



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Ordinance 19848**

**Proposed No.** 2024-0302.2

**Sponsors** Zahilay

1 AN ORDINANCE abolishing the 2008-2013 parks  
 2 operating levy, the 2008-2013 open space and trails levy,  
 3 and the 2014-2019 parks, trails, and open space  
 4 replacement levy subfunds, and transferring any remaining  
 5 net assets and fund balances to the parks operating fund;  
 6 and amending Ordinance 14793, Section 2, as amended,  
 7 and K.C.C. 4A.200.480 and Ordinance 15966, Section 2, as  
 8 amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.490.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted the August 2024 statement  
 11 of residual balances of the subfunds prepared for closure, as presented in Attachment A  
 12 to this ordinance. Abolishment of county subfunds as presented in Attachment A to this  
 13 ordinance and the transfer of any remaining net assets and subfund balances for those  
 14 county funds is approved and adopted.

15 SECTION 2. Ordinance 14793, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.480  
 16 are each hereby amended as follows:

- 17 A. There is hereby created the parks and recreation fund.
- 18 B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund.
- 19 C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the  
 20 manager of the fund.

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21 D. The fund shall account for the receipt of tax levy revenues and other moneys,  
22 and for the disbursement in accordance with this section:

23 1. ~~((The proceeds of the six year property tax levy approved by the voters of~~  
24 ~~King County on August 21, 2007, under Ordinance 15759, in excess of the levy~~  
25 ~~limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW and other revenue for the park and recreation~~  
26 ~~purposes outlined in this subsection B.2. In accordance with Ordinance 15759, Section 4,~~  
27 ~~the levy proceeds shall be deposited in a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or~~  
28 ~~its successor. The levy shall be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance 15759,~~  
29 ~~Section 5;~~

30 2.a. ~~The proceeds of the six year property tax levy approved by the voters of~~  
31 ~~King County on August 21, 2007, under Ordinance 15760, in excess of the levy~~  
32 ~~limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW. Of the proceeds designated for distribution~~  
33 ~~to King County cities and the zoo, a reasonable portion shall be retained by the county to~~  
34 ~~be used for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. In~~  
35 ~~accordance with Ordinance 15760, Section 4, the levy proceeds shall be deposited in a~~  
36 ~~dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.~~

37 b.(1) ~~The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified~~  
38 ~~in Ordinance 15760, Section 5.~~

39 (2) ~~The moneys to be used for King County's acquisition of open space and~~  
40 ~~natural lands critical to the preservation of regional watersheds and streams, for~~  
41 ~~acquisition and development of rights of way for regional trails, with primary~~  
42 ~~consideration given to those projects that address health disparities/health inequities as~~  
43 ~~recognized in the Health of King County 2006 report and are consistent with the Regional~~

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44 ~~Trails Plan including acquisition of missing critical links and/or maximization of regional~~  
45 ~~trail use, and for repayment of costs, including principal and interest, associated with~~  
46 ~~interim financing following approval of the levy, and to provide up to five hundred~~  
47 ~~thousand dollars annually for capital funding of recreation grant programs, shall be~~  
48 ~~transferred to the parks capital fund; and~~

49 ~~3.a. The proceeds of the six year property tax levy approved by the voters of~~  
50 ~~King County on August 20, 2013, under Ordinance 17568, in excess of the levy~~  
51 ~~limitation in chapter 84.55 RCW. In accordance with Ordinance 17568, Section 3, the~~  
52 ~~levy proceeds shall be deposited in a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its~~  
53 ~~suecessor.~~

54 ~~b. The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified in~~  
55 ~~Ordinance 17568, Section 4, consistent with Ordinance 17568, Section 6.~~

56 ~~c. The levy proceeds to be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance 17568,~~  
57 ~~Section 4.B. shall be transferred to the parks capital fund created under K.C.C.~~  
58 ~~4A.200.490.~~

59 ~~d. If the county council, in its sole discretion, finds that annual revenues from~~  
60 ~~the real estate excise tax 1 and real estate excise tax 2 from the real estate excise taxes~~  
61 ~~imposed under K.C.C.4A.51.100 and 4A.510.120 have increased sufficiently that the~~  
62 ~~levy amount needed for the purposes identified in Ordinance 17568, Section 4.B. should~~  
63 ~~be reduced, it may reduce the annual dollar amount levied for the parks levy based on this~~  
64 ~~finding and the entire dollar amount of the reduction in the levy proceeds for that year~~  
65 ~~shall be allocated solely to the distribution of levy proceeds for the purposes set forth in~~  
66 ~~Ordinance 17568, Section 4.B. Such annual reduction shall not limit the authority of the~~

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67 council to levy in any future year without such reduction or to modify the distribution of  
68 levy proceeds levied in any future year.

