



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

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Ordinance

Proposed No. 2023-0095.1

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1 AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the
2 qualified electors of King County at a special election to be
3 held in King County on August 1, 2023, a proposition
4 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
5 limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a
6 consecutive six-year period at a rate of not more than ten
7 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the
8 first year, and limiting annual levy increases to three and
9 one-half percent in the five succeeding years, all for the
10 purpose of supporting veterans and military
11 servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and
12 their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County
13 by funding regional health and human services and capital
14 facilities to promote housing stability, healthy living,
15 financial stability, social engagement and health and human
16 services system improvements and system access;
17 providing for a resident advisory board; and directing
18 proposal of an implementation plan for the veterans,
19 seniors and human services levy, contingent upon voter
20 approval of the levy.

21 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

22 1. After approving the first six-year veterans and human services levy in
23 2005, King County voters have since voted twice to maintain levy-funded
24 services for veterans and human services in King County, including
25 adding seniors and their caregivers as a population explicitly served by the
26 levy in 2017. Ordinance 15279, which created the initial levy for 2006
27 through 2011 and placed the levy on the ballot for King County voter
28 consideration, was approved by fifty-eight percent of voters. Ordinance
29 17072, which placed the second levy on the ballot for King County voters,
30 was approved by sixty-nine percent of voters, renewed the levy for 2012
31 through 2017. Ordinance 18555, which placed the third levy on the ballot
32 for King County voters, was approved by sixty-eight percent of voters,
33 renewed and expanded the levy for 2018 through 2023. This ordinance is
34 the fourth time King County will ask voters to consider the veterans,
35 seniors and human services levy.

36 2. Since its inception as the veterans and human services levy in 2006 and
37 through its renewals in 2011 and 2017, the veterans, seniors and human
38 services levy has served hundreds of thousands of veterans, military
39 servicemembers, their families and other seniors, individuals and families
40 in need. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has
41 served more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand people, including
42 more than twenty-seven thousand veterans, servicemembers or their
43 families, and more than one hundred thousand seniors.

44 3. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has funded
45 more than three hundred programs led by more than one hundred fifty
46 community-based organizations, of which more than a third are small
47 organizations. More than seventy-five percent of levy-funded programs
48 offer services countywide, with physical service sites available throughout
49 the county and some programs specifically provide mobile services.

50 4. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy funds
51 programs that contribute to outcomes in the following five result areas:
52 housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and
53 service system access and improvement.

54 5. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human service levy contributed to
55 the creation of more than one thousand two hundred units of affordable
56 housing and one hundred ninety-eight new shelter beds for individuals and
57 families experiencing homelessness in King County through its housing
58 stability strategies to help prevent and reduce homelessness and to address
59 the shortage of affordable housing.

60 6. In 2021, King County partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans
61 Affairs and King County Housing Authority to increase the use of federal
62 housing vouchers to help house low-income veterans in King County
63 experiencing homelessness. The partnership is a first in the nation pilot
64 program using King County veterans program social services staff to
65 support veterans finding and maintaining housing using federal housing
66 vouchers. From its launch in April 2021 through September 30, 2022, the

67 levy-funded collaborative case management program helped one hundred
68 sixty-four veteran households obtain vouchers, with one hundred
69 households moving into permanent housing.

70 7. King County tracks the number of veteran households experiencing
71 homelessness through the Homeless Management Information System. On
72 March 31, 2017, one thousand two hundred fifty-two veteran households
73 were active in the homeless system. As of November 30, 2022, the system
74 showed an estimated seven hundred forty-four veteran households actively
75 experiencing homelessness in King County, a reduction of more than forty
76 percent since the peak in March 2017.

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

80 9. King County veterans program uses funding from the levy to create
81 veteran service hubs that connect more than two thousand veterans and
82 their families each year to the services funded through the levy's financial
83 stability strategies that support King County residents in gaining and
84 maintaining self-sufficiency. These service hubs coordinate with other
85 veteran service providers to provide access and connection to an array of
86 services at the King County veterans program sites.

