



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19024

**Proposed No.** 2019-0442.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE related to levy-related funds; and  
2 amending Ordinance 14793, Section 2, as amended, and  
3 K.C.C. 4A.200.480, and Ordinance 15966, Section 2, as  
4 amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.490.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Ordinance 14793, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.480

7 are hereby amended to read as follows:

8 A. There is hereby created the parks and recreation fund.

9 B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a special revenue fund.

10 C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the  
11 manager of the fund.

12 D. The fund shall account for the receipt of tax levy revenues and other  
13 ~~((monies))~~ moneys, and for the disbursement in accordance with this section:

14 1. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of King  
15 County on August 21, 2007, under Ordinance 15759, in excess of the levy limitation  
16 contained in chapter 84.55 RCW and other revenue for the park and recreation purposes  
17 outlined in this subsection B.2. In accordance with Ordinance 15759, Section 4, the levy  
18 proceeds shall be deposited in a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its  
19 successor. The levy shall be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance 15759, Section

20 5;

21           2.a. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of  
22 King County on August 21, 2007, under Ordinance 15760, in excess of the levy  
23 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW. Of the proceeds designated for distribution  
24 to King County cities and the zoo, a reasonable portion shall be retained by the county to  
25 be used for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. In  
26 accordance with Ordinance 15760, Section 4, the levy proceeds shall be deposited in a  
27 dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

28           b.(1) The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified  
29 in Ordinance 15760, Section 5.

30           (2) The moneys to be used for King County's acquisition of open space and  
31 natural lands critical to the preservation of regional watersheds and streams, for  
32 acquisition and development of rights of way for regional trails, with primary  
33 consideration given to those projects that address health disparities/health inequities as  
34 recognized in the Health of King County 2006 report and are consistent with the Regional  
35 Trails Plan including acquisition of missing critical links and/or maximization of regional  
36 trail use, and for repayment of costs, including principal and interest, associated with  
37 interim financing following approval of the levy, and to provide up to five hundred  
38 thousand dollars annually for capital funding of recreation grant programs, shall be  
39 transferred to the parks capital fund; and

40           3.a. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of  
41 King County on August 20, 2013, under Ordinance 17568, in excess of the levy  
42 limitation in chapter 84.55 RCW. In accordance with Ordinance 17568, Section 3, the

43 levy proceeds shall be deposited in a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its  
44 successor.

45 b. The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified in  
46 Ordinance 17568, Section 4, consistent with Ordinance 17568, Section 6.

47 c. The levy proceeds to be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance 17568,  
48 Section 4.B. shall be transferred to the parks capital fund created under K.C.C.  
49 4A.200.490.

50 d. If the county council, in its sole discretion, finds that annual revenues from  
51 the real estate excise tax 1 and real estate excise tax 2 from the real estate excise taxes  
52 imposed under K.C.C.4A.51.100 and 4A.510.120 have increased sufficiently that the  
53 levy amount needed for the purposes identified in Ordinance 17568, Section 4.B. should  
54 be reduced, it may reduce the annual dollar amount levied for the parks levy based on this  
55 finding and the entire dollar amount of the reduction in the levy proceeds for that year  
56 shall be allocated solely to the distribution of levy proceeds for the purposes set forth in  
57 Ordinance 17568, Section 4.B. Such annual reduction shall not limit the authority of the  
58 council to levy in any future year without such reduction or to modify the distribution of  
59 levy proceeds levied in any future year.

60 e. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds may  
61 not supplant existing funding.

62 4.a. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of King  
63 County on August 20, 2019, under Ordinance 18890, in excess of the levy limitation in  
64 chapter 84.55 RCW, shall be deposited, in accordance with Ordinance 18890, Section 3, in  
65 a levy subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

66            b. The levy proceeds shall be used only for the eligible purposes specified in  
67 Ordinance 18890, Section 4, consistent with Ordinance 18890, Section 6.

68            c. The levy proceeds to be used for the purposes specified in Ordinance 18890,  
69 Section 4.C., D. and E.2 shall be transferred to the parks capital fund created under K.C.C.  
70 4A.200.490.

71            d. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds may  
72 not supplant existing funding.

73            5. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for parks and recreation  
74 purposes.

75            E. The fund shall be managed in such a way as to distinguish between proceeds  
76 from levies approved under Ordinances 15759, 15760 (~~and~~), 17568 and 18890, business  
77 revenues, as well as parks operating and maintenance expenditures (~~and~~), community  
78 grant program expenditures and targeted equity grant program expenditures.

79            SECTION 2. Ordinance 15966, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.490 are  
80 hereby amended to read as follows:

81            A. There is hereby created the parks capital fund.

82            B. The fund shall be a first tier fund. It is a capital projects fund.

83            C. The director of the department of natural resources and parks shall be the  
84 manager of the fund.

85            D. The fund shall account for the receipt of tax levy revenues and other (~~moneys~~)  
86 moneys, and for the disbursement of:

87            1. The King County portion of the proceeds of the six-year property tax levy  
88 deposited in the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.2.b.(2) for the purposes

89 described in subsection E. of this section;

90           2. The King County portion of the proceeds of the six-year property tax levy  
91 transferred to the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.3.c. for the purposes  
92 described in subsection F. of this section; ~~((and))~~

93           3. The King County portion of the proceeds of the six-year property tax levy  
94 transferred to the fund in accordance with K.C.C. 4A.200.480.D.4.c. for the purposes  
95 described in subsection G. of this section; and

96           4. Other moneys for capital parks and recreation purposes.

97           E. The proceeds of the six-year property tax levy approved by the voters of King  
98 County on August 21, 2007, in the fund shall be used only for any of the following eligible  
99 purposes:

100           1. ~~((a))~~ Acquisition of open space and natural lands critical to the preservation of  
101 regional watersheds and streams;

102           2. Acquisition and development of rights of way for regional trails, with primary  
103 consideration given to those projects that address health disparities and health inequities as  
104 recognized in the Health of King County 2006 report and are consistent with the Regional  
105 Trails Plan including acquisition of missing critical links and/or maximization of regional  
106 trail use; ~~((and))~~

107           3. Repayment of costs, including principal and interest, associated with interim  
108 financing following approval of the levy; and

109           4. To provide up to five hundred thousand dollars annually for capital funding of  
110 recreation grant programs.

111           F.1. The proceeds of the six-year levy approved by the voters of King County on

112 August 20, 2013, in the fund shall be used only for those purposes specified in Ordinance  
113 17568, Section 4.B.

114 2. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for capital parks and  
115 recreation purposes.

116 G.1. The proceeds of the six-year levy approved by the voters of King County on  
117 August 20, 2019, in the fund shall be used only for those purposes specified in Ordinance  
118 18890, Section 4.C., D. and E.2.

119 2. Any other moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for capital parks and  
120 recreation purposes.

121 H. The moneys in the fund from the levies approved under Ordinances 15760  
122 ((and)), 17568 and 18890, shall be used solely for the eligible purposes authorized by the  
123 voters and shall not supplant existing funds used for those purposes.

124            I. The fund shall be managed in such a way as to distinguish levy revenues from  
125 any other revenues in the fund.  
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Ordinance 19024 was introduced on 10/23/2019 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/20/2019, 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



KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 4 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None