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Ordinance 19780

Proposed No. 2023-0374.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the veterans, seniors,
 2 and human services levy advisory board; and
 3 amending Ordinance 18792, Section 1, as amended,
 4 and K.C.C. 2A.300.540.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. In July 2017, Ordinance 18555 placed a six-year veterans, seniors, and
 7 human services levy on the general ballot. King County voters approved
 8 the 2018-2023 veterans, seniors, and human services levy in November
 9 2017 to plan, provide, administer, and evaluate a wide range of regional
 10 health and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military
 11 servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers,
 12 and vulnerable populations.

13 2. In 2018, Ordinance 18722 adopted the Veterans, Seniors, and Human
 14 Services Levy Governance Plan which created and prescribed the
 15 composition and duties of the board to oversee the expenditure of the
 16 veterans, seniors, and human services levy proceeds.

17 3. In 2018, Ordinance 18792 adopted and established the veterans,
 18 seniors, and human services levy advisory board described in the
 19 Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy Governance Plan, to oversee
 20 the distribution of the veterans, seniors, and human services levy proceeds

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21 consistent with subsections 4.A and B. of Ordinance 18555. K.C.C.
22 2A.300.540 codified Ordinance 18792 and will expire on July 1, 2025.
23 4. In 2023, Ordinance 19604 placed a renewal of the veterans, seniors,
24 and human services levy on the ballot. King County voters approved the
25 renewal in August 2023 by seventy-one percent to fund regional health
26 and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military
27 servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers,
28 and resilient populations, for 2024-2029. The ordinance also requires the
29 continuation of the veterans, seniors, and human services levy advisory
30 board to serve in its capacity in accordance with K.C.C. 2A.300.540, and
31 for the levy's required implementation plan to make recommendations for
32 any refinements to the levy's governance. The ordinance also updated
33 several terms reflected in K.C.C. 2A.300.540.

34 5. On August 17, 2023, the King County veterans advisory board
35 reviewed and consulted on the structure and separation of the veterans
36 advisory board and the veterans, seniors, and human services levy
37 advisory board veterans committee.

38 6. On October 12, 2023, the Executive transmitted the 2024-2029
39 Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan to
40 guide implementation of the 2024-2029 veterans, seniors, and human
41 services levy. The adopted plan, adopted in Ordinance 19719, includes
42 recommendations for refinements to the veterans, seniors, and human
43 services levy advisory board specified in K.C.C. 2A.300.540.

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44 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

45 SECTION 1. Ordinance 18792, Section 1, and K.C.C.2A.300.540 are

46 hereby amended as follows:

47 A. The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless
48 the context clearly requires otherwise.

49 1. "Caregiver" means a person (~~((who, without pay, cares for or~~
50 ~~supervises another person who requires such care or supervision due to disability,~~
51 ~~chronic illness or, in the case of a senior, age related decline. Government-~~
52 ~~provided benefits or financial assistance provided directly to a person for being a~~
53 ~~caregiver are not considered "pay" for this definition))~~ who cares for or supervises
54 another person who requires care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness
55 or a need for support in activities of daily living. "Caregiver" includes individuals
56 providing care for a family member or someone with whom they have an ongoing
57 personal relationship independent of their caregiver roles.

58 2. "Military servicemember" means a person who is serving as either an
59 active duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the (~~(U.S. Army,~~
60 ~~Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard, or in the National Guard))~~ United
61 States armed forces;

62 3. "Priority populations" means veterans and military servicemembers
63 and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, and resilient
64 communities.

65 4. "Regional health and human services" means a wide range of those
66 services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote outcomes

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67 relating to healthy living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement,
68 service system improvement and service system access to meet basic human
69 needs and promote healthy living and healthy communities, consistent with
70 Ordinance 18555, Ordinance 19604, or any successive levy ordinances, unless
71 otherwise required by ordinance.

72 5. "Regional impact initiatives" means those regional health and human
73 services that provide or support responses to issues that affect all three of this
74 levy's priority populations and which regional health and human services can help
75 address such as, but not limited to, nonprofit health and human services workforce
76 stability, language access, responding to the regional homelessness crisis or
77 addressing community safety.

78 6. "Resilient communities" means persons or communities that are
79 susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes due
80 to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias,
81 racism, stigma, discrimination, disability or chronic illness. Examples of resilient
82 communities include but are not limited to: communities of color; immigrant and
83 refugee communities; persons with disabilities; survivors of domestic violence
84 and other gender-based violence; persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual,
85 transgender, queer, questioning, intersex or asexual; and survivors of human
86 trafficking.

