



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
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Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 5, 2007**

**Ordinance 15862**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0365.2

**Sponsors** Ferguson, Constantine, Patterson,  
Phillips, Gossett, Lambert, Hague,  
Dunn and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting financial policies for the  
2 emergency medical services fund and creating emergency  
3 medical services task force.  
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5 **PREAMBLE:**

6 Adopted emergency medical services ("EMS") fund financial policies  
7 require maintenance of a multiyear financial plan and cash flow  
8 projections for the six years funded by the EMS levy, based on estimates  
9 of program growth, operating expenses including labor costs, and capital  
10 requirements, and also including actual rates of inflation and reserves for  
11 the fund. The EMS financial policies will be reviewed annually by the  
12 operating budget, fiscal management and mental health committee, or its  
13 successor, which may recommend policy changes to guide the six-year  
14 EMS financial plan.

15 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

16 **SECTION 1. EMS financial audit.** The county auditor shall conduct an annual  
17 audit of the county programs funded by this levy, comparing actual revenues,

18 expenditures and reserves to those amounts specifically identified in the financial plan  
19 adopted by the council each year during the budget process including the roles of:  
20 inflation; population growth; call volume; labor agreements and new labor costs; fuel  
21 expenses; vehicle maintenance and replacement; and the regional subsidy needed for  
22 local basic life safety program in support of emergency medical services ("EMS"). The  
23 audit report shall be submitted to the council by September 30 of each year, beginning in  
24 2009. The report must be filed in the form of 13 copies with the clerk of the council, who  
25 shall retain the original and forward copies to each councilmember, the county executive  
26 and to the lead staff for the operating budget, fiscal management and mental health  
27 committee, or its successor. Consistent with Seattle's separate program described in  
28 Proposed Ordinance 2007-0282, Section 2, the city of Seattle will submit reports of the  
29 city's program on the same schedule to the manager of the Seattle-King County  
30 department of public health – EMS division.

31        **SECTION 2. Audit funding.** It is the intent of the council that funds designated  
32 in the "King County Auditor's Office" expenditure line of the emergency medical  
33 services levy financial plan shall be expended to support the county's financial audit costs  
34 under section 1 of this ordinance.

35        **SECTION 3. EMS financial policy – grants.** It is intent of the council that grant  
36 funding from both state and federal sources shall be pursued to support the EMS  
37 program, particularly for capital needs. Grants shall be reviewed to determine if funding  
38 is predictable from year to year for future EMS revenue assumptions. Any operating  
39 grants that obligate the EMS program to fund future services shall be reviewed in cash-

40 flow planning each year so future local funding requirements are an integral part of the  
41 financial and service plan.

42 SECTION 4. A. A new advisory task force, to be called the emergency medical  
43 services advisory task force is hereby established with the goal of developing  
44 interjurisdictional agreement on an updated emergency medical services strategic plan  
45 and financing package for the next levy funding period.

46 B. The emergency medical services advisory task force shall be composed of: the  
47 King County executive; the director of the department of public health; the manager of  
48 the emergency medical services division; the regional medical director of the emergency  
49 medical services division; the city of Seattle medical director; each member of the county  
50 council or his or her designee; the county auditor or his or her designee; one  
51 representative from each city with a population of 50,000 or greater; three representatives  
52 from King County fire districts, of which one must represent unincorporated King  
53 County; four representatives from cities with populations under 50,000 ; a representative  
54 of a private ambulance company; a representative of a regional communications center;  
55 two representatives from one or more nonpartisan civic organizations such as the  
56 Municipal League or the League of Women Voters and a representative of a bargaining  
57 unit providing basic or advanced life support. Members from cities with populations  
58 under 50,000 shall be appointed by the Suburban Cities Association in a manner  
59 reflecting geographic distribution within King County and shall not be subject to  
60 confirmation. Members from fire districts, a private ambulance company, a regional  
61 communications center, one or more nonpartisan civic organizations and a representative  
62 of a bargaining unit shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council by

63 motion. Staff and officials from cities and districts in addition to the formal membership  
64 are encouraged to participate but shall not vote on any recommendations of the task  
65 force.

