



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 11, 2018

Ordinance 18785

Proposed No. 2018-0302.2

Sponsors Kohl-Welles

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County veterans
2 advisory board; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter
3 2A.300.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 5 1. King County maintains the King County veterans advisory board,
6 created in its current form in 1991 by CPM 11-1 (PR), a public rule acting
7 upon the chapter 73.08 RCW requirement that each county maintain a
8 veterans advisory board.
- 9 2. After the 1991 creation of the veterans advisory board, the state
10 legislature enacted RCW 73.08.035, which requires the legislative
11 authority of each county to establish a veterans advisory board.
- 12 3. In addition to the veterans advisory board, King County has since the
13 2005 passage of the first veterans and human services levy maintained a
14 veterans citizen oversight board to oversee the expenditure of levy
15 proceeds to benefit veterans.
- 16 4. In 2013, the county executive convened a regional veterans initiative,
17 whose final report and recommendations included that King County's
18 system of veterans programs and services should develop a coordinated
19 service system that provides seamless access for veterans and their

20 families while maximizing the use of regional resources and that veterans
21 have a voice in making improvements to the services system.

22 5. In September 2016, the King County council passed Motion 14743,
23 requesting the executive's response to inform council deliberations
24 regarding the possible renewal of the veterans and human services levy.
25 Included in that motion was a request for the executive's analysis on
26 whether to retain or revise the veterans and human services levy's citizen
27 oversight board structure.

28 6. In March 2017, the King County council passed Motion 14822,
29 approving the executive's report responding to Motion 14743. Among the
30 recommendations within the report approved by Motion 14822 was a
31 recommendation to consider aligning the county's veterans advisory board
32 and veterans citizen oversight board to promote alignment of the county's
33 investments in programs that serve veterans.

34 7. In July 2017, the metropolitan King County council passed Ordinance
35 18555, placing a six-year veterans, seniors and human services levy
36 ("VSHSL") on the ballot. Ordinance 18555 required the county to enact a
37 governance plan if voters approved the VSHSL. On November 7, 2017,
38 King County voters passed the VSHSL ballot measure.

39 8. In April 2018, King County enacted Ordinance 18722, adopting the
40 VSHSL governance plan. The VSHSL governance plan requires the
41 executive to transmit a proposed ordinance that creates a VSHSL advisory
42 board, which board shall be constituted in three committees. The VSHSL

43 governance plan further requires that the veterans committee of the
44 VSHSL advisory board shall also constitute the entirety of the county's
45 veterans advisory board.

46 9. Section 6.B. of the VSHSL governance plan requires the executive to
47 transmit for council consideration and adoption a proposed ordinance
48 creating the veterans advisory board, which proposed ordinance shall
49 accomplish the VSHSL governance plan's direction that confirmation of
50 appointees to the veterans committee of the VSHSL advisory board would
51 occur concurrent to confirmation of appointees to the veterans advisory
52 board.

53 10. The integration of the veterans committee of the VSHSL advisory
54 board and the King County veterans advisory board into a single body
55 parallels King County's concurrent efforts to integrate all county-funded
56 veterans programs in order to improve customer service for veterans in
57 King County, reduce service system fragmentation and increase
58 administrative efficiency in administering services for veterans.

59 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

60 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300
61 a new section to read as follows:

62 A. As required by Section 6.B. of Attachment A to Ordinance 18722, the
63 Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan, the King County veterans
64 advisory board is created.

65 B. The board shall be composed solely of the appointed members of the veterans

66 committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board.
67 A person's appointment to the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors
68 and human services levy advisory board shall constitute that person's appointment to
69 King County veterans advisory board. A person's resignation, removal or completion of
70 service from the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human
71 services levy advisory board shall constitute that person's resignation, removal or
72 completion of service from the King County veterans advisory board.

73 C. If the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board
74 expires or changes such that subsection B. of this section becomes impracticable, the
75 executive shall within one hundred twenty days from the date of the expiration or change
76 transmit to the council a proposed ordinance to provide for the continuation of the King
77 County veterans advisory board. Until the effective date of the ordinance to provide for
78 the continuation of the King County veterans advisory board, the members of the
79 veterans committee of the veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board at
80 the time of the expiration or change shall remain the members of the King County
81 veterans advisory board until removed, replaced, reappointed or otherwise continued
82 under the provisions of the new ordinance to continue the King County veterans advisory
83 board.

84 D. The board shall annually elect from its membership a chair. In accordance
85 with the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan, the board
86 member elected as either the chair or a vice chair of the King County veterans, seniors
87 and human services levy advisory board shall be the vice chair of the board. The chair
88 and vice chair of the board shall act in those capacities only when the board is acting in

89 its capacity as the veterans advisory board.

90 E. The board shall:

91 1. Advise the executive and the county council on the needs of local indigent
92 veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans and programs that could
93 benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families;

94 2. Advise the department of community and human services, or its successor, on
95 the administration of the King County veterans program. For the purposes of this
96 subsection E.2., "King County veterans program" means King County's chapter 73.08
97 RCW-required veterans assistance program; and

98 3. Meet at least four times per year to conduct the business of the board.
99 Meetings of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board
100 shall not count towards the fulfillment of the requirement in this subsection.

101 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect only if Ordinance _____ (Proposed
102 Ordinance 2018-0297) takes effect, and in that event, this ordinance takes effect
103 immediately after Ordinance _____ (Proposed Ordinance 2018-0297) takes effect.

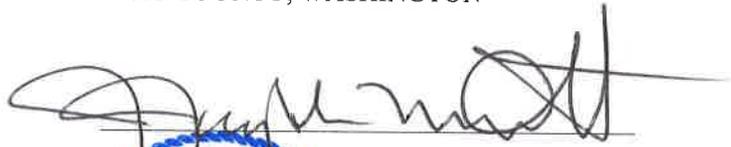
104 SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to

105 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
106 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
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Ordinance 18785 was introduced on 7/9/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/10/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2018.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None