

PO 2023-0095 – Amendment Tracker

Regional Policy Committee – April 3, 2023

#	1 st Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
S1	N/A	von Reichbauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would make various technical and clarifying edits throughout the proposed ordinance
1 to S1	Pg. 5, After line 97	Dunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would explicitly include supporting substance use disorder treatment initiatives as an eligible levy expenditure and provide a definition for “substance use disorder initiatives”
2 to S1	Pg. 14, Line 297	Dembowski, von Reichbauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would explicitly make supporting food security an eligible levy expenditure.
3 to S1	Pg. 14, After line 301	Dembowski, von Reichbauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would explicitly make firearm violence intervention and injury prevention activities an eligible levy expenditure.
4 to S1	Pg. 16, Line 336	Kohl-Welles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would allow levy investments that further a goal of allowing seniors to age in place and enjoy a high quality of life where they reside (i.e., long-term care facility) as an eligible levy expenditure.
5 to S1	Pg. 16, Beginning of line 337	Dembowski, von Reichbauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would explicitly make efforts to mitigate and offset gentrification impacts on resilient communities an eligible levy expenditure.
6A to S1	Pg. 17, Line 364	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would change the initial levy rate in 2024 from \$0.10 to \$0.11 per \$1,000 Assessed Value. *Competes with 6B, 6C and 6D
6B to S1	Pg. 17, Line 364	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would change the initial levy rate in 2024 from \$0.10 to \$0.12 per \$1,000 Assessed Value. *Competes with 6A, 6C and 6D
6C to S1	Pg. 17, Line 364	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would change the initial levy rate in 2024 from \$0.10 to \$0.13 per \$1,000 Assessed Value. *Competes with 6A, 6B and 6D

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6D to S1	Pg. 17, Line 364	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would change the initial levy rate in 2024 from \$0.10 to \$0.12 per \$1,000 Assessed Value. Of the additional proceeds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>\$56 million would be distributed as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>\$10,000 would be distributed to each town or city each year.</i> ○ <i>The remaining amount would be distributed to towns or cities in proportion to each town or city's population.</i> ▪ <i>\$56 million would be distributed based on the allocation categories outlined in the levy ordinance. *Competes with 6A, 6B, and 6C</i>
7 to S1	Pg. 18, Line 382	Upthegrove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would add a five percent planning and administration spending cap. • Would require at least ten percent of the ten percent levy proceeds allocation for regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building to be expended on technical assistance and capacity building
7.1 to S1	Pg. 18, Line 382	Upthegrove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would add a five percent planning and administration spending cap.
7.2 to S1	Pg. 18, Line 389	Upthegrove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would require at least ten percent of the ten percent levy proceeds allocation for regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building to be expended on technical assistance and capacity building
T1A	Pg. 1, Line 6	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns the title with Amendment 6A to S1.
T1B	Pg. 1, Line 6	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns the title with Amendment 6B or 6D to S1.
T1C	Pg. 1, Line 6	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns the title with Amendment 6C to S1.

April 3, 2023
Striking Amendment

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Sponsor: von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0095, VERSION**

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3 On page 1, beginning on line 21, strike everything through page 24, line 505, and insert:

4 "STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. After approving the first six-year veterans and human services levy in

6 2005, King County voters have since voted twice to maintain levy-

7 supported services for veterans and human services in King County,

8 including adding seniors and their caregivers as a population explicitly

9 served by the levy in 2017. Ordinance 15279, which created the initial

10 levy for 2006 through 2011 and placed the levy on the ballot for King

11 County voter consideration, was approved by fifty-eight percent of voters.

12 Ordinance 17072, which placed the second levy on the ballot for King

13 County voters, was approved by sixty-nine percent of voters, renewed the

14 levy for 2012 through 2017. Ordinance 18555, which placed the third

15 levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-eight

16 percent of voters, renewed and expanded the levy for 2018 through 2023.

17 This ordinance is the fourth time King County will ask voters to consider

18 the veterans, seniors and human services levy.

19 2. Since its inception as the veterans and human services levy in 2006 and
20 through its renewals in 2011 and 2017, the veterans, seniors and human
21 services levy has served hundreds of thousands of veterans, military
22 servicemembers and their families, as well as seniors, individuals, and
23 families in need. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services
24 levy has served more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand people,
25 including more than twenty-seven thousand veterans, servicemembers or
26 their families, and more than one hundred thousand seniors.