66 SECTION 5. The role of the emergency medical services advisory task force  
67 shall be to ensure continued emergency medical service for King County by reviewing  
68 issues and options and by developing recommendations for the next strategic plan to be  
69 submitted to the executive and the council by September 15, 2012. The proposed  
70 strategic plan shall be prepared by the county executive and submitted to the council by  
71 January 1, 2013. The proposed plan shall consider the recommendations of the advisory  
72 task force and shall evaluate, but not be limited to:

73 A. The maintenance of the existing infrastructure of paramedic (Medic One)  
74 services;

75 B. Sufficient funding for new paramedic units that may be needed to maintain  
76 existing levels of services and keep pace with the growing demand on the system due to  
77 trends in call volume, response times and anticipated increases in the age of the  
78 population in the region;

79 C. Reasonable support for basic life support (BLS) services;

80 D. Operational and medical support programs provided by the Seattle-King  
81 County department of public health – EMS division that emphasize uniformity in medical  
82 care, proper training, and medical quality assurance; and

83 E. Development of a financial plan for the levy period using appropriate

84 econometric data, including assessed valuation and inflation assumptions related to the  
85 program areas highlighted in the Medic One/EMS strategic plan.  
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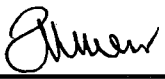
Ordinance 15862 was introduced on 6/25/2007 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/2/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Phillips


KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6 day of July, 2007.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      A. Emergency Medical Services Levy Financial Plan