87 ~~((5-))~~ 7. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

88 ~~((4-))~~ 8. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means ((assisting
89 small organizations, partnerships and groups to enable those entities to provide

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90 ~~regional health and human services and capital facilities funded by the levy~~
91 ~~proceeds. "Technical assistance and capacity building" may include, but is not~~
92 ~~limited to, providing or funding legal, accounting, human resources and~~
93 ~~leadership development services and support.)~~ assistance for providers of
94 regional health and human services responding to requests for proposals or
95 assistance to implement, improve, or expand their delivery of regional health and
96 human services in King County.

97 ((5.)) 9. "Veteran" means a person who has served as either an active
98 duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the ((U.S. Army, Navy,
99 ~~Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard, or in the National Guard~~) United States
100 armed forces.

101 ((6.)) 10. "Veterans, seniors, and human services levy" means the
102 ((levy)) levies approved in 2017 and 2023 in accordance with Ordinance 18555,
103 Ordinance 19604, and any successive levies, unless otherwise required by
104 ordinance.

105 ((7. "Vulnerable populations" means persons or communities that are
106 susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes
107 because of current experience of or historical exposure to trauma, violence,
108 poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability or chronic
109 illness. "Vulnerable populations" include, but are not limited to: survivors of
110 domestic violence; survivors of sexual assault; survivors of human trafficking,
111 including labor trafficking and sex trafficking; survivors of commercial sexual
112 exploitation; persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or

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113 ~~intersex; persons with a disability; African Americans and other persons of color~~
114 ~~who have been disproportionately impacted by policies and practices resulting in~~
115 ~~housing instability or housing insecurity; family caregivers for persons with a~~
116 ~~disability; immigrants and refugees; low-income residents of rural communities;~~
117 ~~persons living in poverty; persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness; youth~~
118 ~~involved in the child welfare system, including youth in the foster care system,~~
119 ~~and young adult alumni of the child welfare system; minors who have been~~
120 ~~separated from both parents and other relatives and are not being cared for by an~~
121 ~~adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so; persons reentering~~
122 ~~society from criminal justice system involvement; and persons at risk of criminal~~
123 ~~justice system involvement due to disproportionate practices of enforcement,~~
124 ~~mental illness or substance use disorders.))~~

125 B. As required by Section 6.A. of Attachment A to Ordinance 18722, the
126 veterans, seniors, and human services advisory board is created.

127 C.1. The board shall consist of thirty members. The executive shall
128 appoint the members of the board in accordance with this section and subject to
129 confirmation by the council in accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.002. Members shall
130 be appointed to three year terms, except as provided in subsection C.4. of this
131 section. Elected officials are ineligible for board membership while they hold
132 office. All board members shall reside in King County. The board shall be
133 constituted in a committee format, with three ten-member committees:

134 a. the veterans committee, which shall ~~((also constitute the entirety of~~
135 ~~King County's veterans advisory board required by chapter 73.08 RCW. In~~

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136 ~~accordance with RCW 73.08.035, nominees to serve on the veterans committee~~
137 ~~shall be solicited by the council from either the local branches of nationally~~
138 ~~recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large, or~~
139 ~~both. Lists of nominees received by the council shall be provided to the executive~~
140 ~~who shall provide such lists to the city of Seattle and the Sound Cities Association~~
141 ~~for their consideration in nominating, in accordance with this section, persons to~~
142 ~~serve on the veterans committee. Members of the veterans committee must be~~
143 ~~veterans as defined in RCW 73.08.005(5) and no fewer than a majority of the~~
144 ~~veterans committee members shall be members from nationally recognized~~
145 ~~veterans' service organizations)) be comprised of veterans;~~

146 b. the seniors committee, which shall be comprised of seniors,
147 caregivers for seniors, or other community members with relevant expertise or
148 experience serving seniors or their caregivers. At least a majority of the members
149 serving on the seniors committee shall be at least fifty-five years old; and

150 c. the ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities committee,
151 which shall be comprised of individuals who are members of a ~~((vulnerable~~
152 ~~population))~~ resilient community or other community members with relevant
153 expertise or experience serving ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities.
154 A potential ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities committee member's
155 contribution to the committee's representativeness of the diversity of ~~((vulnerable~~
156 ~~populations))~~ resilient communities in King County shall be considered in
157 selecting a potential ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities committee
158 member for nomination or appointment.

