



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

December 15, 2015

Ordinance 18203

Proposed No. 2015-0497.2

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE creating the best starts for kids fund;
2 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

3 PREAMBLE:

4 At a special election held in King County on November 3, 2015, the
5 qualified electors of King County approved a proposition authorizing a
6 property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter
7 84.55 RCW for a consecutive six-year period at a first year rate of not
8 more than 14 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and
9 limiting annual levy increases to three percent in the five succeeding
10 years, all for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention
11 strategies to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their
12 communities. Collection of this additional tax will commence in 2016.

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

14 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200
15 a new section to read as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created the best starts for kids fund.

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

18 C. The director of the department of community and human services shall be the
19 manager of the fund.

20 D.1. The fund shall account for the proceeds of the property tax levy approved by
21 the voters of King County, in accordance with Ordinance 18088 on November 3, 2015, in
22 excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW. The six-year levy
23 commencing in 2016, has been approved by the voters for the express purpose of paying
24 costs as outlined in Ordinance 18088, Section 5.

25 2. Out of the first year's levy proceeds:

26 a. nineteen million dollars shall be used to plan, provide and administer
27 a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative; and

28 b. such sums as are necessary to provide for the costs and charges incurred by
29 the county that are attributable to the election.

30 3. The remaining levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide and administer the
31 provision of a wide range of strategies to:

32 a. improve health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as
33 the families and the communities in which they live, including, but not limited to, by
34 ensuring adequate services and supports for pregnant women and newborns; access to
35 safe and healthy food; support for hospitals and other mental health providers in King
36 County to provide children and youth with access to mental health services; and
37 developmental screening for children and youth;

38 b. prevent and intervene early on negative outcomes, including, but not limited
39 to, chronic disease, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence and
40 incarceration;

41 c. reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county; and

42 d. strengthen, improve, better coordinate, integrate and encourage innovation
43 in health and human services systems and the agencies, organizations and groups
44 addressing the needs of children and youth, their families and their communities.

45 4. Of the eligible expenditures described in subsection D.3. of this section:

46 a. fifty percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies focused
47 on children and youth under five years old and their caregivers, pregnant women and for
48 individuals or families concerning pregnancy. Of these moneys, not less than forty-two
49 million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be used to provide health services, such as
50 maternity support services and nurse family partnership home visiting program services;

51 b. thirty-five percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies
52 focused on children and youth ages five through twenty-four years old;

53 c. ten percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer communities of
54 opportunity; and

55 d. five percent shall be used to plan, fund and administer the following:

56 (1) evaluation and data collection activities;

57 (2) activities designed to improve the delivery of services and programs for
58 children and youth and their communities;

59 (3) services identified in subsection D.3. of this section provided by
60 metropolitan park districts in King County. Of these moneys identified in this subsection
61 D.4.d.(3), an amount equal to the lost revenues to the metropolitan park districts resulting
62 from prorationing as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, up to one million dollars, shall be
63 provided to those metropolitan park districts if authorized by the county council by
64 ordinance; and

65 (4) services identified in subsection D.3. of this section provided by fire
66 districts, in an amount equal to the lost revenues to the fire districts in King County
67 resulting from prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, for those services, to the
68 extent the prorationing was caused solely by the levy and if authorized by the county
69 council by ordinance.

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Ordinance 18203 was introduced on 11/16/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Ms. Lambert

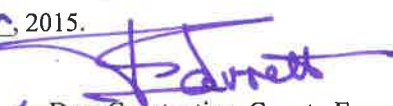
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2015.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None