69 e. ~~Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds may~~  
70 ~~not supplant existing funding.~~

71 4.)a. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of  
72 King County on August 20, 2019, under Ordinance 18890, in excess of the levy  
73 limitation in chapter 84.55 RCW, shall be deposited, in accordance with Ordinance  
74 18890, Section 3, in a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

75 b. The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified in  
76 Ordinance 18890, Section 4, consistent with Ordinance 18890, Section 6.

77 c. The levy proceeds to be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance  
78 18890, Section 4.C., D. and E.2 shall be transferred to the parks capital fund created  
79 under K.C.C. 4A.200.490.

80 ~~((d. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds~~  
81 ~~may not supplant existing funding.))~~

82 ~~((5-))~~ 2. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for parks and  
83 recreation purposes.

84 E. The fund shall be managed in such a way as to distinguish between proceeds  
85 from levies approved under Ordinance~~((s 15759, 15760, 17568 and))~~ 18890, business  
86 revenues, as well as parks operating and maintenance expenditures, community grant  
87 program expenditures and targeted equity grant program expenditures.

88 SECTION 3. Ordinance 15966, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.490  
89 are hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 90           A. There is hereby created the parks capital fund.
- 91           B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a capital projects fund.
- 92           C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the  
93 manager of the fund.
- 94           D. The fund shall account for the receipt of tax levy revenues and other moneys,  
95 and for the disbursement of((:
- 96               1. ~~The King County portion of the proceeds of the six year property tax levy~~  
97 ~~deposited in the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.2.b.(2) for the purposes~~  
98 ~~described in subsection E. of this section;~~
- 99               2. ~~The King County portion of the proceeds of the six year property tax levy~~  
100 ~~transferred to the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.3.c. for the purposes~~  
101 ~~described in subsection F. of this section;~~
- 102               3. ~~The King County portion of the proceeds of the six year property tax levy~~  
103 ~~transferred to the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.4.c. for the purposes~~  
104 ~~described in subsection G. of this section; and~~
- 105               4.)) Other moneys for capital parks and recreation purposes.
- 106           E. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of King  
107 County on August 21, 2007, in the fund shall be used only for any of the following  
108 eligible purposes:
- 109               1. Acquisition of open space and natural lands critical to the preservation of  
110 regional watersheds and streams;
- 111               2. Acquisition and development of rights of way for regional trails, with  
112 primary consideration given to those projects that address health disparities and health

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113 inequities as recognized in the Health of King County 2006 report and are consistent with  
114 the Regional Trails Plan including acquisition of missing critical links and/or  
115 maximization of regional trail use;

116           3. Repayment of costs, including principal and interest, associated with interim  
117 financing following approval of the levy; and

118           4. To provide up to five hundred thousand dollars annually for capital funding  
119 of recreation grant programs.

120           F.1. The proceeds of the six-year levy approved by the voters of King County on  
121 August 20, 2013, in the fund shall be used only for those purposes specified in Ordinance  
122 17568, Section 4.B.

123           2. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for capital parks and  
124 recreation purposes.

125           G.1. The proceeds of the six-year levy approved by the voters of King County on  
126 August 20, 2019, in the fund shall be used only for those purposes specified in Ordinance  
127 18890, Section 4.C., D. and E.2.

128           2. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for capital parks and  
129 recreation purposes.

130           H. The moneys in the fund from the levies approved under Ordinances 15760,  
131 17568, and 18890, shall be used solely for the eligible purposes authorized by the voters  
132 and shall not supplant existing funds used for those purposes.

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133 I. The fund shall be managed in such a way as to distinguish levy revenues from  
134 any other revenues in the fund.


Ordinance 19848 was introduced on 10/1/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/19/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 12/2/2024, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed by:  
  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. August 2024 Statement of Residual Balances of Funds Proposed for Closure

**August 2024**

**Statement of Residual Balances of Funds Proposed for Closure**

<b>Fund or Sub-Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Number</b>	<b>Approximate Balance Amount to be Transferred</b>
2008-2013 Parks Operating Levy and Open Space and Trails Levy	1452	29,893
2014-2019 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy	1453	1,226,878



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