

RESOLUTION NO. 19-768

A RESOLUTION of the City of Federal Way, Washington, supporting the countywide ballot proposition for funding the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy for the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069.

WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, the internationally recognized, countywide, tiered Medic One/EMS system in Seattle & King County provides county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

WHEREAS, it has been to the benefit of the residents of the City of Federal Way to support and participate in the countywide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for countywide emergency medical care and service levies and King County is seeking voter authorization of a six-year Medic One/EMS levy for the period of 2020-2025; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical care and services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a prior countywide six-year Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force, created via Executive Order PHL - 0 - 1 - EO, worked collaboratively with regional EMS Stakeholders to develop the Medic One/EMS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for providing this countywide service, and recommends pursuit of a Medic One/EMS levy, per RCW 84.52.069; with an initial levy rate of 26.5 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value, to fund EMS throughout King County for the next six years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Federal Way significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process and was represented on the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue funding for emergency medical services for six years, RCW 84.52.069 requires that 75% of those cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve placing the countywide levy proposal on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Federal Way has a population greater than fifty thousand people.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The City of Federal Way hereby approves submitting to the voters a ballot proposition for a levy to fund the countywide Medic One/EMS on the ballot in 2019.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Federal Way City Council.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON this 16th day of July, 2019.

[signatures to follow]

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY:



JIM FERRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



STEPHANIE COURTNEY, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. RYAN CALL, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 07/10/2019
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 07/16/2019
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