open space pass through distribution  
8 to towns and cities in King County for their town or city parks system operations and  
9 capital improvement projects. These moneys shall be distributed based on 2025  
10 population and presence of opportunity areas as defined in K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1., as  
11 follows:

- 12 1. Algona and Pacific – two hundred thousand dollars each;
- 13 2. Enumclaw – four hundred thousand dollars;
- 14 3. Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, and Burien – eight hundred thousand dollars
- 15 each;
- 16 4. Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Kent – one million six-hundred thousand
- 17 dollars each;

- 18           5. Seattle – two million dollars;
- 19           6. Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Milton,
- 20   Carnation, Medina, and Clyde Hill – one hundred sixty thousand dollars each;
- 21           7. Lake Forest Park, Newcastle, Woodinville, and Snoqualmie – three hundred
- 22   twenty thousand dollars each;
- 23           8. Covington, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Maple Valley, Bothell, Issaquah,
- 24   Shoreline, and Sammamish – six hundred forty thousand dollars each; and
- 25           9. Redmond, Kirkland, and Bellevue – one million two hundred eighty thousand
- 26   dollars each.

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28   **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu:**

- 29       •   *Would remove the Parks Capital and Open Space grants program (\$25 million).*
- 30       •   *Would allocate funding based on population and whether the city contains*
- 31       *opportunity areas based on K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1.*
- 32       •   *There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.*

April 2, 2025

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Parks Levy Ordinance  
Allocations

[S. Hsu] Sponsor: Backus  
Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

1 On page 14, on line 303, after "exceed" strike "\$0.2351" insert "\$0.2313"

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3 On page 16, on line 350, after "At least" strike "thirty" and insert "twenty"

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5 On page 19, on line 406, after "2026 at" strike "\$0.2351" insert "\$0.2313"

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7 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu:**

8 • *Would reduce the levy rate by 0.38 cents (\$0.0038) to 23.13 cents per \$1,000 of*  
9 *assessed value to reflect a total reduction of \$23.5 million in levy allocations,*  
10 *from the following funding categories:*

- 11 ○ *Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants by \$10 million (from*  
12 *\$30 million to \$20 million)*  
13 ○ *Reducing King County Open Space Acquisitions by \$6 million (from \$96*  
14 *million to \$90 million)*  
15 ○ *Reducing Dog Parks by \$500,000 (from \$2.5 million to \$2 million)*  
16 ○ *Reducing General Infrastructure by \$2 million (from \$20 million to \$18*  
17 *million)*

- 18                   ○ *Reducing Regional Trails Rehabilitation by \$5 million (from \$55 million*
- 19                   *to \$50 million)*
- 20               • *There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.*
- 21               • *Title amendment needed.*

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4 **EFFECT** prepared by *B. Paribello*: *Would make a technical correction to insert a*  
5 *word that was inadvertently omitted from the ordinance text.*

April 2, 2025

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Parks Levy Ordinance  
Passthrough Formula

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

On page 17, beginning on line 371, strike lines 371 through 383 and insert:

"a. Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city, and to each of the following parks districts that predominantly serve unincorporated King County: Fall City Metropolitan Park District; Si View Metropolitan Park District; and Vashon Park District;

b. An additional fifty-thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city with a population of over four thousand; and

c. Of the remainder of levy proceeds, after the distributions made in accordance with subsection E.3.a. of this section, sixty percent shall be distributed in proportion to each town or city's population and forty percent shall be distributed in proportion to the assessed value of parcels within each town or city;"

**EFFECT prepared by J. Tracy: The amendment would change the city passthrough formula to \$75,000 annually to each City, Town, or Park District, plus \$50,000 annually for each City or Town with a population of over 4,000, and then the remainder based 60% on population and 40% on assessed value.**



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7 *the levy ordinance.*

March 31, 2025  
PL Ordinance Title  
Amendment Levy Allocations

[S.Hsu]	Sponsor:	<u>Backus</u>
	Proposed No.:	<u>2025-0070.2</u>

1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike lines 1 through 28, and insert:

3 "AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the  
4 qualified electors of King County at a special election to be  
5 held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition  
6 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy  
7 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of  
8 six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than  
9 \$0.2313 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in  
10 the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King  
11 County inflation plus population index published by the  
12 King County office of economic and financial analysis, or  
13 the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in  
14 years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and  
15 operating King County's open space system; improving  
16 parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by  
17 acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support  
18 parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving

19 parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan  
20 parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding  
21 environmental education, maintenance and conservation  
22 programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding  
23 environmental education, maintenance and conservation  
24 programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development,  
25 maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront  
26 park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and  
27 education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital  
28 project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital  
29 improvements at public pools, for all King County  
30 residents."  
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32 **EFFECT prepared by *S.Hsu: Conforms the title to line amendment 0.7.***