

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE related to the provision of transit tickets to human services agencies; amending Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 and Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 and repealing Ordinance 17295, Section 6, and Ordinance 17295, Section 7.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. K.C.C. 4A.700.210 authorizes a program for the sale and distribution of transit tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of face value. The total value of the eighty percent discount is established in this section at one million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars per year.
2. Ordinance 17295, Section 1, established a congestion reduction transit incentives program including authorization for individuals to donate transit tickets to the human services ticket program. Ordinance 17295, Section 6, amended K.C.C. 4A.700.210 to increase the total value of the eighty percent discount to include two hundred thousand dollars value of the donated tickets per year. A contingent effective date was provided to allow the donated ticket value to be extended on a yearly basis as long as donated tickets were available.
3. The remaining value of donated tickets is now known, so the contingent effective date is no longer necessary.
4. The March 2015 increase in transit fares will reduce the number of tickets available to human service agencies if the existing dollar value of the discount remains in effect.

5. Human service agencies have requested more tickets than available under the total authorized dollar value of the eighty percent discount.

6. A revision of this section of the King County Code will eliminate the contingent effective date, which is no longer necessary, and increase the number of tickets available for purchase by the human service agencies.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed ~~((one million eight hundred seventy five))~~ two million five hundred fifty thousand dollars for any one year. However, the amount of the eighty percent discount may be increased by up to an additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, Section 1. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this ordinance takes effect January 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

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agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed two million ~~((five))~~ seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for any one year. ~~((However, the amount of the eighty percent discount may be increased by up to an additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, Section 1.))~~ The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 17295, Section 6, and Ordinance 17295, Section 7, are each hereby repealed.