27 3. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has
28 supported more than three hundred programs led by more than one
29 hundred fifty community-based organizations, of which more than a third
30 are small organizations. More than seventy-five percent of levy-supported
31 programs offer services countywide, with physical service sites available
32 throughout the county and some programs specifically provide mobile
33 services.

34 4. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports
35 programs that contribute to outcomes in the following five result areas:
36 housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and
37 service system access and improvement.

38 5. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human service levy contributed to
39 the creation of more than one thousand two hundred units of affordable
40 housing and one hundred ninety-eight new shelter beds for individuals and
41 families experiencing homelessness in King County through its housing

42 stability strategies to help prevent and reduce homelessness and to address
43 the shortage of affordable housing.

44 6. In 2021, King County partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans
45 Affairs and King County Housing Authority to increase the use of federal
46 housing vouchers to help house low-income veterans in King County
47 experiencing homelessness. The partnership is a first in the nation pilot
48 program using King County veterans program social services staff to
49 support veterans finding and maintaining housing using federal housing
50 vouchers. From its launch in April 2021 through September 30, 2022, the
51 levy-supported collaborative case management program helped one
52 hundred sixty-four veteran households obtain vouchers, with one hundred
53 households moving into permanent housing.

54 7. King County tracks the number of veteran households experiencing
55 homelessness through the Homeless Management Information System. On
56 March 31, 2017, one thousand two hundred fifty-two veteran households
57 were active in the homeless system. As of November 30, 2022, the system
58 showed an estimated seven hundred forty-four veteran households actively
59 experiencing homelessness in King County, a reduction of more than forty
60 percent since the peak in March 2017.

61 8. King County is home to one in five veterans living in Washington state
62 according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. More than two-
63 thirds of the veterans residing in King County are fifty-five or older.

64 9. King County veterans program uses levy proceeds to create veteran
65 service hubs that connect more than two thousand veterans and their
66 families each year to the services supported through the levy's financial
67 stability strategies that support King County residents in gaining and
68 maintaining self-sufficiency. These service hubs coordinate with other
69 veteran service providers to provide access and connection to an array of
70 services at the King County veterans program sites.

71 10. In 2019, veterans accounted for six thousand two hundred sixty-one
72 suicides in the United States, or more than thirteen percent of the total
73 number of people dying by suicide nationwide, according to a 2021 report
74 on veteran suicide by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
75 Veteran suicide-related deaths are increasing at a greater rate than that of
76 the general United States population. According to the Centers for
77 Disease Control and Prevention, suicide risk factors include mental health
78 conditions and substance use disorders, as well as economic insecurity,
79 housing insecurity, isolation and stress.

80 11. More than two hundred thirty veterans and thirty military family
81 members receive counseling each year supported through the levy's
82 healthy living strategies to help them manage the effects of trauma in
83 healthy ways. Those counseling services add relief to an already stressed
84 mental health care system by providing an additional thirty-two licensed
85 mental health counselors who focus on the impact of military service.

86 12. Overall, more adults report feeling anxious or depressed since the start
87 of the COVID-19 pandemic according to public health - Seattle & King
88 County data. According to a 2020 Washington state Department of Health
89 community recovery-oriented needs assessment survey for King County,
90 twenty-five percent of respondents reported that they had experienced
91 poor mental health on at least fourteen days in the previous month. A
92 Kaiser Family Foundation study on older adults in August 2020 showed
93 rates of depression and anxiety are higher among adults ages sixty-five
94 and older relative to rates in 2018. A Kaiser Family Foundation report on
95 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lesbian, gay, bisexual and
96 transgender people reveals a disproportionate impact on their mental
97 health.

98 13. The Washington state Office of Financial Management estimates
99 twenty-five percent of King County residents were aged fifty-five or older
100 in 2020 and estimates that proportion to increase to thirty percent by 2040.
101 As the population of older adults increases statewide, so does the
102 population of older adults from racially and ethnically diverse
103 communities or backgrounds.

104 14. The responsibility to care for vulnerable seniors impacts all
105 generations according to a research report conducted in 2020 by the
106 American Association of Retired Persons. According to the United States
107 Department of Health and Human Services, adults ages sixty-five and
108 older have a seventy percent chance of needing some type of long-term

109 care service. That work will in many cases require assistance from unpaid
110 caregivers, including spouses, adult children and acquaintances.

111 15. Eighty-five percent of persons sixty-five or older nationwide have one
112 or more chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, cardiovascular
113 disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cancer or arthritis,
114 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention behavioral
115 risk factor surveillance system. Racial, ethnic and place-based
116 disproportionalities unevenly distribute these conditions and risk factors
117 across King County.

118 16. Actual and perceived social isolation are both associated with
119 increased risk for premature death, according to the National Academies
120 of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine study on social isolation and
121 loneliness in older adults. The influence of social isolation on the risk of
122 death is comparable with risk factors for mortality such as smoking. Older
123 adults who are immigrants or a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual,
124 transgender, questioning, queer, intersex and asexual plus community may
125 be at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to factors like
126 discrimination and barriers to care. Social isolation is also associated with
127 a fifty percent increased risk of dementia. Poor social relationships are
128 associated with a twenty-nine percent increased risk of heart disease, and a
129 thirty-two percent increased risk of stroke.

130 17. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports
131 thirty-nine senior centers to form twenty-two senior hubs as part of the

132 levy's social engagement strategies to improve King County's senior
133 residents' feelings of engagement in community. More than twenty-eight
134 thousand seniors each year receive nutritious meals and connections to
135 critical services to combat social isolation since the senior hubs program
136 launched in 2020.

137 18. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy also
138 supports the geriatric regional assessment team to deliver home-visiting
139 behavioral health and human services intervention to more than three
140 hundred fifty seniors total since the levy supported the assessment team's
141 relaunch in 2020.

142 19. Ordinance 18555 and the veterans, seniors and human services levy
143 implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768 dedicate support for
144 vulnerable populations through the 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and
145 human services levy. The department of community and human services
146 reframed the population served by that levy's proceeds as resilient
147 communities to emphasize community strength in the midst of
148 vulnerability.

149 20. Of the twenty-one million people trafficked worldwide,
150 approximately eighty percent are labor trafficking survivors and victims of
151 forced labor, bonded labor and domestic servitude.

152 21. More than eighteen percent of King County adults have one or more
153 physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities. According to the
154 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations

155 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, persons living with
156 one or more disabilities may have reduced social participation, experience
157 difficulties in mobility, lack of assistive technology and face barriers in
158 access to care to include communication, policy and programmatic
159 barriers, all of which contribute to poor health and decreased quality of
160 life.

161 22. According to data from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, there
162 was a thirteen percent increase in domestic violence calls between January
163 2020 and July 2021 in King County. Homicides resulting from domestic
164 violence in King County increased by nearly four times during 2021
165 compared to 2019, according to the King County prosecuting attorney's
166 office. A statewide survey commissioned by the Washington state
167 Supreme Court in 2015 found that low-income survivors of domestic
168 violence experience the highest number of civil legal needs per capita
169 relative to any other group surveyed.

170 23. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported
171 mobile advocacy services through the levy's service system access and
172 improvement strategy for more than one thousand two hundred survivors
173 of gender-based violence from January 2020 to September 2022. Eighty-
174 four percent of these survivors were connected to an advocate within one
175 day of reaching out for assistance.

176 24. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a
177 service system access and improvement strategy to streamline how

178 domestic violence survivors access services, designed to meet their
179 individual needs. The resulting creation of a twenty-four-hour,
180 multilingual and multimodal domestic violence hotline is now a single-
181 line access to domestic violence services available in King County. Since
182 the hotline's launch in July 2021 through the end of September 2022, it
183 received more than sixteen thousand calls or texts to assist those in crisis
184 and referred nearly seven thousand of those contacts to additional support.

185 25. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy introduced
186 new investments for gender-based violence, legal aid and senior center
187 services, nearly tripling the County's annual investment in these areas.

188 26. In 2021, the veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a
189 contract with 501 Commons to survey more than two hundred thirty
190 nonprofits based in and serving King County, employing more than
191 twenty thousand people, to better understand the array of influences that
192 contribute to employee recruitment, retention, and satisfaction in the
193 nonprofit sector. Survey findings show that many nonprofit employees
194 delivering critical human services earn wages at levels that make it
195 difficult to live in the communities they serve, doing community-based
196 work in King County.

197 27. According to the 2021 King County nonprofit employee engagement
198 survey conducted by 501 Commons, sixty percent of surveyed staff would
199 consider leaving the nonprofit sector to get better pay and fifty-four
200 percent would consider leaving the nonprofit sector because of burnout or

201 other fatigue. Nationally, turnover in nonprofits is nineteen percent,
202 compared to twelve percent for all industries.

