



KING COUNTY

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Ordinance 19997

Proposed No. 2025-0338.1

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1 AN ORDINANCE renaming the health through housing
2 advisory fund and the health through housing advisory
3 committee in honor of Frank Chopp; and amending
4 Ordinance 19366, Section 2 and K.C.C. 2A.300.200,
5 Ordinance 19180, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.343,
6 Ordinance 19179, Section 6, and K.C.C. 4A.503.030,
7 Ordinance 19236, Section 3, and K.C.C. 24.30.020, and
8 Ordinance 19236, Section 4, and K.C.C. 24.30.030.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. Ordinance 19366, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2A.300.200 are hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 A. The Frank Chopp health through housing advisory committee is created to
13 provide advice to the executive and council and report annually to the council and
14 community on the accomplishments and effectiveness of the expenditure of sales and use
15 tax proceeds as authorized by K.C.C. chapter 4A.503 and RCW 82.14.530. Annual
16 reporting to the council and the community shall include information on the allocation by
17 jurisdiction of sales and use tax proceeds as authorized by K.C.C. chapter 4A.503 and
18 RCW 82.14.530. No later than June 15 of each year, beginning with the first report to be
19 filed by June 15, 2023, on behalf of the advisory committee, the executive shall

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electronically file the annual report and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the report with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief and members and alternates of the regional policy committee, or its successor. The clerk of the council shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.

B. The committee shall be comprised of between twelve and sixteen members to be appointed by the executive, in accordance with this section. Membership shall include:

1. Persons who have experienced homelessness;
2. Persons representative of racial and ethnic communities that are demographically disproportionately represented among persons experiencing chronic homelessness in King County;
3. Residents of cities with populations greater than sixty thousand persons and of unincorporated areas; and
4. Representatives from other county, city and subregional boards, commissions or committees to promote regional coordination and coordination across King County human services investments.

C. Before appointing members to the committee, the executive shall provide notice to the council, setting forth the name, biography and term of each proposed committee member. The executive shall send the notice electronically to the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the committee of the

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whole, or its successor. Unless the council adopts a motion requesting changes to the proposed appointments within thirty days following receipt of the executive's notice, the executive may proceed with appointments set forth in the notice.

D. The executive shall establish initial terms of appointment, with one-third of positions having an initial term of two years, one-third of positions having an initial term of three years and the remainder of the positions having an initial term of four years. All subsequent terms shall be for four years. A person shall not serve on the committee for more than four consecutive years.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 19180, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.343 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Frank Chopp health through housing fund.

B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund.

C. The director of the department of community and human services shall be the manager of the fund.

D. The fund shall account for the proceeds of an additional one-tenth of one percent sales tax imposed by the county as authorized in RCW 82.14.530.

E. Proceeds of the sales tax shall be used to fund affordable housing, housing-related services, the operations and maintenance costs of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, behavioral health-related facilities, newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers, and the operation, delivery or evaluation of behavioral health treatment programs and services, in accordance with RCW 82.14.530.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 19179, Section 6, and K.C.C. 4A.503.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

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66 The proceeds shall be deposited in the Frank Chopp health through housing fund.

67 SECTION 4. Ordinance 19236, Section 3, and K.C.C. 24.30.020 are hereby

68 amended to read as follows:

69 A. No later than August 30, 2021, the executive shall transmit for council review
 70 a proposed initial health through housing implementation plan. The implementation plan
 71 shall describe the goals, strategies, performance measures, reporting requirements and
 72 annual expenditure plan to direct use of the proceeds from 2022 through 2028. The
 73 executive shall consult with the affordable housing committee and the chief executive
 74 officer of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority in the development of the
 75 implementation plan.

76 B. The executive shall electronically file the implementation plan required in
 77 subsection A. of this section with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original
 78 and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the
 79 policy staff director and the lead staff for the committee of the whole and the regional
 80 policy committee, or their successors. The implementation plan shall be accompanied by
 81 a proposed ordinance that should adopt the implementation plan and form the Frank
 82 Chopp health through housing advisory committee.

83 SECTION 5. Ordinance 19236, Section 4, and K.C.C. 24.30.030 are hereby

84 amended to read as follows:

85 A.1. Beginning January 1, 2022, if an implementation plan has been adopted by
 86 the council in accordance with K.C.C. 24.30.020, then expenditure of proceeds from the
 87 Frank Chopp health through housing fund shall be consistent with that adopted
 88 implementation plan. The implementation plan shall describe the goals, strategies,

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89 performance measures, reporting requirements and annual expenditure plan to direct use
90 of the proceeds. Among the goals and corresponding performance measures of the
91 implementation plan shall be the annual reduction of racial and ethnic demographic
92 disproportionality among persons experiencing chronic homelessness in King County.
93 The implementation plan shall also describe responsibilities of ((a)) the Frank Chopp
94 health through housing advisory committee, which is to provide advice to the executive
95 and council and to report annually to the council and the community on the
96 accomplishments and effectiveness of the expenditure of proceeds and name the persons
97 to the committee. Annual reporting provided to the council and the community shall
98 include information on the allocation of the proceeds by jurisdiction.

