



KING COUNTY

ATTACHMENT 1

Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

February 1, 2016

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2016-0094.1

Sponsors Dembowski, Gossett, Kohl-Welles,
Upthegrove and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the operation and
2 maintenance of the Harborview Medical Center,
3 authorizing the King County executive and the president of
4 the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees to execute
5 a hospital services agreement with the regents of the
6 University of Washington and adopting the mission
7 statement and admission policy for the Harborview
8 Medical Center.

9 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 10 1. The Harborview Medical Center was founded in 1877 as a six-bed
11 county hospital in south Seattle.
- 12 2. The hospital relocated to its current location in 1931.
- 13 3. Currently, the Harborview Medical Center has four hundred thirteen
14 beds, seven primary care clinics and forty-nine other specialty clinics.
- 15 4. In 2014 Harborview Medical Center provided 64,500 emergency visits
16 and 247,350 clinic visits.
- 17 5. The Harborview Medical Center is maintained as a public hospital to
18 provide health care to those groups of patients and programs which are
19 determined to require priority treatment.

20 6. In accordance with RCW 36.62.290, the Harborview Medical Center
21 board of trustees and the King County executive, with the approval of the
22 King County council, entered into the Harborview Medical Center
23 Management and Operations Contract with the board of regents of the
24 University of Washington on December 19, 1995. A mission statement, to
25 guide the provision of healthcare services, was made an exhibit to that
26 agreement.

27 7. The parties have negotiated a new hospital services agreement for the
28 operation and maintenance of the Harborview Medical Center. As part of
29 those negotiations, the parties propose revisions to the mission statement
30 to reflect the changes over the last twenty years in the operation of the
31 Harborview Medical Center, in delivery of hospital services and in the
32 populations of the most vulnerable residents of King County.

33 8. Under K.C.C. 2.42.050.B., proposed changes to the mission statement
34 must be reviewed and approved by the council.

35 9. The parties also propose an admissions policy that reflects the
36 requirements of RCW 36.62.100: within the resources available to the
37 Harborview Medical Center, admission of patients to it shall not be
38 dependent upon their ability to pay.

39 10. Under K.C.C. 2.42.050.E., the admissions policy for the Harborview
40 Medical Center must be reviewed and approved by the council.

41 11. Both the revised mission statement and the admissions policy are
42 exhibits to the new hospital services agreement and incorporated therein.

43 12. The new hospital services agreement will allow for the Harborview
44 Medical Center to stay in public ownership and serve as a public asset for
45 future generations of King County residents.

46 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

47 SECTION 1. The mission statement, found at exhibit 2 to the hospital services
48 agreement, which is Attachment A to this ordinance, is approved.

49 SECTION 2. The admissions policy, found at exhibit 6 to the hospital services
50 agreement, which is Attachment A to this ordinance, is approved.

51 SECTION 3. The county executive and the president of the Harborview Medical
52 Center board of trustees are authorized to execute the hospital services agreement for

53 Harborview Medical Center substantially in the same form as Attachment A to this
54 ordinance.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Hospital Services Agreement