203 28. In Motion 16129, the King County council requested the executive to
204 produce an assessment report providing information, analysis, and
205 recommendations to inform deliberations about a possible renewal of the
206 voter-approved veterans, seniors, and human services levy. The
207 assessment report drew upon program performance measurement data,
208 feedback from levy providers and community input from fifty-two
209 community engagement meetings. The executive transmitted the report to
210 the King County council on September 6, 2022.

211 29. In addition to describing the impact to veterans, seniors and resilient
212 communities served by the levy, the assessment report recommended
213 continuing the 2018-2023 levy's five result areas and commitment to the
214 three service populations, increasing levy resources to better address the
215 scale of community needs and creating a regional impact initiatives fund
216 within the levy to address regional human services priorities whose effects
217 span the levy's priority populations.

218 30. In 2010, Ordinance 16897 established the King County Strategic Plan.
219 In 2015, the King County council passed Motion 14317 updating and
220 revising King County's vision, mission, guiding principles and goals.
221 Included within the county's goals are improving the health and well-being
222 of all people in King County, increasing access to quality housing that is
223 affordable to all, implementing alternatives to divert people from the

224 criminal justice system and ensuring that county government operates
225 efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public. The guiding
226 principles set out by the county's strategic plan provide a framework to
227 guide the county's actions: "address the root causes of inequities to
228 provide equal access for all; engage with partners, community and public
229 and private organizations to achieve goals; align support, policy and
230 operational goals of King County government; and provide effective,
231 efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas."

232 31. In 2010, the county adopted Ordinance 16948 establishing definitions
233 and implementation steps for the county's work related to equity and social
234 justice to achieve the "fair and just" principle. King County applies the
235 principles of equity and social justice to eliminate racially and ethnically
236 disparate health and human services outcomes in King County. The 2018-
237 2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports community-led
238 and community-informed organizations that are reflective of and
239 embedded in the communities they serve, advances equitable access to
240 levy resources for community providers and communities, and ensures
241 that investments are focused on communities that have been impacted by
242 historic and ongoing inequity, discrimination, isolation and lack of
243 resources. Equity and social justice shall continue to guide the council
244 and the executive in the process of designing, administering, and
245 evaluating the policies and programs related to the renewed veterans,
246 seniors and human services levy, if it is approved by voters.

247 32. It is the intent of the county that over the course of the six-year levy
248 the majority of levy proceeds expended to build capital facilities under
249 authority of this ordinance shall be for low-income households. Specific
250 low-income threshold levels are defined by the U.S. Department of
251 Housing and Urban Development or its successor agency and vary
252 according to household size.

253 33. It is the intent of the county to continue to strengthen the human
254 services network to ensure that services supported by a renewed veterans,
255 seniors and human services levy are integrated and working together as a
256 complete system that is responsive to communities seeking access or
257 support in navigating resources.

258 34. It is the intent of the county to continue, without interruption, critical
259 regional health and human services to veterans, military servicemembers
260 and their families, seniors and other persons in King County from the
261 2018-2023 levy; to provide substantial investments in housing stability;
262 and to engage in planning activities until the new implementation plan is
263 adopted in accordance with section 7 of this ordinance.

264 35. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy will expire
265 at the end of 2023.

266 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

267 SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this
268 ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

269 A. "Caregiver" means a person who cares for or supervises another person who
270 requires care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness or a need for support in
271 activities of daily living. "Caregiver" includes individuals providing care for a family
272 member or someone with whom they have an ongoing personal relationship independent
273 of their caregiver roles.

274 B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and
275 term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state
276 law.

277 C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy and
278 any interest earnings on the moneys and the proceeds of any interim or other financing
279 following authorization of the levy.

280 D. "Limit factor" for purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW
281 84.55.010, means one hundred three and one-half percent.

282 E. "Military servicemember" means a person who is serving as either an active
283 duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

284 F. "Priority populations" means veterans and military servicemembers and their
285 respective families, seniors and their caregivers, and resilient communities.

