



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**August 23, 2016**

**Ordinance 18333**

**Proposed No. 2016-0287.2**

**Sponsors** Upthegrove, Dunn, Dembowski,  
Lambert, Kohl-Welles, Gossett and von  
Reichbauer

1           AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy collection of the  
2           sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the  
3           delivery of mental health and chemical dependency  
4           services, and therapeutic courts; continuing the sales and  
5           use tax by revising the expiration date of Ordinance 15949,  
6           as amended; and amending Ordinance 15949, Section 9.

7           PREAMBLE:

8           In 2005, recognizing the need for additional mental health and chemical  
9           dependency programs, the state legislature authorized counties to  
10          implement a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to support new  
11          programs.

12          The one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax supporting new or  
13          expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and  
14          services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court  
15          programs and services, known as the mental illness and drug dependency  
16          ("MIDD") sales and use tax, generates between fifty and sixty-five million  
17          dollars annually for King County.

20 expire January 1, 2017. As provided under Ordinance 15949, the county  
21 chooses to amend the expiration date to provide for continued collection of  
22 the sales and use tax.

23 King County's MIDD is a comprehensive approach to creating  
24 improvements across the continuum of the behavioral health system and  
25 making progress toward public policy goals such as reduced jail and  
26 emergency department use, reduced psychiatric hospitalizations, and  
27 reductions in incidence and severity of chemical dependency and mental  
28 and emotional disorders in youth and adults. Aggregated MIDD  
29 evaluation data finds that MIDD supported programs are successful and  
30 effective in meeting the policy goals established by Ordinance 15949 and  
31 warrants a continuation of the sale and use tax.

32 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

33 **SECTION 1. Findings:** Continuing the mental illness and drug dependency  
34 sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent authorized by RCW 82.14.460 and by  
35 Ordinance 15949 enables the county to maintain and build upon the successes of mental  
36 illness and drug dependency sales and use tax supported programs and services to:  
37 promote adequate, stable public funding for community behavioral health services in  
38 King County; ensure timely, affordable and culturally-appropriate access to behavioral  
39 health services that focus on recovery and resilience; improve community-based services  
40 and programs; and better meet the behavioral needs of people in need of services, thereby  
41 reducing costly incarceration and emergency room utilization.

42            SECTION 2. Ordinance 15949, Section 9, as amended, is hereby amended to  
43 read as follows:

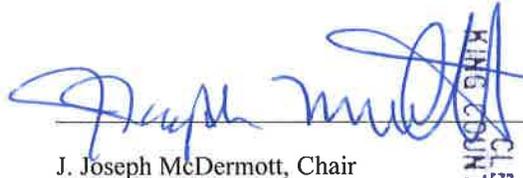
44            ~~((This e))~~ Ordinance 15949, as amended, expires ~~((January 1, 2017))~~ January 1,  
45 2026.

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Ordinance 18333 was introduced on 6/13/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/22/2016, 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



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 1 day of SEPTEMBER 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive