



## KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

### Signature Report

#### Ordinance 19914

**Proposed No.** 2025-0070.4

**Sponsors** Dembowski and Zahilay

1           AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the  
2           qualified electors of King County at a special election to be  
3           held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition  
4           authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy  
5           limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of  
6           six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than  
7           \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in  
8           the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King  
9           County inflation plus population index published by the  
10          King County office of economic and financial analysis, or  
11          the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in  
12          years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and  
13          operating King County's open space system; improving  
14          parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by  
15          acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support  
16          parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving  
17          parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan  
18          parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding  
19          environmental education, maintenance and conservation  
20          programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding

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environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of thirty-two thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred eighty-five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks, and local parks in unincorporated areas. Examples of regional and local county parks and trails include Marymoor park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland park, Steve Cox Memorial park, Dick Thurnau Memorial park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, and the Sammamish River trail.

2. Parks, natural areas, and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A robust system of parks and trails provides: physical, social, and mental health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; increased climate resilience; environmental benefits

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44           like clean water and healthy habitat; and cultural resource protection  
45           through open space conservation. King County's open space system  
46           provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.

47           3. Provision of urban green space, through parks or other investments  
48           such as street trees, is particularly important to achieve the benefits listed  
49           above. The addition of trees and plants to concrete-dominated urban areas  
50           can help reduce the higher ambient temperatures in those areas, which are  
51           anticipated to worsen as anthropogenic climate change progresses. That  
52           contributes to health and quality of life for nearby residents, in addition to  
53           providing additional capacity to sequester planet-warming greenhouse  
54           gases.

55           4. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, adopted by the King County  
56           council and enacted by Ordinance 14509, became the blueprint for  
57           establishing the regional open space system we have today. Building on  
58           that blueprint, the county has adopted open space plans, which have  
59           provided the framework guiding King County in the acquisition, planning,  
60           development, stewardship, maintenance, and management of its complex  
61           system of parks, regional trails, and acres of open space. The latest open  
62           space plan was updated in 2022 and adopted by Ordinance 19501.

63           5. In implementing the open space plan, the parks and recreation division  
64           of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused  
65           its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural  
66           areas, and local parks in unincorporated King County and has

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67 implemented business practices that generate revenue from park system  
68 assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate  
69 and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage  
70 public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.

71 6. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces  
72 and community advisory committees, the county has sought voter-  
73 approved levies on four prior occasions: in 2003, enacted by Ordinance  
74 14586, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and  
75 recreation division for 2004 through 2007; in 2007, enacted by Ordinance  
76 15759, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as  
77 funding for open space acquisition, regional trail development, the  
78 Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities for use in their  
79 open space acquisition and trail projects for 2008 through 2013; in 2013,  
80 enacted by Ordinance 17568, to provide funding for maintenance and  
81 operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and  
82 improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo and for  
83 King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for  
84 2014 through 2019; and in 2019, enacted by Ordinance 18890, to provide  
85 funding for maintenance and operations as well as for open space  
86 acquisition, asset maintenance and improvement, parks and trails projects,  
87 the Woodland Park Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, aquatic facilities, and for  
88 King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for  
89 2020 through 2025. Voters approved the funding measures on all four

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90 occasions that they were on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have  
91 helped keep the open space system clean, safe, and open.

92 7. Tribal nations are comanagers with the county in managing our shared  
93 public lands, waters, and resources. The county recognizes that this  
94 relationship is informed and guided by the treaty rights, which many tribes  
95 exercise within King County. The department of natural resources and  
96 parks has undertaken many actions with tribes as comanagers in an effort  
97 to foster mutual respect, and establish regular and meaningful  
98 communication, cooperation, and consultation with tribal officials in  
99 developing and executing state and King County policies that have tribal  
100 implications. The county has an ongoing goal to strengthen the  
101 government-to-government relationship with tribes that share territory  
102 with and have interests in King County

103 8. The 2020 through 2025 voter-approved parks, trails, and open space  
104 replacement levy provides approximately eighty-five percent of the  
105 operating budget of the parks and recreation division, with approximately  
106 fifteen percent generated through business activities and entrepreneurial  
107 efforts. King County general fund support to the parks and recreation  
108 division was eliminated as of 2011.

109 9. The community partnerships and grants program enacted by Ordinance  
110 14509 enhances parks amenities by partnering with parks and recreation  
111 organizations. Since the inception of the community partnership and grant  
112 program in 2003, more than seventy projects representing more than

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113           seventy million dollars' worth of new, enhanced, or preserved public  
114           recreation facilities have been completed, with only twenty-two million  
115           dollars of King County capital investment.

116           10. The Woodland Park Zoo received distributions from the past three  
117           voter-approved levies to supplement zoo operating revenue for education  
118           and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance, and capital  
119           improvements. Levy proceeds distributed to the zoo provided  
120           environmental education, programming and transportation focusing on  
121           accessibility for underserved areas, supported thousands of students-  
122           annually, and benefitted residents throughout King County. Levy  
123           proceeds also provided conservation and animal care for threatened  
124           Pacific Northwest species.

125           11. The Seattle Aquarium received distributions from the past voter-  
126           approved levy for capital costs for the Ocean Pavilion project to amplify  
127           the aquarium's existing global conservation efforts by bringing visitors  
128           face-to-face with tropical species native to the Coral Triangle and by  
129           housing approximately three thousand five hundred sustainably sourced  
130           tropical fish and invertebrates, including rays, sharks, mangroves, and up  
131           to thirty species of coral.

132           12. The Memorial Stadium project will create an innovative multi-  
133           purpose student and community events facility at Seattle Center. That  
134           transformative project will be led by Seattle Public Schools and the city of

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135 Seattle, providing an improved venue for local and regional sports and  
136 events.

137 13. The removal of the Alaskan Way Viaduct provided an unprecedented  
138 opportunity to create new green space in the heart of Seattle. The  
139 resulting waterfront park is a twenty-acre public space stretching from  
140 Belltown to Pioneer Square, providing the entire region lasting economic,  
141 social, and environmental benefits. Seattle's Waterfront park will link  
142 iconic attractions including Olympic Sculpture park, Pike Place Market,  
143 the Seattle Aquarium, the Colman Dock ferry terminal, Pioneer Square,  
144 stadiums, and surrounding neighborhoods.

145 14. King County towns and cities received funding from the past three  
146 voter-approved levies. In 2008 through 2013, towns and cities could use  
147 levy proceeds for open space and natural lands acquisition and  
148 development of town or city trail projects that supported connections to  
149 the regional trail system with distributions being contingent upon an equal  
150 or greater contribution of matching moneys from the recipient town or city  
151 for the same project. In the 2014 through 2019 and the 2020 through 2025  
152 levies, types of uses for the distribution to King County towns and cities  
153 were broadened to provide flexibility and better meet the parks and  
154 recreation needs of cities.

155 15. Parks levy oversight committees were established to monitor the  
156 expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004 through 2007, 2008 through  
157 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through 2025 levies. Annual

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158 committee review has concluded that the county has complied with all  
159 levy requirements.

160 16. During the 2008 through 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through  
161 2025 levy periods, the process for developing, reviewing, and  
162 recommending potential conservation futures tax and parks levy  
163 acquisition projects has maximized acquisitions for open space, natural  
164 lands, and regional trail rights of way due to the similar objectives for the  
165 conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition programs. Parks levy  
166 open space funding distributed to King County is a critical component of  
167 match for county applications for conservation futures tax funding. The  
168 process for conservation futures tax outlined in K.C.C. 26.12.010  
169 maintains transparency, accessibility, and consistency of the distribution  
170 of conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition funds for the public,  
171 stakeholder groups, government agencies, and officials.

172 17. King County is growing rapidly as a region. In 2024, King County's  
173 population increased by more than thirty thousand people; over the next  
174 ten years, the county is expected to grow by another two hundred fifty  
175 thousand people. Recent trend reports indicate that participation in  
176 outdoor recreation continues to grow, increasing by more than four  
177 percent nation-wide in 2023. More and more people are using King  
178 County parks and trails, which puts greater pressure on the system. As  
179 development increases to accommodate population growth, the risk of  
180 losing open space lands, including urban greenspaces throughout the



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181 county grows. Those valuable lands contribute to King County residents'  
182 high quality of life. The cost of land to accommodate this growth and  
183 preserve open spaces is also increasing. Today is the opportune time to  
184 address future needs of residents by investing in our parks and trails and  
185 accelerating conservation of open space.

186 18. In King County, many communities have experienced a history of  
187 inequitable and limited regional investments in parks, recreation, and open  
188 space, limiting the ability of residents to lead healthy lives.

189 Approximately five hundred thousand King County residents live without  
190 ready access to parks, recreation, and open spaces. There is a need to  
191 address disparities in access to parks, recreation, and open space for  
192 traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with  
193 disabilities. This ordinance provides an opportunity to address parks and  
194 recreation needs of these traditionally underserved areas and communities,  
195 including people with disabilities.