286 G. "Regional health and human services" means a wide range of those services,
287 programs, operations and capital facilities that promote outcomes relating to healthy
288 living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, service system
289 improvement and service system access to meet basic human needs and promote healthy
290 living and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

291 1. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote
292 housing stability or that contribute to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time by
293 creating housing, preserving or modifying existing housing, or supporting persons in
294 gaining or maintaining housing, including an assistance program to support persons who
295 qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381;

296 2. Those health care and health promotion services, programs and operations
297 that encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness, promote healthy aging, support recovery,
298 reduce unintentional injury, support survivors of gender-based violence, promote suicide
299 prevention efforts, and improve physical and behavioral health for individuals and
300 families including upstream mental health care such as counseling and other therapeutic
301 services;

302 3. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote social
303 engagement and community building, such as senior centers for individuals and groups in
304 culturally, geographically, economically or linguistically isolated communities, and for
305 others, such as seniors experiencing or at risk of social isolation and its health-harming
306 effects;

307 4. Those services and programs that promote financial stability or financial
308 mobility, including access to, preparation for, and assistance in, gaining or maintaining
309 employment, income, education and financial literacy, including an assistance program to
310 support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW
311 84.36.381;

312 5. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote and
313 support diversion away from the criminal legal system and its impacts, and services and

314 programs that assist individuals recovering from the effects of their involvement with the
315 criminal legal system, including services that promote restorative justice or returning to
316 community after incarceration or detention, such as services aimed at supporting criminal
317 legal system-involved individuals to attain or retain housing;

318 6. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or
319 expand the delivery of health and human services, improve health and human services
320 system access and navigability, reduce or prevent the disparate or traumatic effects of
321 systems upon resilient communities, build the capacity of communities to partner with
322 King County and build the capacity and support the operations of health and human
323 services providers to serve their clients and communities, including strategies to promote
324 retention, recruitment and pay of high quality service providers;

325 7. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or
326 expand the delivery of civil legal aid to veterans, seniors and resilient communities;

327 8. Those services and programs that promote, encourage and support
328 employment opportunities for veterans and military servicemembers, including
329 employment opportunities in King County government such as the veterans internship
330 program, a version of which has also been known as the Vets 4 HIRE program
331 established by Ordinance 17450;

332 9. Those services and programs for veterans and military servicemembers
333 involved with the criminal legal system, including assessment and referral to behavioral
334 health services, housing resources, and other social service supports;

335 10. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that further a goal
336 of allowing seniors to age in place and enjoy a high quality of life in their own homes;
337 and

338 11. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that provide
339 education and workforce development and training for resilient communities.

340 H. "Regional impact initiatives" means those regional health and human services
341 that provide or support responses to issues that affect all three of this levy's priority
342 populations and which regional health and human services can help address such as, but
343 not limited to, nonprofit health and human services workforce stability, language access,
344 responding to the regional homelessness crisis or addressing community safety.

345 I. "Resilient communities" means persons or communities susceptible to reduced
346 health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical
347 exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination,
348 disability or chronic illness. Examples of resilient communities include, but are not
349 limited to: communities of color; immigrant and refugee communities; persons with
350 disabilities; survivors of domestic violence and other gender-based violence; persons who
351 identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex or asexual;
352 and survivors of human trafficking.

353 J. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

354 K. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assistance for providers of
355 regional health and human services responding to requests for proposals or assistance to
356 implement, improve, or expand their delivery of regional health and human services in
357 King County.

358 L. "Veteran" means a person who has served as either an active duty, national
359 guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

360 SECTION 2. Levy submittal. To provide necessary moneys to fund, finance or
361 refinance the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council
362 shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular
363 property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six
364 consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2024, at a rate not to exceed \$0.10 per
365 one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar
366 amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the maximum allowable
367 levy amounts in years two through six (2025 – 2029) shall be calculated. In accordance
368 with RCW 84.55.050, the levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit
369 factor as defined in section 1 of this ordinance.

370 SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited
371 into a dedicated subfund of the veterans, seniors and human services levy fund, or its
372 successor.

373 SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.

374 A. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, the sums from the first
375 year's levy proceeds as are necessary may be used to provide for the costs and charges
376 incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

377 B. After the amount authorized in subsection A. of this section, the remaining
378 levy proceeds shall be divided in the following proportions and used for the following
379 purposes:

380 1. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and
381 evaluate regional health and human services for veterans and military servicemembers
382 and their respective families;

383 2. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and
384 evaluate regional health and human services for seniors and their caregivers and to
385 promote healthy aging in King County;

386 3. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and
387 evaluate regional health and human services for resilient communities;

388 4. Ten percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and
389 evaluate regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building;

390 5. At least twenty-five percent of the levy proceeds described in this subsection
391 B., including a portion from the thirty percent of levy proceeds to support each of the
392 three priority populations identified in subsection B.1. through 3. of this section and a
393 portion from the ten percent of levy proceeds to support regional impact initiatives
394 identified in subsection B.4. of this section, shall be used to support those regional health
395 and human services that promote housing stability; and

396 6. Levy proceeds may be used to mitigate the levy's impact on metropolitan
397 park districts, fire districts or public hospital districts in King County to the extent their
398 levies may be prorationed, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010 and to the extent the levy was
399 a demonstrable cause of the prorationing and only if the county council has authorized
400 the expenditure by ordinance. Metropolitan park districts, fire districts or public hospital
401 districts receiving levy proceeds shall use the proceeds for the purposes stated in
402 subsection B.1. through 4. of this section.

403 SECTION 5. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,
404 the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with
405 the primary election on August 1, 2023, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular
406 property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director
407 of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state
408 constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the
409 said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council
410 shall certify that proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following
411 form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the
412 prosecuting attorney:

413 PROPOSITION___: The King County Council passed Ordinance _____
414 concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human
415 services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities
416 and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and
417 caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health,
418 housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an
419 additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at
420 \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being
421 the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and
422 exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW
423 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:
424 Approved? _____
425 Rejected? _____

426 **SECTION 6. Governance.**

427 A. If the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county, the King
428 County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall continue to serve
429 in its capacity in accordance with K.C.C. 2A.300.540 now existing or hereafter amended.

430 B. Beginning in 2025, the executive shall provide an online annual report to the
431 council and community which shall include, but not be limited to:

432 1. The levy's fiscal and performance management and accomplishments during
433 the previous calendar year;

434 2. The expenditure of levy proceeds by result area by ZIP Code in King County;
435 and

436 3. The number of individuals receiving levy-supported services by result area by
437 ZIP Code in King County of where the individuals reside at the time of service.

438 **SECTION 7. Implementation planning.**

439 A. Contingent upon voter approval of the ballot proposition described in section
440 5 of this ordinance, and by no later than October 31, 2023, the executive shall transmit
441 for council review and adoption by ordinance an implementation plan for the veterans,
442 seniors and human services levy. The implementation plan shall:

443 1. Describe the forecasted expenditure of levy proceeds to achieve results
444 related to the levy's five result areas of housing stability, healthy living, financial
445 stability, social engagement, service system improvement and service system access for
446 veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their
447 caregivers, resilient communities, and regional impact initiatives, consistent with the
448 eligible expenditures described in section 4 of this ordinance;

- 449 2. Describe the planned portion of levy proceeds for veterans and military
450 servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient
451 communities and regional impact initiatives to fund those regional health and human
452 services that promote housing stability as required in section 4.B.5. of this ordinance;
- 453 3. Identify and describe the levy strategies to stabilize the nonprofit regional
454 health and human services workforce;
- 455 4. Identify and describe the levy strategies to expand access to counseling or
456 other behavioral health services, including for veterans and military servicemembers and
457 their respective families and seniors and their caregivers who are not otherwise
458 sufficiently served through community behavioral health providers;
- 459 5. Identify and describe measurable results expected across each of the levy's
460 five result areas for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families,
461 seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives due to
462 the expenditure of levy proceeds;
- 463 6. Identify and describe a regular performance monitoring framework that will
464 be used to assess and report on how well the veterans, seniors and human services levy is
465 achieving those results identified and described in section 7.A.5. of this ordinance,
466 including how the results will be evaluated for geographic distribution;
- 467 7. Describe how the veterans, seniors and human services levy program-specific
468 performance monitoring and reporting will be coordinated with performance monitoring
469 and reporting on other dedicated human services funds such as the best starts for kids
470 fund and the mental illness and drug dependency fund;

471 8. Make recommendations for any refinements to the levy's governance
472 described in section 6.A. of this ordinance and transmit separately for council review and
473 adoption any applicable ordinances that would accomplish the recommended changes
474 upon the effective date of those ordinances; and

475 9. Describe how the executive shall make each online annual report described in
476 section 6.B. of this ordinance digitally available to all councilmembers, to all members
477 and alternate members of the regional policy committee, or its successor, and to the
478 public.

479 B. Until the council adopts by ordinance the implementation plan referenced in
480 subsection A. of this section, subject to appropriation, levy proceeds may only be
481 expended to continue existing levy-supported services into 2024 and consistent with the
482 veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan adopted by Ordinance
483 18768.

