



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2023-0313.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing bond amounts for certain
2 officers and employees of King County; and adding a new
3 chapter to K.C.C. Title 3.

4 PREAMBLE:

5 King County is a home rule charter county under Article XI, Section 4 of
6 the Washington State Constitution.

7 The King County Charter properly designates county officers and
8 employees necessary to carry out functions of the county.

9 RCW 2.32.180 and 36.16.050 require some county officers and employees
10 to post official bonds conditioned on faithful performance of the officer's
11 or employee's official duties.

12 RCW 3.34.090 and 36.16.050 gives the county council authority to set
13 bond amounts for certain county officers and employees.

14 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

15 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance should constitute a new chapter in
16 K.C.C. Title 3.

17 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2.

18 A.1. County officers and employees specified in this section shall, before
19 commencing duties of their office, coordinate with the office of risk management

20 services to furnish official bonds conditioned on faithfully performing the duties of their
21 offices. The bonds shall be in the following amounts:

22	Assessor	\$50,000.00
23	Chief medical examiner	\$5,000.00
24	Councilmember	\$25,000.00
25	Director of elections	\$10,000.00
26	Director of the department of judicial administration	\$100,000.00
27	Executive	\$25,000.00
28	Manager of records and licensing services division	\$10,000.00
29	Prosecuting attorney	\$5,000.00
30	Sheriff	\$50,000.00
31	Treasurer	\$100,000.00
32	Each district court judge, district court judge pro	\$20,000.00
33	tempore, district court commissioner, clerk of the	
34	district court, and court employee	
35	Official court reporters, including reporters pro tempore	\$2,000.00
36	for the superior court	

37 2. The bonds required in subsection A.1. of this section may be satisfied by a
38 blanket bond assuring coverage at an amount not less than stated above. The cost of any
39 such bond shall be borne by the county.

40 B. The bonds in subsection A. of this section shall be furnished by a surety
41 company authorized to do business in this state. Each bond shall be valid for the officer's

42 full term, subject to earlier termination if the bonded officer leaves office. If the officer is
43 not an elected official, the bond shall be valid until cancelled.

44 C. The bonds in subsection A shall be filed with the director of the department of
45 judicial administration, except the bond of the director of the department of judicial
46 administration shall be filed with the treasurer.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None