196 19. Recognizing growth in population, increased use of parks and trails  
197 and the need to address disparities, to prepare the 2026 through 2031 levy,  
198 the parks and recreation division conducted outreach to obtain feedback on  
199 the current park system and future parks and recreation needs for all King  
200 County residents. In March and April 2024, parks and recreation division  
201 staff conducted twenty-one in-person and virtual community engagement  
202 events and hosted two online surveys across eight languages. Participants  
203 represented all geographic areas of the county including towns and cities,

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204 business, recreation, community, and environmental interests. More than  
205 four thousand eight hundred people across all nine King County Council  
206 districts participated in the surveys. Parks and recreation division staff  
207 also met with towns and cities, parks districts, and key partners to receive  
208 additional feedback about the levy.

209 20. Feedback from engagement events, online surveys, and meetings  
210 showed support for the King County open space system and defined  
211 measures of success. Four themes emerged as top priorities: safety and  
212 belonging; new parks, trails, recreation, and infrastructure; equity,  
213 representation, inclusion, and access; and maintenance, repairs, and  
214 staffing. Feedback supported funding for King County towns' and cities'  
215 parks and recreation programs; expansion of the regional trails system;  
216 and natural lands conservation.

217 21. From January through July 2024, parks and recreation division staff  
218 convened a Community Advisory Committee tasked with recommending  
219 how to preserve King County's open space system of parks, trails, and  
220 natural areas and resource lands after the 2019 through 2025 levy expires.  
221 The Community Advisory Committee also advised staff about how best to  
222 meet the growing parks and recreation needs in King County and the  
223 region. Representing King County Boards, cities, non-profit  
224 organizations, community and environmental interests, businesses, and  
225 sports, the Community Advisory Committee met nine times to provide  
226 guidance on developing the 2026 through 2031 levy.

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227           22. The King County executive took into consideration information  
228           obtained from this engagement, the region's growing population, increased  
229           use of parks and trails across King County, and the lack of parks,  
230           recreation, and open space in some communities, and has put forth this  
231           ordinance that acknowledges the changing landscape and the need to grow  
232           the open space system to keep up with regional demand. This ordinance is  
233           also consistent with the goals and priorities of past levy task forces.

234           23. This proposal would exempt low-income seniors, disabled veterans,  
235           and other people with disabilities from the regular property tax increase on  
236           their residences resulting from a levy authorized by this ordinance if they  
237           have been approved for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381.

238           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

239           SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this  
240           ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise. For those definitions herein that  
241           contain terms not defined but include a reference to the 2022 Open Space Plan adopted  
242           by Ordinance 19501, or the provisions of the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A  
243           RCW , then the definition or categorization found in the referenced document shall apply.

244           A. "Aquatic facilities grants program" means the program through which King  
245           County provides moneys to publicly owned pools for: capital improvement projects,  
246           including planning, feasibility studies, preconstruction and design, and construction; and  
247           major maintenance repair or replacement projects.

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248           B. "Ballfield access and preservation grant program" means the program through  
249 which King County provides moneys to eligible entities to increase public access to  
250 ballfields.

251           C. "Community partnerships and grants program" means the program through  
252 which King County provides moneys to recreation-oriented groups, sports associations,  
253 and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of developing,  
254 operating, or maintaining a recreation facility or public park in unincorporated King  
255 County and King County towns and cities for public benefit.

256           D. "Conservation" means protection of natural areas, as defined in the county's  
257 open space plan, natural resource lands, categorized in RCW 36.70A.170, from  
258 development through fee or easement acquisition, restoration of natural functions, and  
259 administration of incentives for landowners that voluntarily preserve open space.

260           E. "Conservation futures tax program" means the program defined in K.C.C.  
261 chapter 26.12.

262           F. "Educational and civic venues" means the Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle  
263 Aquarium, Memorial Stadium, Seattle's Waterfront park, and Pacific Science Center.

264           G. "Get active/stay active grant program" means the program through which the  
265 King County council provides councilmanic grant awards for youth or amateur sport  
266 activities or facilities.

267           H. "Healthy community and parks grants program" means the program through  
268 which King County provides moneys to eligible entities in order to achieve equitable  
269 opportunities and access to parks and recreation for traditionally underserved areas and

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270 communities, including people with disabilities, located in unincorporated King County  
271 and King County towns and cities.

272 I. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and  
273 term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state  
274 law.

275 J. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy, any  
276 interest earnings on the moneys, and the proceeds of any interim financing following  
277 authorization of the levy.