484 SECTION 8. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by
485 this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW
486 84.36.381.

487 SECTION 9. Ratification and confirmation. Certification of the proposition by
488 the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law before
489 the primary election on August 1, 2023, and any other act consistent with the authority
490 and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

491 SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application
492 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
493 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected."

494 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen:**

495 *1. Makes various technical and clarifying edits throughout the proposed ordinance.*

March 26, 2023

SUD initiatives eligible
expenditure

[M. Leskinen/W. Soo Hoo] Sponsor: Dunn
Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**
2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 5, after line 97, insert:

4 "13. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen percent of
5 Americans report having started or increased substance use as a way of
6 coping with stress or emotions related to COVID-19, according to the
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In King County, overdose
8 deaths across all substance types reached an all-time high during and after
9 the pandemic, with data from the King County medical examiner's office
10 showing a 137 percent increase in overdose fatalities between 2019 and
11 2022 and a 551 percent increase in overdose fatalities caused by fentanyl."

12

13 On page 14, line 300, after "families including" insert ", but not limited to, substance use
14 disorder initiatives such as public awareness campaigns, substance use disorder
15 professional workforce resilience, or peer navigators and"

16

17 On page 16, after line 353, insert:

18 "K. "Substance use disorder initiative" means those regional health and human
19 services that provide or support responses to issues relating to substance use disorders
20 and recovery from substance use disorders."

21

22 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
23 accordingly.

24

25 **EFFECT prepared by M.Leskinen: *Would explicitly include supporting substance use***
26 ***disorder treatment initiatives as an eligible levy expenditure and provide a definition***
27 ***for "substance use disorder initiatives".***

March 19, 2023

Food security

**2 to
S1**

[M. Leskinen]

Sponsor: Dembowski, von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 14, line 297, after "wellness," insert "support food security,"

4 **EFFECT prepared by *M. Leskinen: Explicitly make supporting food security an***

5 ***eligible levy expenditure.***

March 19, 2023

Firearm violence/injury
prevention

[M. Leskinen]

Sponsor: Dembowski, von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 14, after line 301, insert:

4 "3. Those services, programs and operations that address and support efforts to
5 address firearm violence intervention and injury prevention to promote safe and thriving
6 communities;"

7 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
8 accordingly.

9

10 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen: *Explicitly makes firearm violence intervention***
11 ***and injury prevention activities an eligible levy expenditure.***

April 3, 2023

Long-term care facilities

[M. Leskinen]

Sponsor: Kohl-Welles

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 16, line 336, after "homes" insert "or where they reside"

4 **EFFECT prepared by *M.Leskinen*: *Would allow levy investments that further a goal***
5 ***of allowing seniors to age in place and enjoy a high quality of life where they reside***
6 ***(i.e. long-term care facility) as an eligible levy expenditure.***

March 19, 2023

Gentrification impacts

[M. Leskinen]

Sponsor: Dembowski, von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 16, at the beginning of line 337, strike "and"

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5 On page 16, line 339, after "communities" insert "; and

6 12. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that mitigate and
7 offset the impacts of gentrification, including geographic displacement, on resilient
8 communities"

9 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
10 accordingly.

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12 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen:** Explicitly makes efforts to mitigate and offset
13 gentrification impacts on resilient communities an eligible levy expenditure.

March 31, 2023

**6D to
S1**

VSHSL \$0.12 Initial Rate with
City Distribution

[S. Hsu]

Sponsor: Dembowski

Proposed No.: 2023-0095

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 17, line 364, after "not to exceed" strike "\$0.10" and insert "\$0.12"

4

5 On page 17, line 377, after "B." insert "Up to fifty-six million dollars of levy proceeds
6 shall be distributed to towns and cities in King County for the purposes stated in
7 subsection C.1. through 4. of this section, of which:

8 1. Ten thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city;

9 2. The remainder shall be distributed in proportion to each town or city's

10 population.

11 C."

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13 On page 17, line 377, after "After the" strike "amount authorized in subsection A." and
14 insert "amounts authorized in subsections A. and B."