87 10. In 2019, veterans accounted for six thousand two hundred sixty-one
88 suicides in the United States, or more than thirteen percent of the total
89 number of people dying by suicide nationwide, according to a 2021 report

90 on veteran suicide by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
91 Veteran suicide-related deaths are increasing at a greater rate than that of
92 the general United States population. According to the Centers for
93 Disease Control and Prevention, suicide risk factors include mental health
94 conditions and substance use disorders, as well as economic insecurity,
95 housing insecurity, isolation and stress.

96 11. More than two hundred thirty veterans and thirty military family
97 members receive counseling each year funded through the levy's healthy
98 living strategies to help them manage the effects of trauma in healthy
99 ways. Those counseling services add relief to an already stressed mental
100 health care system by funding an additional thirty-two licensed mental
101 health counselors who focus on the impact of military service.

102 12. Overall, more adults report feeling anxious or depressed since the start
103 of the COVID-19 pandemic according to public health - Seattle & King
104 County data. According to a 2020 Washington state Department of Health
105 community recovery-oriented needs assessment survey for King County,
106 twenty-five percent of respondents reported that they had experienced
107 poor mental health on at least fourteen days in the previous month. A
108 Kaiser Family Foundation study on older adults in August 2020 showed
109 rates of depression and anxiety are higher among adults ages sixty-five
110 and older relative to rates in 2018. A Kaiser Family Foundation report on
111 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lesbian, gay, bisexual and

112 transgender people reveals a disproportionate impact on their mental
113 health.

114 13. The Washington state Office of Financial Management estimates
115 twenty-five percent of King County residents were aged fifty-five or older
116 in 2020 and estimates that proportion to increase to thirty percent by 2040.

117 As the population of older adults increases statewide, so does the
118 population of older adults from racially and ethnically diverse
119 communities or backgrounds.

120 14. The responsibility to care for vulnerable seniors impacts all
121 generations according to a research report conducted in 2020 by the
122 American Association of Retired Persons. According to the United States
123 Department of Health and Human Services, adults ages sixty-five and
124 older have a seventy percent chance of needing some type of long-term
125 care service. That work will in many cases require assistance from unpaid
126 caregivers, including spouses, adult children and acquaintances.

127 15. Eighty-five percent of persons sixty-five or older nationwide have one
128 or more chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, cardiovascular
129 disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cancer or arthritis,
130 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention behavioral
131 risk factor surveillance system. Racial, ethnic and place-based
132 disproportionalities unevenly distribute these conditions and risk factors
133 across King County.

134 16. Actual and perceived social isolation are both associated with
135 increased risk for premature death, according to the National Academies
136 of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine study on social isolation and
137 loneliness in older adults. The influence of social isolation on the risk of
138 death is comparable with risk factors for mortality such as smoking. Older
139 adults who are immigrants or a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual,
140 transgender, questioning, queer, intersex and asexual plus community may
141 be at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to factors like
142 discrimination and barriers to care. Social isolation is also associated with
143 a fifty percent increased risk of dementia. Poor social relationships are
144 associated with a twenty-nine percent increased risk of heart disease, and a
145 thirty-two percent increased risk of stroke.

146 17. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy funds
147 thirty-nine senior centers to form twenty-two senior hubs as part of the
148 levy's social engagement strategies to improve King County's senior
149 residents' feelings of engagement in community. More than twenty-eight
150 thousand seniors each year receive nutritious meals and connections to
151 critical services to combat social isolation since the senior hubs program
152 launched in 2020.

153 18. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy also funds
154 the geriatric regional assessment team to deliver home-visiting behavioral
155 health and human services intervention to more than three hundred fifty
156 seniors total since the levy funded the assessment team's relaunch in 2020.

157 19. Ordinance 18555 and the veterans, seniors and human services levy
158 implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768 dedicate funding for
159 vulnerable populations through the 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and
160 human services levy. The department of community and human services
161 reframed the population served by this funding as resilient communities to
162 emphasize community strength in the midst of vulnerability.

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

166 21. More than eighteen percent of King County adults have one or more
167 physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities. According to the
168 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations
169 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, persons living with
170 one or more disabilities may have reduced social participation, experience
171 difficulties in mobility, lack of assistive technology and face barriers in
172 access to care to include communication, policy and programmatic
173 barriers, all of which contribute to poor health and decreased quality of
174 life.