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159 2.a. The King County council shall nominate to the executive for
160 appointment to the board eighteen eligible persons. Six of the persons shall be
161 nominated to serve on the veterans committee, six of the persons shall be
162 nominated to serve on the seniors committee, and six of the persons shall be
163 nominated to serve on the ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities
164 committee. Of the persons nominated by the council, each councilmember shall
165 nominate for appointment two persons ~~((who reside in the member's council~~
166 ~~district))~~. Nominations by the council for appointment to serve on the initial
167 board shall include: a ~~((resident))~~ nominee from each of council districts one,
168 two, three, seven, eight, and nine to serve on the initial veterans committee; a
169 ~~((resident))~~ nominee from each of council districts three, four, five, six, seven,
170 and eight to serve on the initial seniors committee; and a ~~((resident))~~ nominee
171 from each of council districts one, two, four, five, six, and nine to serve on the
172 initial ~~((vulnerable populations))~~ resilient communities committee. When at least
173 one council-nominated position on all of the board's committees becomes
174 available, meaning the incumbent has served two terms on the board, is not
175 nominated by council to serve an additional term on the board or declines
176 nomination by council to serve an additional term on the board, the council may
177 pass a motion to direct council district rotation for the council nominations for
178 appointment to the available positions on the board's committees;

179 b. The city of Seattle shall nominate to the executive for appointment to
180 the board three eligible persons, one to serve on the veterans committee, one to

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181 serve on the seniors committee, and one to serve on the ((vulnerable populations))
182 resilient communities committee;

183 c. The Sound Cities Association, or its successor, shall nominate to the
184 executive for appointment to the board three eligible persons, one to serve on the
185 veterans committee, one to serve on the seniors committee, and one to serve on
186 the ((vulnerable populations)) resilient communities committee; and

187 d. The Seattle-King County Advisory Council for Aging and Disability
188 Services, or its successor, shall nominate to the executive for appointment to the
189 board two eligible persons to serve on the seniors committee.

190 3.a. If the executive does not appoint a person nominated under
191 subsection C.2. of this section, then the executive shall request that the
192 nominating entity nominate another eligible person. The executive shall identify
193 in the appointment letter for each board member both the nominating entity and to
194 which of the three committees the board member is being appointed.

195 b. In addition to those board members who the executive appoints after
196 nomination under subsection C.2. of this section, the executive shall appoint two
197 eligible persons to be members of the veterans committee of the board and two
198 eligible persons to be members of the ((vulnerable populations)) resilient
199 communities committee of the board.

200 4.a. Of the board's initial veterans committee members, the six council-
201 nominated members and one of the members appointed by the executive under
202 subsection C.3.b. of this section shall be appointed to initial terms of two years.

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203 b. Of the board's initial seniors committee members, the six council-
204 nominated members and one of the Seattle-King County Advisory Council for
205 Aging and Disability Services-nominated members shall be appointed to initial
206 terms of two years.

207 c. Of the board's initial (~~(vulnerable populations)~~) resilient
208 communities committee members, the six council-nominated members and one of
209 the members appointed by the executive under subsection C.3.b. of this section
210 shall be appointed to initial terms of two years.

211 d. A person may serve no more than one additional term on the board
212 after completing the person's first term, whether the first term is a partial or full
213 term.

214 e. If a board member vacates before the expiration of the member's
215 term a board position that was nominated by one of the entities listed in
216 subsection C.2. of this section, the entity that nominated the person to the board
217 position shall nominate an eligible replacement to serve out the balance of the
218 vacated term. If a board member vacates before the expiration of the member's
219 term a board position that was appointed by the executive under subsection C.3.b.
220 of this section, the executive shall appoint an eligible replacement to serve out the
221 balance of the vacated term.

222 ~~((5-))~~ D. The board shall:

223 1. ~~((o))~~ Oversee the distribution of veterans, seniors, and human services
224 levy proceeds dedicated to promoting housing stability, healthy living, financial
225 stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement for

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226 ~~((veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and~~
227 ~~their caregivers and vulnerable populations, consistent with Ordinance 18555,~~
228 ~~Section 4.B.1. through 4.B.3.)) the levy's priority populations;~~

229 ~~((b.))~~ 2. ((e)) Oversee the distribution of veterans, seniors, and human
230 services levy proceeds for regional impact initiatives including investments for
231 technical assistance and capacity building ~~((investments, consistent with~~
232 ~~Ordinance 18555, Section 4.A.))~~;

233 ~~((e.))~~ 3. ((a)) Adopt bylaws governing how the board discharges its
234 duties, which bylaws shall specifically provide for a procedure by which the
235 board or any of its committees may identify and provide advice to the county
236 council or the executive on matters that affect the veterans, seniors, and human
237 services levy specifically or the veterans, seniors, and human services levy's
238 priority populations generally;