278 K. "Limit factor" means the most recent published King County office of  
279 economic and financial analysis King County inflation plus population index, or the  
280 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

281 L. "Open space system" means the categories of King County's open space  
282 system of parks, including recreation and multiuse sites, regional trails, natural areas, and  
283 natural resource lands. "Open space system" also includes structures or buildings owned  
284 or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of the department  
285 of natural resources.

286 M. "Open space" means any land defined as part of the open space system or a  
287 parks district, town, or city parks system.

288 N. "Parks district" means the active metropolitan park districts under chapter  
289 35.61 RCW and parks and recreation service areas under chapter 36.68 RCW in King  
290 County.

291 O. "Town or city parks system" means any building or other structure related to  
292 parks or recreation; parks, trails, natural areas, natural resource lands, and other parks or

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293 recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a town or city within  
294 King County.

295       **SECTION 2. Levy submittal to voters.** To provide necessary moneys for the  
296 purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to  
297 the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy  
298 in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive  
299 years, with collection commencing in 2026, at a rate not to exceed \$0.2329 per one  
300 thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount  
301 of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the levy amounts in year two  
302 through six shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a  
303 regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

304       **SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited  
305 into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

306       **SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.** If approved by the qualified electors of the  
307 county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

308           A. Costs incurred by the county that are attributable to the special election called  
309 for in section 5 of this ordinance as well as future parks, recreation, trails, and open space  
310 levy elections;

311           B. Distributions to educational and civic venues, limited to the following  
312 facilities:

313               1. Up to forty million dollars for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological  
314 Society which shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on  
315 accessibility to traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with

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316 disabilities; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of  
 317 threatened species; and development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate  
 318 impacts to animals and habitats from climate change;

319           2. Up to twelve million dollars for distribution to the Seattle Aquarium which  
 320 shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on accessibility to  
 321 traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities;  
 322 maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of threatened species; and  
 323 development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate impacts to animals and  
 324 habitats from climate change;

325           3. Up to two million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to the city of  
 326 Seattle, which shall be used solely for capital costs for the Memorial Stadium project;

327           4. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the Pacific Science Center, which  
 328 shall be used solely for capital or operations and maintenance purposes relating to  
 329 environmental and climate stewardship and education; and

330           5. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the 501(c)(3) organization,  
 331 registered with the Washington secretary of state under number 1133863 and known as  
 332 Friends of Waterfront Park or its successor 501(c)(3) organization registered with the  
 333 Washington secretary of state, which shall be used solely at Seattle's Waterfront park, and  
 334 which shall be used solely for: accessibility to the park for traditionally underserved  
 335 areas and communities, including people with disabilities; support for a clean and safe  
 336 environment; free arts, culture, wellness, and recreation programming to all visitors; and  
 337 development of inclusive community partnerships;

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338 C. Twenty-five million twenty-five thousand dollars for a municipal parks capital  
 339 and open space pass through distribution to towns and cities in King County for their  
 340 town or city parks system operations and capital improvement projects. These moneys  
 341 shall be distributed based on 2025 population and presence of opportunity areas as  
 342 defined in K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1., as follows:

- 343 1. Algona and Pacific – two hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
- 344 2. Enumclaw – five hundred thousand dollars;
- 345 3. Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, and Burien – one million dollars each;
- 346 4. Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Kent – one million nine-hundred fifty  
347 thousand dollars each;
- 348 5. Seattle – two million eight-hundred thousand dollars;
- 349 6. Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Milton,  
350 Carnation, Medina, Clyde Hill, Normandy Park, Black Diamond, North Bend, and Duvall  
351 – one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars each;
- 352 7. Lake Forest Park, Newcastle, Woodinville, and Snoqualmie – two hundred  
353 fifty thousand dollars each;
- 354 8. Covington, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Maple Valley, Bothell, Issaquah,  
355 Shoreline, and Sammamish – five hundred thousand dollars each; and
- 356 9. Redmond, Kirkland, and Bellevue – nine hundred seventy-five thousand  
357 dollars each.

