



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

ATTACHMENT 1  
1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2023-0373.1

**Sponsors** Zahilay and Kohl-Welles

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting the Veterans, Seniors, and  
2 Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Implementation Plan,  
3 required by Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., to govern the  
4 expenditure of the veterans, seniors, and human services  
5 levy proceeds from 2024 to 2029 to achieve outcomes  
6 related to housing stability, healthy living, financial  
7 stability, social engagement, and service system access and  
8 improvement for veterans and military servicemembers and  
9 their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and  
10 resilient communities in King County.

11 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

12 1. After approving the first six-year veterans and human services levy in  
13 2005, King County voters have since voted twice to maintain levy  
14 supported services for veterans and human services in King County,  
15 including adding seniors and their caregivers as a population explicitly  
16 served by the levy in 2017. Ordinance 15279, which created the initial  
17 levy for 2006 through 2011 and placed the levy on the ballot for King  
18 County voter consideration, was approved by fifty-eight percent of voters.  
19 Ordinance 17072, which placed the second levy on the ballot for King  
20 County voters, was approved by sixty-nine percent of voters, renewed the

21           levy for 2012 through 2017. Ordinance 18555, which placed the third  
22           levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-eight  
23           percent of voters, renewed, and expanded the levy for 2018 through 2023.

24           2. In 2023, Ordinance 19604 placed a six-year renewal of the veterans,  
25           seniors, and human services levy on the ballot. King County voters  
26           approved Proposition No. 1 on August 1, 2023, by seventy-one percent,  
27           authorizing the renewal of the levy for 2024-2029 to fund capital facilities  
28           and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and  
29           caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health,  
30           housing, financial, or social stability outcomes.

31           3. Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., requires the executive to develop and  
32           transmit for council review and adoption by ordinance an implementation  
33           plan for the veterans, seniors, and human services levy. The  
34           implementation plan, once effective, will govern the expenditure of the  
35           levy's proceeds until the veteran, seniors, and human services levy expires  
36           in 2029. The required implementation plan is Attachment A to this  
37           ordinance.

38           4. Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., enumerates specific requirements for  
39           the implementation plan. The Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services  
40           Levy (VSHSL) Implementation Plan 2024-2029, dated October 12, 2023,  
41           Attachment A to this ordinance, responds to the requirements set out by  
42           Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., by: describing the forecasted expenditure  
43           of levy proceeds by result area and population; describing strategies to

44 stabilize the health and human services workforce, and to expand access to  
45 counseling or other behavioral health services; making recommendations  
46 to refine levy governance; describing measurable results and a coordinated  
47 performance monitoring and reporting framework; and describing how the  
48 levy's required online annual report will be provided to councilmembers,  
49 the regional policy committee or its successor, and the public.

50 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

51 SECTION 1. The Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL)

52 Implementation Plan 2024-2029, dated October 12, 2023, Attachment A to this

53 ordinance, is hereby adopted to govern the expenditure of veterans, seniors, and human  
54 services levy proceeds as authorized under Ordinance 19604.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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**Attachments:** A. Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHL) Implementation Plan 2024-2029