175 22. According to data from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, there
176 was a thirteen percent increase in domestic violence calls between January
177 2020 and July 2021 in King County. Homicides resulting from domestic
178 violence in King County increased by nearly four times during 2021
179 compared to 2019, according to the King County prosecuting attorney's

180 office. A statewide survey commissioned by the Washington state
181 Supreme Court in 2015 found that low-income survivors of domestic
182 violence experience the highest number of civil legal needs per capita
183 relative to any other group surveyed.

184 23. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy funded
185 mobile advocacy services through the levy's service system access and
186 improvement strategy for more than one thousand two hundred survivors
187 of gender-based violence from January 2020 to September 2022. Eighty-
188 four percent of these survivors were connected to an advocate within one
189 day of reaching out for assistance.

190 24. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy funded a
191 service system access and improvement strategy to streamline how
192 domestic violence survivors access services, designed to meet their
193 individual needs. The resulting creation of a twenty-four-hour,
194 multilingual and multimodal domestic violence hotline is now a single-
195 line access to domestic violence services available in King County. Since
196 the hotline's launch in July 2021 through the end of September 2022, it
197 received more than sixteen thousand calls or texts to assist those in crisis
198 and referred nearly seven thousand of those contacts to additional support.

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

202 26. In 2021, the veterans, seniors and human services levy funded a
203 contract with 501 Commons to survey more than two hundred thirty
204 nonprofits based in and serving King County, employing more than
205 twenty thousand people, to better understand the array of influences that
206 contribute to employee recruitment, retention, and satisfaction in the
207 nonprofit sector. Survey findings show that many nonprofit employees
208 delivering critical human services earn wages at levels that make it
209 difficult to live in the communities they serve, doing community-based
210 work in King County.

211 27. According to the 2021 King County nonprofit employee engagement
212 survey conducted by 501 Commons, sixty percent of surveyed staff would
213 consider leaving the nonprofit sector to get better pay and fifty-four
214 percent would consider leaving the nonprofit sector because of burnout or
215 other fatigue. Nationally, turnover in nonprofits is nineteen percent,
216 compared to twelve percent for all industries.

217 28. In Motion 16129, the King County council requested the executive to
218 produce an assessment report providing information, analysis, and
219 recommendations to inform deliberations about a possible renewal of the
220 voter-approved veterans, seniors, and human services levy. The
221 assessment report drew upon program performance measurement data,
222 feedback from levy providers and community input from fifty-two
223 community engagement meetings. The executive transmitted the report to
224 the King County council on September 6, 2022.

225 29. In addition to describing the impact to veterans, seniors and resilient
226 communities served by the levy, the assessment report recommended
227 continuing the 2018-2023 levy's five result areas and commitment to the
228 three service populations, increasing levy resources to better address the
229 scale of community needs and creating a regional impact initiatives fund
230 within the levy to address regional human services priorities whose effects
231 span levy focus populations.

232 30. In 2010, Ordinance 16897 established the King County Strategic Plan.
233 In 2015, the King County council passed Motion 14317 updating and
234 revising King County's vision, mission, guiding principles and goals.
235 Included within the county's goals are improving the health and well-being
236 of all people in King County, increasing access to quality housing that is
237 affordable to all, implementing alternatives to divert people from the
238 criminal justice system and ensuring that county government operates
239 efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public. The county's
240 guiding principles direct that pursuit of the county goals should: address
241 the root causes of inequities to provide equal access for all; engage with
242 partners, community and public and private organizations to achieve
243 goals; align funding, policy and operational goals of King County
244 government; and provide effective, efficient local governance and services
245 to unincorporated areas.

246 31. In 2010, the county adopted Ordinance 16948 establishing definitions
247 and implementation steps for the county's work related to equity and social

248 justice to achieve the "fair and just" principle. King County applies the
249 principles of equity and social justice to eliminate racially and ethnically
250 disparate health and human services outcomes in King County. The 2018-
251 2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports community-led
252 and community-informed organizations that are reflective of and
253 embedded in the communities they serve, advances equitable access to
254 levy resources for community providers and communities, and ensures
255 that investments are focused on communities that have been impacted by
256 historic and ongoing inequity, discrimination, isolation and lack of
257 resources. Equity and social justice shall continue to guide the council
258 and the executive in the process of designing, administering, and
259 evaluating the policies and programs related to the renewed veterans,
260 seniors and human services levy, if it is approved by voters.

