



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 18972

Proposed No. 2019-0354.1

Sponsors Balducci, Kohl-Welles and
Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to declaring the intent of the
2 metropolitan King County council to adopt legislation to
3 authorize a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive
4 housing in accordance with Chapter 338, Laws of
5 Washington 2019, and other matters related thereto; and
6 declaring an emergency.

7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Findings:

9 A. In the 2019 Regular Session, the Washington state Legislature approved, and
10 the Governor signed, Substitute House Bill 1406, which became Chapter 338, Laws of
11 Washington 2019 ("the Act").

12 B. The Act authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local
13 sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing,
14 which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure or
15 facilities providing supportive housing services under RCW 71.24.385, and for the
16 operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable or supportive housing ("the
17 tax").

18 C. The tax will be credited against state sales taxes collected within King County
19 and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use taxes within King County and will

20 represent an additional source of funding to address affordable housing needs in King
21 County.

22 D. The metropolitan King County council has determined that imposing the sales
23 and use tax to address this affordable housing need will benefit the county's citizens.

24 E. In order for a city or county to impose the tax by January 28, 2020, which is
25 six months after the Act's effective date, the governing body must adopt a resolution of
26 intent to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax, and by July 28, 2020, which is
27 twelve months after the Act's effective date, must adopt legislation to authorize the
28 maximum capacity of the tax.

29 F. This ordinance constitutes the resolution of intent required by the Act.

30 G. The additional funding from the state under the Act would provide a vital
31 revenue source to address the critical affordable housing need in King County. In order
32 to maximize the amount of tax proceeds distributed to the county under the Act , the
33 county must adopt the legislation required under the Act timely and in sequence. Under
34 the Act, the county must adopt its resolution of intent before it may adopt an ordinance to
35 authorize, fix and impose the tax. Failure to adopt this resolution of intent would prohibit
36 the county from fixing and imposing the tax authorized under the Act. Additionally, if
37 the county fails to adopt the follow-on ordinance to fix and impose the taxes authorized
38 under the Act timely, the county's share of this state funding source may be reduced.
39 This ordinance, as the resolution of intent, must therefore take effect immediately in
40 order that the county may then consider legislation to authorize, fix and impose the tax
41 authorized by the Act. Therefore, this ordinance, as the resolution of intent, is necessary
42 to support county government's response to the critical affordable housing need in the

43 county. Providing funding to address this critical need will contribute to the public health
44 and safety of the county's residents.

45 SECTION 2. The county hereby provides its resolution of intent to adopt
46 legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the sales and use tax authorized by
47 Chapter 338, Laws of Washington 2019, by July 28, 2020.

48 SECTION 3. **Emergency.** The county council finds as a fact and declares that an
49 emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of

50 public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing
51 public institutions.
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Ordinance 18972 was introduced on 8/21/2019 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/28/2019, 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

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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None