



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 20074

Proposed No. 2026-0121.1

Sponsors Perry

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to retail establishments;
 2 changing the effective date of the requirement that retailers
 3 in unincorporated King County, unless otherwise
 4 exempted, must accept payment in cash; and amending
 5 Ordinance 19639, Section 6, as amended.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

8 A. King County strives to be an equitable and inclusive place and strives to
 9 empower all residents to participate in the economic life of the county. A key aspect of
 10 participation in economic life is the ability to purchase food, consumer goods, and
 11 consumer services.

12 B. On July 10, 2023, Ordinance 19639 was enacted, which requires retailers in
 13 unincorporated King County, unless otherwise exempted, to accept payment in cash. The
 14 effective date of Ordinance 19639 was set as July 1, 2025.

15 C. After determining that additional time and effort would be necessary to ensure
 16 that retailers in unincorporated King County could be educated about the requirements of
 17 Ordinance 19639 and prepared to accept payment in cash and that enforcement
 18 mechanisms could be developed, on April 11, 2025, Ordinance 19911 was enacted,
 19 which amended Ordinance 19639 to change the effective date to July 1, 2026.

20 D. Additional time and effort are necessary to ensure that retailers in

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21 unincorporated King County are educated about the requirements of Ordinance 19639
22 and prepared to accept payment in cash and to develop enforcement mechanisms.


23 SECTION 2. Ordinance 19639, Section 6, as amended, is hereby amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Ordinance 19639 takes effect July 1, (~~2026~~) 2027.

Ordinance 20074 was introduced on 5/12/2026 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/2/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Sarah Perry, Chair


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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of 6/16/2026, _____.

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