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

267 33. It is the intent of the county to continue to strengthen the human
268 services network to ensure that services funded by a renewed veterans,
269 seniors and human services levy are integrated and working together as a

270 complete system that is responsive to communities seeking access or
271 support in navigating resources.

272 34. It is the intent of the county to continue, without interruption, critical
273 regional health and human services to veterans, military servicemembers
274 and their families, seniors and other persons in King County from the
275 2018-2023 levy; to provide substantial investments in housing stability;
276 and to engage in planning activities until the new implementation plan is
277 adopted in accordance with section 7 of this ordinance.

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

280 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

283 A. "Caregiver" means a person who cares for or supervises another person who
284 requires care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness or a need for support in
285 activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living. "Caregiver" includes
286 individuals providing care for a family member or someone with whom they have an
287 ongoing personal relationship, and whose relationship does not rely on the status as a
288 caregiver.

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

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

295 D. "Limit factor" for purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW
296 84.55.010, means one hundred three and one-half percent.

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

299 F. "Regional health and human services" means a wide range of those services,
300 programs, operations and capital facilities that promote outcomes relating to healthy
301 living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, service system
302 improvement and service system access to meet basic human needs and promote healthy
303 living and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

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

309 2. Those health care and health promotion services, programs and operations
310 that encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness, promote healthy aging, support recovery,
311 reduce unintentional injury, support survivors of gender-based violence, promote suicide
312 prevention efforts and improve physical and behavioral health for individuals and
313 families including upstream mental health care such as counseling and other therapeutic
314 services;

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

320 4. Those services and programs that promote financial stability or financial
321 mobility, including access to, preparation for and assistance in gaining or maintaining
322 employment, income, education and financial literacy, including an assistance program to
323 support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW
324 84.36.381;

325 5. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote and
326 support diversion away from the criminal legal system, and services and programs that
327 assist individuals in preventing, mitigating or recovering from the effects of their
328 involvement with the criminal legal system, including services that promote restorative
329 justice or returning to community after incarceration or detention such as services aimed
330 at supporting legal system-involved individuals to attain or retain housing;

331 6. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or
332 expand the delivery of health and human services, improve health and human services
333 system access and navigability, reduce or prevent the disparate or traumatic effects of
334 systems upon resilient communities, build the capacity of communities to partner with
335 King County and build the capacity and support the operations of health and human
336 services providers to serve their clients and communities, including strategies to promote
337 retention, recruitment and pay of high quality service providers;

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

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

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

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

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

353 G. "Regional impact initiatives" means those regional health and human services
354 that provide or support responses to issues that affect all three of this levy's specified
355 populations and which regional health and human services can help address, such as, but
356 not limited to, nonprofit health and human services workforce stability, language access,
357 responding to the regional homelessness crisis or addressing community safety.

358 H. "Resilient communities" means persons or communities susceptible to
359 reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes due to systemic and
360 historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma,

361 discrimination, disability or chronic illness. Examples of resilient communities include,
362 but are not limited to: communities of color; immigrant and refugee communities;
363 persons with disabilities; survivors of domestic violence and other gender-based violence;
364 persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex
365 or asexual; and survivors of human trafficking.

366 I. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

367 J. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assistance for providers of
368 regional health and human services to apply for funding or implement, improve, or
369 expand their delivery of regional health and human services in King County.

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

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

382 **SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited
383 into a dedicated subfund of the veterans, seniors and human services levy fund, or its
384 successor.