239 ~~((d. transmit a report by July 1 each year, beginning in 2019, to the~~
240 ~~executive, county council and the regional policy committee, or its successor, on~~
241 ~~the state of the veterans, seniors and human services levy, the fiscal and~~
242 ~~performance management of the veterans, seniors and human services levy and on~~
243 ~~the veterans, seniors and human services levy's accomplishments from January~~
244 ~~through December of the preceding year;)) 4. Review and consult on annual~~

245 reports on the veterans, seniors, and human services levy that are required by
246 ordinance and that the executive provides to the county council, the regional
247 policy committee or its successor, and the community;

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248 ~~((e-))~~ 5. ~~((e))~~Elect annually from its membership a chair and two vice
249 chairs. The vice chairs shall be elected from each of the two committees to which
250 the elected chair does not belong so that board leadership includes all three
251 committees; and

252 ~~((f-))~~ 6.a. ~~((e))~~Collaborate amongst the board's committees to achieve
253 investment and oversight coordination of the entire veterans, seniors, and human
254 services levy, with each committee specifically focused on overseeing the
255 expenditure of proceeds for its respective veterans, seniors, and human service
256 levy priority population and each committee specifically focused on providing
257 advice on matters that uniquely affect its respective veterans, seniors, and human
258 service levy priority population~~((:))~~.

259 ~~((H))~~ b. The veterans committee shall oversee the distribution of the
260 portion of the veterans, seniors, and human service levy's proceeds expended for,
261 ~~((purposes identified in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.1))~~ regional health and
262 human services for veterans, military servicemembers, and their respective
263 families. The veterans committee may also provide advice to the executive and
264 council on matters uniquely affecting veterans, military servicemembers and their
265 respective family members in King County~~((:))~~.

266 ~~((Z))~~ c. The seniors committee shall oversee the distribution of the
267 portion of the veterans, seniors, and human service levy's proceeds expended for
268 ~~((purposes identified in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2))~~ regional health and
269 human services for seniors and their caregivers. The seniors committee may also

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270 provide advice to the executive and council on matters uniquely affecting seniors
271 and their caregivers in King County((;

272 ~~(3) Until such time that the conditions in either Ordinance 18555,~~
273 ~~Section 4.B.2.(a) or (b) are satisfied, the seniors committee and veterans~~
274 ~~committee will jointly oversee the distribution of the portion of the veterans,~~
275 ~~seniors and human services levy's proceeds restricted by Ordinance 18555,~~
276 ~~Section 4.B.2., which sets aside funds for capital facilities and regional health and~~
277 ~~human services for seniors who are also veterans or military servicemembers and~~
278 ~~their respective caregivers and families. After the conditions in either Ordinance~~
279 ~~18555, Section 4.B.2.(a) or (b) have been satisfied, the veterans committee shall~~
280 ~~not have any oversight responsibility regarding levy proceeds expended under~~
281 ~~Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2.; and~~

282 ~~4. The vulnerable populations))₂~~

283 d. The resilient communities committee shall oversee the distribution
284 of the portion of the veterans, seniors₂ and human services levy's proceeds
285 expended for ~~((purposes identified in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.3))~~ regional
286 health and human services for resilient communities. The ~~((vulnerable~~
287 ~~populations))~~ resilient communities committee may also provide advice to the
288 executive and council on matters uniquely affecting ~~((vulnerable populations))~~
289 resilient communities that are served by the veterans, seniors₂ and human services
290 levy in King County.

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291 ~~((D. The board shall hold its first meeting by the later of March 30, 2019, or sixty~~
292 ~~days from the date on which at least six members have been appointed to each of the~~
293 ~~board's committees.~~

294 ~~E. This section expires July 1, 2025))~~ E. In accordance with K.C.C.
295 2.28.006, the executive may propose and the council by ordinance may provide
296 for per diem compensation for the board.

297 F. If the veterans, seniors, and human services levy expires or changes
298 such that subsection D. of this section becomes impracticable, the executive shall
299 within one hundred twenty days from the date of the expiration or change transmit

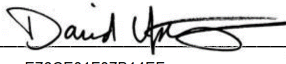
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300 to the council a proposed ordinance to provide for the repeal or amendment of
301 subsection D. of this section.


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

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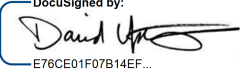
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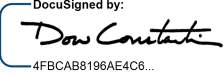
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