



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**October 16, 2012**

**Ordinance 17438**

**Proposed No. 2012-0427.2**

**Sponsors Phillips, Ferguson, Patterson,  
Gossett, Hague and Dunn**

1           AN ORDINANCE relating to the provision of transit  
2           tickets to human services agencies; amending Ordinance  
3           12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210  
4           and declaring an emergency.

5           PREAMBLE:

6           For 2012 only, this ordinance adds two hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
7           to the limit on the total amount of discounts available for the sale and  
8           distribution of transit tickets to human services agencies.

9           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10          SECTION 1. Findings:

11          A. Agencies serving homeless and low-income populations have identified bus  
12          ticket needs for 2012 in excess of those authorized under K.C.C. 4A.700.210.

13          B. Some homeless shelter operators have determined that they have insufficient  
14          bus tickets to provide transportation for their clients for the remainder of 2012 and  
15          therefore have chosen to close facilities this fall with the goal of saving their limited  
16          number of bus tickets for use later in the year when weather is worse and shelter needs  
17          are higher.

18          C. The council desires to help those agencies serving homeless and low income  
19          populations through an increase in the available bus ticket subsidy levels for 2012.

20 D. The executive has identified a one-time source of funds to meet this 2012  
21 objective.

22 E. To effectuate a distribution of bus tickets in 2012, the executive must initiate a  
23 proposal process with qualified health and human services agencies by November 1,  
24 2012.

25 F. It will not be possible to meet that schedule and make tickets available this  
26 year unless this ordinance is enacted as an emergency ordinance, due to the time required  
27 under the county charter for non-emergency legislation to be considered, heard, adopted,  
28 enacted and to take effect.

29 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210  
30 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

31 The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of  
32 tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of  
33 meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total  
34 amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed one  
35 million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for any one year with the exception  
36 of 2012. For 2012, the total amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the  
37 program shall not exceed two million twenty-five thousand dollars. However, the  
38 amount of the eighty percent discount may be increased by up to an additional two  
39 hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket program for the value  
40 of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit incentives program  
41 described in Ordinance 17295, section 1. The allocation of discount tickets under the  
42 program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the

43 county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local  
44 jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the number of  
45 tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies  
46 eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public  
47 transportation and paratransit service.

48 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this ordinance expires January 1, 2013.

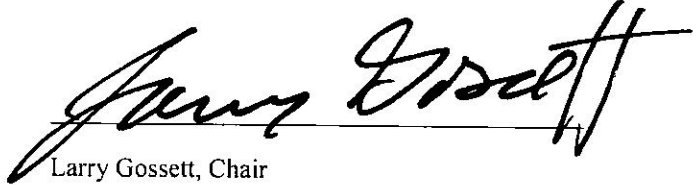
49 SECTION 4. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county  
50 council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

51 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the  
52 support of county government and its existing public institutions."  
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Ordinance 17438 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 10/15/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Arnie Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None