385 **SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

402 5. At least twenty-five percent of the levy proceeds described in this subsection
403 B., including a portion of funding from each population group identified in subsection
404 B.1. through 3 of this section and from funding for regional impact initiatives identified

405 in subsection B.4. of this section, shall be used to fund those regional health and human
406 services that promote housing stability; and

407 6. Levy proceeds may be used to mitigate the levy's impact on metropolitan
408 park districts, fire districts or local hospital districts in King County to the extent their
409 levies may be prorated, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010 and to the extent the levy was
410 a demonstrable cause of the prorationing and only if the county council has authorized
411 the expenditure by ordinance. Metropolitan park districts, fire districts or local hospitals
412 receiving levy proceeds shall use the proceeds for the purposes stated in subsection B.1.
413 through 5. of this section.

414 **SECTION 5. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,
415 the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with
416 the primary election on August 1, 2023, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular
417 property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director
418 of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state
419 constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the
420 said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council
421 shall certify that proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following
422 form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the
423 prosecuting attorney:

424 PROPOSITION___: The King County Council passed Ordinance _____
425 concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy.
426 If approved, this proposition would fund services and capital facilities for
427 veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient

428 communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability
429 outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for
430 collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the
431 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in
432 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under
433 RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

434 Approved? _____

435 Rejected? _____

436 **SECTION 6. Governance.**

437 A. The King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board
438 described in K.C.C. 2A.300.540 shall serve as the advisory board for the levy and its
439 strategies, if the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county.

440 B. The board shall be charged to advise over the distribution of levy proceeds
441 consistent with section 4.A. and B. of this ordinance and to report annually to the
442 executive and council on the fiscal and performance management of the levy.

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

- 445 1. The levy's results during the previous calendar year;
446 2. The expenditure of levy proceeds by result area by ZIP Code in King County;

447 and

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

450 **SECTION 7. Implementation planning.**

451 A. Contingent upon voter approval of the ballot proposition described in section
452 5 of this ordinance and no later than October 31, 2023, the executive shall transmit for
453 council review and adoption by ordinance an implementation plan for the veterans,
454 seniors and human services levy. The implementation plan shall:

455 1. Describe the forecasted expenditure of levy proceeds to achieve results
456 related to housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, service
457 system improvement and service system access for veterans and military servicemembers
458 and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and
459 regional impact initiatives, consistent with the eligible expenditures described in section 4
460 of this ordinance;

461 2. Describe the planned portion of levy proceeds for veterans and military
462 servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient
463 communities and regional impact initiatives to fund those regional health and human
464 services that promote housing stability as required in section 4.B.5. of this ordinance;

465 3. Identify and describe the levy strategies to stabilize the nonprofit regional
466 health and human services workforce;

467 4. Identify and describe the levy strategies to expand access to counseling or
468 other behavioral health services, including for veterans and military servicemembers and
469 their respective families and seniors and their caregivers who are not otherwise served
470 well by the range of services offered through community behavioral health providers
471 either due to program eligibility or system capacity;

472 5. Identify and describe measurable results expected across each of the five
473 result areas for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families,

474 seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives due to
475 the expenditure of levy proceeds;

476 6. Identify and describe a regular performance monitoring framework that will
477 be used to assess and report on how well the veterans, seniors and human services levy is
478 achieving those results identified and described in section 7.A.5. of this ordinance,
479 including how the results will be evaluated for geographic distribution;

480 7. Describe how this veterans, seniors and human services levy program-
481 specific performance monitoring and reporting will be coordinated with performance
482 monitoring and reporting on other dedicated human service funds such as the best starts
483 for kids fund and the mental illness and drug dependency fund;

484 8. Make recommendations for any refinements to the levy governance described
485 in section 6.A. of this ordinance and transmit separately for council review and adoption
486 any applicable ordinances which upon enactment would accomplish the recommended
487 changes; and

488 9. Describe how the executive shall make each online annual report described in
489 section 6.C. of this ordinance digitally available, to all councilmembers, all members and
490 alternate members of the regional policy committee, or its successor, and the public.

491 B. Until the council adopts by ordinance the implementation plan referenced in
492 subsection A. of this section, subject to appropriation, levy proceeds may only be
493 expended to continue existing levy-funded services into 2024. The expenditures shall be
494 consistent with the veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan
495 adopted by Ordinance 18768.

496 **SECTION 8. Exemption.** The additional regular property taxes authorized by
497 this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW
498 84.36.381.

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

503 **SECTION 10. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None