358 D. Up to sixty-eight million dollars for aquatic facilities, limited to the following:

- 359 1. Up to forty-six million dollars for the aquatic facilities grant program; and



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360           2. Up to twenty-two million dollars for the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic  
 361 Center for major maintenance capital projects;

362           E. Up to ten million dollars for the Get Active/Stay Active grant program, to be  
 363 divided evenly among the nine council districts;

364           F. At least thirty million dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the healthy  
 365 communities and parks grant program;

366           G. Up to twelve million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible  
 367 entities for the community partnerships and grants program;

368           H. Up to thirteen million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible  
 369 entities for the ballfield access and preservation grant program;

370           I. The remainder of levy proceeds for the following purposes:

371           1. forty percent of levy proceeds for maintenance and operations of King  
 372 County's open space system;

373           2. fifty percent of levy proceeds for:

374           a. Acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of additional open space,  
 375 including urban greenspaces, natural areas, natural resource lands, and rights of way for  
 376 regional trails;

377           b. Acquisition of rights of way for and development of regional and other  
 378 publicly owned trails; and

379           c. Capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement  
 380 of open space system infrastructure, town and city parks system infrastructure, and  
 381 recreation facilities owned or operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization;

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382           3. Ten percent of levy proceeds for distribution to towns, cities, and parks  
383 districts in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital  
384 improvement projects, of which amount:

385           a. Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and  
386 city, and to each of the following parks districts that predominantly serve unincorporated  
387 King County: Fall City Metropolitan Park District; Si View Metropolitan Park District;  
388 and Vashon Park District;

389           b. An additional fifty-thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each  
390 town and city with a population of over four thousand; and

391           c. Of the remainder of levy proceeds, after the distributions made in  
392 accordance with subsection E.3.a. of this section, sixty percent shall be distributed in  
393 proportion to each town or city's population and forty percent shall be distributed in  
394 proportion to the assessed value of parcels within each town or city;

395           4. Of the levy proceeds distributed to entities other than King County, a portion  
396 shall be retained by the county to be used for expenditures related to administration of the  
397 distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible administrative expenditures shall include all costs  
398 and charges to the parks and recreation division or the county associated with or  
399 attributable to the purposes listed in this section as well as sections 6 and 7 of this  
400 ordinance.

401           **SECTION 5. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,  
402 the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with  
403 the primary election on August 5, 2025, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular  
404 property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director

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405 of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state  
 406 constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the  
 407 said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council  
 408 shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the  
 409 following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for  
 410 the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

411 King County

412 Proposition No. 1

413 Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy

414 The King County council adopted Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ replacing the expiring parks levy.

415 If approved, this proposition supports county, city, park district, and town parks, open  
 416 space, and trails; recreation; public pools; and educational and civic venues. It authorizes  
 417 an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2026 at \$0.2329 per \$1,000 of assessed  
 418 valuation, uses the 2026 levy amount to compute annual increases in 2027-2031 by the  
 419 King County inflation plus population index or chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever  
 420 is greater, and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons under RCW  
 421 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

422 Approved? \_

423 Rejected? \_

424 **SECTION 6. Distributions.** Before distribution of levy proceeds to an entity  
 425 other than King County, the receiving entity and the county shall have fully executed a  
 426 contract setting forth the terms and conditions, including the applicable eligible purpose

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427 or purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, under which the entity is receiving a  
428 distribution of levy proceeds.

429 **SECTION 7. Parks levy oversight board established.**

430 A. If the proposition in section 5 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified  
431 electors of King County, a parks levy oversight board shall be appointed by the  
432 executive. The board shall consist of nine members. By March 31, 2026, each  
433 councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board who resides in the  
434 councilmember's district. If, by March 31, 2026, the executive does not appoint the  
435 person nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the  
436 councilmember should, by June 30, 2026, nominate another candidate for appointment.  
437 Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members may not be elected or appointed  
438 officials of any unit of government, except that individuals serving in a civic capacity on  
439 a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy oversight board.

440 B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on  
441 achieving the purposes of this proposition. On or before December 31, 2027, the board  
442 shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the  
443 regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2026. Thereafter, the  
444 board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and  
445 the regional policy committee annually. Each report shall include an accounting of levy  
446 spending by King County council district and ZIP Code, grouped by purposes described in  
447 section 4.B. through I.2. of this ordinance. Any report to the King County council under  
448 this section shall be electronically filed with the clerk of the council, who will retain an

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449 electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief  
450 of staff, and the chief policy officer. The board expires December 31, 2032.

451       SECTION 8. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by  
452 this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW  
453 84.36.381.

454       SECTION 9. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the  
455 King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the  
456 election on August 5, 2025, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before  
457 the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

458       SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application

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459 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the  
460 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 19914 was introduced on 2/18/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/15/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Quinn, von  
Reichbauer and Zahilay  
No: 2 - Dunn and Perry

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of 4/22/2025, \_\_\_\_.

Signed by:



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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

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