



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between King County and the city of Auburn for transfer to the city of Lea Hill and Auburndale Two parks; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. King County is facing a multi-year fiscal crisis that is forcing major cuts in all non-mandated government services funded by the current expense fund and as a result does not have a sufficient, stable source of revenue to continue to operate and maintain Lea Hill and Auburndale Two parks.

B. Due to its fiscal crisis, King County desires to divest itself of ownership, management, and financial responsibility for parks, open space, recreational facilities and programs inside and near city boundaries.

C. King County and the city of Auburn (city) have agreed to terms of an interlocal agreement for the transfer of Lea Hill and Auburndale Two parks.

D. To avoid any service disruption at the parks, the county and the city strongly desire to complete the transfer by the end of the year. To do so, this ordinance must be adopted on an emergency basis.

E. The recitals in the agreement set forth relevant facts supporting and explaining the terms of the transfers.

F. King County and the city have agreed that the transfers will take place within thirty days following execution of the interlocal agreement by both parties.

G. Transfer of Lea Hill and Auburndale Two parks under the terms and conditions of the attached

agreement will serve an important county purpose by ensuring that the parks will remain open and available to all county residents.

H. Because the county does not have sufficient funds to continue to operate and maintain Lea Hill park and Auburndale Two park, these parks are surplus to the county's needs.

SECTION 2. The King County executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement, substantially in the form of the attached agreement, with the city of Auburn relating to the transfer of Lea Hill and Auburndale Two parks.

SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance, the county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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