



Legislation Text

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A MOTION providing guidance on the establishment of a department of local services.

WHEREAS, the county has a mission to provide fiscally responsible, quality-driven local and regional services for healthy, safe and vibrant communities, and

WHEREAS, the population in unincorporated King County is over 247,000, a population large enough to be the second largest city in the state, and

WHEREAS, the county has adopted a guiding principle to provide effective, efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas, and

WHEREAS, Executive Constantine created the local services initiative in the fall of 2017 to explore new and better ways to serve the people of unincorporated King County, and

WHEREAS, the executive has directed the executive's staff to begin the formation of a department of local services to better serve the people of unincorporated King County;

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

The executive is requested to:

- A. Establish a new department of local services to be operational by January 1, 2019;
- B. Prepare the 2019-2020 executive proposed budget reflective of a department of local services and related changes to other King County departments, funds and rates;
- C. Form a transition team with consultation from councilmembers representing unincorporated areas, to recommend organizational, operational and other changes to the executive, and be available to brief the council's standing and regional committees;

D. Develop and transmit an ordinance that would amend K.C.C. chapter 2.16 to establish a department of local services that will work in partnership with each county council district to focus on coordinating, enhancing and improving municipal services provided to the county's unincorporated areas. The ordinance should have an emphasis on:

1. Improving the coordination of local services by King County agencies through increased collaboration;
 2. Strengthening and expanding partnerships between the county, communities and other entities;
 3. Improving the delivery, responsiveness and quality of local services to the people, businesses and communities of unincorporated King County through unified accountability;
 4. Improving local services through robust employee engagement while embracing equity and social justice and continuous improvement;
 5. Strengthening unincorporated communities by supporting local planning and community initiatives;
- and
6. Pursuing innovative funding strategies; and

E. Develop and transmit legislation addressing funds, fund management and financial policies and other legislation as appropriate to the county organizational change.