15

16 On page 19, line 415, after "this proposition would" strike "fund capital facilities and
17 services for" and insert "provide funding to county, cities, and towns for capital facilities
18 and services for:"

19

20 On page 19, beginning on line 419, after "in 2024 at" strike "\$0.10" and insert "0.12"

21

22 Renumber the remaining sections and subsections consecutively and correct any internal
23 references accordingly.

24

25 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu: *Changes the initial levy rate in 2024 from \$0.10 to***
26 ***\$0.12 per \$1,000 Assessed Value. Of the additional levy proceeds:***

27 • ***\$56 million (approximate revenue generated over six-year levy period by an***
28 ***additional \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Value, based on the March 2023 OEFA***
29 ***forecast) would be distributed as follows:***

30 ○ ***\$10,000 would be distributed to each town or city each year.***
31 ○ ***The remaining amount would be distributed to towns or cities in***
32 ***proportion to each town or city's population.***

33 • ***\$56 million would be distributed based on the allocation categories outlined in***
34 ***the levy ordinance.***

April 3, 2023

Spending requirements for
planning/admin and TA/CB

[M.Leskinen]

Sponsor: Upthegrove

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 18, line 382, after "families" insert ", with no more than five percent of these
4 levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and human
5 services to be provided under this subsection B.1."

6

7 On page 18, line 385, after "King County" insert ", with no more than five percent of
8 these levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and
9 human services to be provided under this subsection B.2."

10

11 On page 18, line 387, after "communities" insert ", with no more than five percent of
12 these levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and
13 human services to be provided under this subsection B.3."

14

15 On page 18, line 389, after "building" insert ", of which at least ten percent of the levy
16 proceeds identified in this subsection B.4. shall be used to support technical assistance
17 and capacity building, with no more than five percent of these levy proceeds used for the

18 planning and administration of the regional health and human services to be provided
19 under this subsection B.4."

20

21 On page 18, line 395, after "stability" insert ". No more than five percent of the levy
22 proceeds described in this subsection may be used for the planning and administration of
23 the regional health and human services to be provided under this subsection B.5."

24

25 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
26 accordingly.

27

28 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen: Adds a five percent planning and administration**
29 ***spending cap. Requires at least ten percent of the ten percent levy proceeds allocation***
30 ***for regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building to be***
31 ***expended on technical assistance and capacity building.***

April 3, 2023

Spending requirements for
planning/admin

[M.Leskinen]

Sponsor: Upthegrove

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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4 levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and human
5 services to be provided under this subsection B.1."

6

7 On page 18, line 385, after "King County" insert ", with no more than five percent of
8 these levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and
9 human services to be provided under this subsection B.2."

10

11 On page 18, line 387, after "communities" insert ", with no more than five percent of
12 these levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and
13 human services to be provided under this subsection B.3."

14

15 On page 18, line 389, after "building" insert ", with no more than five percent of these
16 levy proceeds used for the planning and administration of the regional health and human
17 services to be provided under this subsection B.4."

18

19 On page 18, line 395, after "stability" insert ". No more than five percent of the levy
20 proceeds described in this subsection may be used for the planning and administration of
21 the regional health and human services to be provided under this subsection B.5."

22

23 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
24 accordingly.

25

26 **EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen: Adds a five percent planning and administration**
27 ***spending cap.***

April 3, 2023

Spending requirements for
TA/CB

[M.Leskinen]

Sponsor: Upthegrove

Proposed No.: 2023-0095.1

1 **AMENDMENT TO STRIKING AMENDMENT S1 TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

2 **2023-0095, VERSION 1**

3 On page 18, line 389, after "building" insert ", of which at least ten percent of the levy
4 proceeds identified in this subsection B.4. shall be used to support technical assistance
5 and capacity building"

6

7 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
8 accordingly.

9

10 ***EFFECT prepared by M. Leskinen: Requires at least ten percent of the ten percent***
11 ***levy proceeds allocation for regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and***
12 ***capacity building to be expended on technical assistance and capacity building.***

T1B

March 16, 2023
Title Amendment VSHSL
\$0.12 Initial Rate

[S. Hsu]

Sponsor: Dembowski

Proposed No.: 2023-0095

1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0095, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, line 6, after "not more than" strike "ten" and insert "twelve"

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4 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu: *Title amendment to reflect Amendment 6B or 6D to S1.***



March 16, 2023
Title Amendment VSHSL
\$0.13 Initial Rate

[S. Hsu]

Sponsor: Dembowski

Proposed No.: 2023-0095

1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0095, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, line 6, after "not more than" strike "ten" and insert "thirteen"

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4 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu: *Title amendment to reflect Amendment 6C to S1.***