



Legislation Text

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A MOTION accepting a report certifying that at least three hundred seventeen homeless senior veterans have obtained housing pursuant to the methodology described in the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan adopted in Ordinance 18638.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017, the metropolitan King County council adopted Ordinance 18555, placing a six-year veterans, seniors and human services levy on the general election ballot, and Ordinance 18555 was signed by the executive on July 21, 2017. King County voters approved the levy in November 2017 with more than sixty-eight percent of the vote, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18555 requires that one third of levy proceeds be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate a wide range of regional health and human services and capital facilities for seniors and their caregivers and to promote healthy aging in King County, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18555 requires that until either (a) seventy-five percent of the number of those seniors, who were also veterans or military servicemembers in King County and who as of the enactment date of Ordinance 18555 were homeless, obtain housing or (b) a total of twenty-four million dollars from the levy proceeds, except those levy proceeds described in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.1., or from other funds administered by King County or both are spent to house seniors who are also veterans or military servicemembers in King County, whichever comes first, at least fifty percent of the levy proceeds dedicated for seniors shall be used to fund capital facilities and regional health and human services for seniors who are also veterans or military servicemembers and their respective caregivers and families, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18555, Section 7.A. and B., required the executive to develop and transmit for council review and adoption by ordinance a transition plan and an implementation plan for the veterans, seniors and human services levy, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18555, required that the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan include a methodology to determine the number of seniors who were also veterans or military servicemembers and who were homeless as of the date of enactment of Ordinance 18555 and to track the number of veterans and military servicemembers who obtain housing over the term of the levy and the plan to implement that methodology and tracking, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 18555, the executive transmitted for council review and approval the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan to govern the expenditure of veterans, seniors and human services levy proceeds in 2018 and that transition plan establishes the definitions, methodology, and accountability measures required under Ordinance 18555, Section 7.A., including those definitions and methodologies related to tracking the number of seniors who are also veterans or military servicemembers who obtain housing, and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2017, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18638, adopting the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan, and Ordinance 18638 was signed by the executive on December 21, 2017, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18555, required that the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan include the methodology of how the number of seniors, who are also veterans or military servicemembers and who were homeless as of the date of enactment of Ordinance 18555 was determined and the methodology to track the number of veterans and military servicemembers who obtain housing over the term of the veterans, seniors and human services levy as well as provide for the implementation of the tracking and refinement from the definition and methodology included in the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 18555, the executive transmitted to the council for review and approval the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan to govern the expenditure of veterans, seniors and human services levy proceeds from 2019 through 2023 and that implementation plan establishes the definitions, methodology, and accountability measures required under Ordinance 18555, Section 7.B., including those definitions and methodologies related to tracking the number of seniors who are also veterans or military servicemembers who obtain housing, and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2018, the King County council adopted Ordinance 18768, adopting the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, and Ordinance 18768 was signed by the executive on July 25, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the adopted Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan incorporates the same methodology as the methodology adopted in the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan in relation to the way the department of community and human services will determine the number of seniors, who are also veterans or military servicemembers who were homeless as of the date of enactment of Ordinance 18555 and the methodology by which senior homeless veterans are counted as having been housed, and

WHEREAS, based on this methodology, the department of community and human services determined that, as of July 21, 2017, there were four hundred twenty-two homeless veterans age fifty-five or older experiencing homelessness in King County and seventy-five percent of that number is three hundred and seventeen, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan describe how the executive will regularly update the council on the status of how many homeless senior veterans have obtained housing through the provision of quarterly update memoranda until the goal of housing three hundred seventeen homeless senior veterans has been met, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, in so far as it incorporates all material elements of the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan, directs that once the goal to house three hundred seventeen homeless senior veterans has been met pursuant to the methodology established in these plans, the executive transmit for council review and acceptance by motion a report certifying this fact, and

WHEREAS, as of September 29, 2018, using the methodology described in the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, the Department of Community and Human Services reported through transmittal of a required quarterly memorandum that three hundred sixty-seven homeless senior veterans in King County had been housed, exceeding the goal to house three hundred seventeen homeless senior veterans in King County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The report certifying that at least three hundred and seventeen homeless, senior veterans have obtained housing as required under the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan, which is Attachment A to this motion, is hereby accepted in accordance with the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Transition Plan adopted in Ordinance 18638.