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY FINANCIAL PLAN

	2006 Actuals	2007 Estimated	2008 Proposed	2009 Proposed	2010 Proposed	2011 Proposed	2012 Proposed	2013 Proposed
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>10,733,241</b>	<b>9,296,940</b>	<b>6,070,111</b>	<b>15,068,656</b>	<b>23,580,655</b>	<b>31,438,699</b>	<b>38,549,353</b>	<b>44,842,350</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Property Taxes	38,112,894	39,324,543	62,349,590	64,065,620	65,813,748	67,630,570	69,508,371	71,480,527
State Grants	1,463	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Payment	278	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	80,571	82,950	52,000	54,340	56,785	59,341	62,011	64,801
Interest Earnings/Miscellaneous Revenue	1,352,798	483,574	306,541	367,407	459,435	574,922	654,130	678,301
Other Financing Sources	9,059	5,040	4,503	3,567	3,179	2,831	2,621	2,457
Transfer from Current Expense Subfund	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000
<b>EMS REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>39,932,064</b>	<b>40,271,107</b>	<b>63,087,633</b>	<b>64,865,934</b>	<b>66,708,147</b>	<b>68,642,663</b>	<b>70,602,132</b>	<b>72,581,087</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Advanced Life Support Services	(27,445,965)	(27,945,082)	(33,235,906)	(34,718,910)	(36,419,965)	(38,490,134)	(40,657,050)	(43,670,932)
Bellevue Fire Department	(5,719,090)	(6,210,085)	(7,086,050)	(7,311,532)	(7,589,379)	(7,922,616)	(8,300,754)	(8,702,059)
King County Medic One	(12,456,489)	(11,783,566)	(13,541,469)	(14,229,420)	(14,607,847)	(15,272,629)	(15,984,201)	(16,739,332)
Redmond Fire Department	(4,233,588)	(4,780,238)	(5,140,478)	(5,555,241)	(5,677,034)	(5,941,963)	(6,225,565)	(6,526,544)
Shoreline Fire Department	(3,659,425)	(3,758,230)	(4,655,617)	(4,510,047)	(4,730,862)	(4,951,636)	(5,187,971)	(5,438,787)
Skykomish/King County Fire District 50	(60,000)	(60,000)	(163,550)	(172,065)	(180,414)	(188,733)	(197,645)	(207,105)
Vashon Fire Department	(1,317,393)	(1,352,963)	(1,542,143)	(1,623,617)	(1,703,110)	(1,782,589)	(1,867,670)	(1,957,963)
New Units/Unallocated	N/A	N/A	(872,736)	(902,009)	(1,519,160)	(1,980,654)	(2,425,568)	(3,611,972)
Outlying Area Service Levels	N/A	N/A	(233,862)	(414,979)	(432,161)	(449,311)	(467,676)	(487,169)
Basic Life Support Services	(9,420,513)	(9,674,868)	(13,930,714)	(14,411,372)	(14,843,714)	(15,235,587)	(15,646,949)	(16,069,416)
Auburn Fire Department	(360,914)	(371,121)	(555,890)	(575,072)	(592,326)	(607,965)	(624,381)	(641,241)
Bellevue Fire Department	(1,164,786)	(1,208,884)	(1,803,278)	(1,865,503)	(1,921,474)	(1,972,206)	(2,025,460)	(2,080,153)
Black Diamond Fire Department	(48,770)	(50,087)	(61,933)	(64,071)	(65,993)	(67,736)	(69,564)	(71,443)
Bothell Fire Department	(190,302)	(201,298)	(306,145)	(316,710)	(326,212)	(334,825)	(343,866)	(353,152)
Duvall Fire Department	(110,372)	(110,372)	(140,800)	(145,659)	(150,028)	(153,990)	(158,148)	(162,418)
Eastside Fire and Rescue	(949,850)	(949,850)	(1,266,419)	(1,330,809)	(1,370,738)	(1,406,928)	(1,444,919)	(1,483,935)
Enumclaw Fire Department	(230,549)	(230,549)	(276,620)	(286,165)	(294,751)	(302,533)	(310,703)	(319,092)
Kent Fire and Life Safety	(759,340)	(775,056)	(1,152,751)	(1,192,529)	(1,228,308)	(1,260,739)	(1,294,782)	(1,329,745)
King County Fire District 2	(227,173)	(239,292)	(362,252)	(374,553)	(385,997)	(396,188)	(406,886)	(417,873)
King County Fire District 20	(106,458)	(112,317)	(159,138)	(164,829)	(169,568)	(174,045)	(178,745)	(183,572)
King County Fire District 27	(67,418)	(69,238)	(89,233)	(92,312)	(95,082)	(97,592)	(100,227)	(102,834)
King County Fire District 40	(210,667)	(210,667)	(289,638)	(299,632)	(308,621)	(316,770)	(325,324)	(334,108)
King County Fire District 44	(252,271)	(252,271)	(314,395)	(325,244)	(335,002)	(343,848)	(353,132)	(362,668)
King County Fire District 47	(18,705)	(19,210)	(22,315)	(23,085)	(23,777)	(24,404)	(25,063)	(25,740)
King County Fire District 49 (51)	(18,354)	(18,850)	(22,177)	(22,943)	(23,632)	(24,256)	(24,911)	(25,584)
King County Fire District 50	(32,348)	(33,221)	(39,614)	(40,981)	(42,211)	(43,325)	(44,494)	(45,896)
Kirkland Fire Department	(495,288)	(512,252)	(763,934)	(790,295)	(814,006)	(835,498)	(858,059)	(881,229)
Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety	(304,293)	(304,293)	(396,367)	(410,045)	(422,347)	(433,498)	(445,204)	(457,226)
Mercer Island Fire Department	(235,416)	(244,629)	(364,177)	(376,743)	(388,047)	(398,292)	(409,047)	(420,093)
Milton Fire Department	(14,104)	(14,889)	(19,671)	(20,350)	(20,961)	(21,514)	(22,095)	(22,692)
North Highline Fire Department	(271,067)	(280,748)	(392,023)	(405,551)	(417,719)	(428,748)	(440,325)	(452,215)
Northshore Fire Department	(203,896)	(211,146)	(315,815)	(326,713)	(336,515)	(345,400)	(354,727)	(364,305)
Pacific Fire Department	(36,000)	(36,972)	(49,483)	(51,191)	(52,727)	(54,119)	(55,581)	(57,081)
Pierce County Fire District 27	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,452)	(1,452)	(1,452)	(1,452)	(1,452)	(1,452)
Redmond Fire Department	(539,880)	(574,375)	(836,063)	(864,914)	(890,864)	(914,385)	(939,076)	(964,433)
Renton Fire Department	(492,082)	(514,465)	(776,326)	(803,114)	(827,210)	(849,051)	(871,978)	(895,523)
Sea Tac Fire Department	(213,386)	(221,407)	(332,684)	(344,144)	(354,469)	(363,828)	(373,652)	(383,742)
Shoreline Fire Department	(376,181)	(380,055)	(562,283)	(581,686)	(599,138)	(614,956)	(631,582)	(648,615)
Snoqualmie Fire Department	(52,033)	(53,702)	(80,007)	(82,768)	(85,251)	(87,502)	(89,865)	(92,292)
South King Fire and Rescue	(772,172)	(787,067)	(1,171,432)	(1,211,855)	(1,248,215)	(1,281,171)	(1,315,786)	(1,351,295)
Tukwila Fire Department	(224,182)	(231,283)	(346,528)	(358,486)	(369,241)	(378,989)	(389,223)	(399,733)
Vashon Fire Department	(129,619)	(129,619)	(174,674)	(180,701)	(186,122)	(191,036)	(196,195)	(201,493)
Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District	(311,139)	(324,180)	(465,216)	(481,270)	(495,710)	(508,798)	(522,537)	(536,646)
Regional Services	(3,826,680)	(4,798,846)	(5,942,975)	(6,150,979)	(6,366,264)	(6,599,906)	(6,842,122)	(7,093,228)
Strategic Initiatives	(674,484)	(667,040)	(979,494)	(1,072,674)	(1,220,160)	(1,206,382)	(1,163,013)	(1,084,253)
EMS 2002-2007 Reserves	(723)	(212,100)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EMS EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>(41,368,365)</b>	<b>(43,497,936)</b>	<b>(54,089,089)</b>	<b>(56,353,936)</b>	<b>(58,850,103)</b>	<b>(61,532,009)</b>	<b>(64,309,135)</b>	<b>(67,917,830)</b>

