



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 8, 2016

Ordinance 18404

Proposed No. 2016-0523.1

Sponsors Dembowski, Balducci, Lambert and
Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the disposition of sale
2 proceeds; changing the designation of the distribution of
3 gross sale proceeds; and amending Ordinance 12045,
4 Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.130.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

7 A. In 2001, the King County council adopted Ordinance 14260, which directed
8 that, for transactions with gross sale proceeds of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or
9 greater that are to accrue to the current expense fund, ten percent of the gross sale
10 proceeds are to be deposited into the arts and cultural development fund.

11 B. The council took this action in recognition of the fact that, beginning in 2002,
12 arts and heritage programs experienced a sharp drop in funding due to a change in state
13 law that reduced support from the lodging tax and the inability of the county's current
14 expense fund to maintain ongoing support for arts and heritage programs.

15 C. In 2002, the council adopted Ordinance 14482, which transferred King
16 County's arts and heritage programs to a quasi-governmental public development
17 authority known as the King County cultural development authority. The charter of the
18 cultural development authority requires the council to transfer moneys from the arts and
19 cultural development fund, to the cultural development authority.

20 D. In 2011, the Washington state Legislature authorized and the Governor signed
21 ESSB 5834, which provided an ongoing source of funding for arts and cultural purposes
22 through chapter 67.28 RCW, which will provide dedicated lodging tax revenues for these
23 purposes beginning in 2021.

24 E. King County's current expense fund has been increasingly unable to meet
25 critical public safety and human services funding needs over the last fifteen years due to
26 state-imposed revenue limitations.

27 F. Shortfalls in the current expense fund have required the executive and council
28 to make difficult reductions in the face of significant need.

29 G. Because the arts and cultural purposes have been granted an ongoing and
30 dedicated source of funding, and because the current expense fund is facing significant
31 projected shortfalls, it is no longer necessary for a portion of surplus property sales to be
32 used for arts and cultural purposes.

33 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12045, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.130 are
34 each hereby amended to read as follows:

35 A. The county organizations responsible for conducting sales shall be reimbursed
36 for advertising, postage and selling fees, if any, from the proceeds of the sale. The
37 manager of the finance and business operations division is authorized to establish such
38 funds and accounts necessary to deposit sale proceeds until final disposition. The balance
39 of the proceeds shall be deposited into the proper county fund or account, as directed by
40 the facilities management division, the fleet administration division or the county council,
41 as applicable. ~~((On transactions with gross sale proceeds of two hundred fifty thousand~~

42 ~~dollars or greater that are to accrue to the current expense fund, ten percent of the gross~~
43 ~~sale proceeds are to be deposited into the arts and cultural development fund.))~~

44 B. In no case shall the title be transferred until the purchase price has been fully
45 paid.
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Ordinance 18404 was introduced on 10/31/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/7/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove and Ms. Balducci
No: 1 - Ms. Kohl-Welles
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None