99 2. The executive's selection of persons to serve on the Frank Chopp health
100 through housing advisory committee shall provide for the meaningful inclusion on the
101 committee of persons who have experienced homelessness, meaningful inclusion on the
102 committee of persons representative of racial and ethnic communities that are
103 demographically disproportionately represented among persons experiencing chronic
104 homelessness in King County and meaningful inclusion of residents of cities with
105 populations greater than sixty thousand persons and of unincorporated areas. The
106 committee shall include representatives from other county, city, and subregional boards,
107 commissions or committees to promote regional coordination and coordination across
108 King County human services investments.

109 3. The paramount goal of the implementation plan shall be the creation and
110 ongoing operation of one thousand six hundred units of affordable housing with housing-
111 related services for eligible households in King County that are experiencing chronic

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homelessness or that are at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness. Affordable housing units for persons experiencing chronic homelessness created in 2021 using proceeds authorized by K.C.C. chapter 4A.503, may be included in the implementation plan's goals, strategies, satisfaction of performance measures and reporting. Affordable housing units, in some cases, may only require support from the proceeds for operating costs and housing related services. Such affordable housing units may also be included in the implementation plan's goals, strategies, satisfaction of performance measures and reporting.

4. The implementation plan shall describe the processes by which the executive shall work with jurisdictions that have dedicated funding and are investing in the development of housing serving households experiencing chronic homelessness or at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness, to align allocation of proceeds with such efforts.

5. The implementation plan shall also include as a goal the creation and operations of a mobile behavioral health intervention program with access for its clients to housing created, operated, or otherwise funded by proceeds. The purpose of the mobile behavioral health intervention program required by this subsection shall be to provide an alternative to the use of law enforcement to respond to behavioral health crises. The goal required by this subsection A.5. may be satisfied by creating a new program or by supplementing and adapting an existing program.

6. The implementation plan shall describe the process to site affordable housing and behavioral health facilities funded by proceeds. The siting process shall be in accordance with RCW 82.14.530 as now existing, as hereafter amended or as superseded, including the consultation process if a facility is proposed to be located within a city.

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135 The implementation plan shall require and describe the consultation process between the
136 county and any city in which the county proposes a facility to be located to jointly
137 identify and mutually agree upon suitable locations for eligible facilities to be purchased
138 or constructed, and the services that will be provided to operate and maintain those
139 facilities, prior to the county entering into any contract or agreement to purchase or
140 construct such facilities. The implementation plan shall describe and require use of an
141 equity and social justice impact review process when siting affordable housing and
142 behavioral health facilities.

143 7. The implementation plan shall include a communication and partnership plan,
144 including communication protocols that will be used by the county for partnering and
145 working collaboratively with individual cities, as well as through established partnerships
146 such as A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and South King Housing and
147 Homelessness Partners (SKHHP), and with future partnerships such as two or more cities
148 partnering together to provide eligible facilities and services. The communication and
149 partnership plan shall also describe the approach for how community input will be
150 incorporated into the review process when siting affordable housing and behavioral
151 health facilities.

152 8. The implementation plan shall describe how allocation of the proceeds will
153 satisfy the requirements of RCW 82.14.530 as now existing, as hereafter amended or as
154 superseded.

155 9. Included in the implementation plan shall be an expenditure plan for the first
156 eight years the sales and use tax authorized by K.C.C. chapter 4A.503, and RCW

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157 82.14.530 as now existing, as hereafter amended or as superseded, are collected. For
 158 each year, the expenditure plan shall include:

- 159 a. the forecast of annual debt service associated with bonds issued as
 160 authorized by K.C.C. chapter 4A.503 and allocation of proceeds to fully cover the annual
 161 debt service;
- 162 b. the forecast of annual expenditures for maintenance and operation at
 163 structures or facilities built or acquired with proceeds as authorized by K.C.C. chapter
 164 4A.503;
- 165 c. the forecast of annual expenditure for supporting those services as
 166 authorized by R.C.W. 82.14.530 (2)(c) as now existing, as hereafter amended or as
 167 superseded;
- 168 d. an allocation of at least nine percent and no more than thirteen percent of
 169 each year's proceeds for the provision, delivery and administration of behavioral health
 170 treatment programs and services that are not part of the supportive services provided
 171 within affordable housing or behavioral health facilities supported by proceeds; and
- 172 e. from the annual remaining proceeds after costs associated with bonding
 173 described in subsection B.9.a. of this section and allocations for behavioral health
 174 described in subsection B.9.d. of this section, an allocation of no more than five percent
 175 for administration, no more than one and one-half percent for evaluation and at least one
 176 percent for use in supporting and building the capacity of community-based organizations
 177 to deliver eligible uses of proceeds for persons and communities that are
 178 disproportionately demographically represented among persons experiencing chronic
 179 homelessness in King County.

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180 C. No later than June 30, 2027, and every eight years thereafter, the executive
181 shall transmit for council review and adoption by ordinance a proposed update to the
182 implementation plan, which proposed update shall describe for an additional eight years
183 beyond the term of the then-adopted implementation plan the goals, strategies,
184 performance measures, reporting requirements and expenditure plan to direct use of the
185 proceeds for the respective eight-year period.

186 SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to

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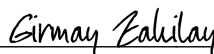
- 187 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
- 188 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 19997 was introduced on 10/28/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/18/2025, by the following vote:

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

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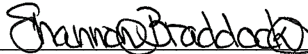


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