



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2024-0257.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1           AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute the  
2           amended and restated interlocal agreement for the  
3           establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness  
4           Authority, a joint or cooperative undertaking with the city  
5           of Seattle and with such public agencies as are eligible  
6           under the terms of the interlocal agreement and applicable  
7           law.

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9           STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 10           1. The federal and state government, King County, and jurisdictions  
11           across the county, including the city of Seattle, currently fund programs to  
12           provide services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness,  
13           but homelessness and housing insecurity remain chronic and serious  
14           problems.
- 15           2. King County and the city of Seattle signed a memorandum of  
16           understanding on May 3, 2018, proposing a partnership to more  
17           effectively and consistently coordinate their provision of such services.
- 18           3. Cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation  
19           agreements in accordance with chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal  
20           Cooperation Act, to jointly provide services.

21           4. King County and the city of Seattle determined that a joint and  
22           cooperative undertaking to coordinate services within an equitable  
23           operational framework centering on people with lived experience of  
24           homelessness will enable and facilitate joint planning, program funding  
25           and establishing of standards for and accountability of programs, thereby  
26           improving the delivery of services and enhancing outcomes for those  
27           receiving such services.

28           5. People of color have been, and continue to be, overrepresented among  
29           those who struggle with homelessness and housing instability and, in order  
30           to successfully address homelessness, the city of Seattle and King County  
31           seek to address the racial disparities among those experiencing it.

32           6. On December 17, 2019, King County enacted Ordinance 19039  
33           authorizing the executive to execute an interlocal agreement for the  
34           establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority ("the  
35           authority").

36           7. On December 18, 2019, the city of Seattle enacted Ordinance 126021,  
37           authorizing the mayor of the city of Seattle to execute an interlocal  
38           agreement for the establishment of the authority.

39           8. The city of Seattle and King County entered into an interlocal  
40           agreement for the establishment of the King County Regional  
41           Homelessness Authority, effective December 18, 2019.

42           9. The authority serves a key role in rendering homelessness in King  
43           County rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

44           10. With the original interlocal agreement having been in effect for nearly  
45           five years, the city of Seattle and King County have determined that  
46           changes are desired, including streamlining the governance structure to  
47           improve oversight and accountability, and making other changes to clarify  
48           roles, responsibilities, and processes, with the overall goal of facilitating  
49           the effective delivery and coordination of services for individuals  
50           experiencing homelessness.

51           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

52           SECTION 1. The executive is authorized to execute the amended and restated  
53           interlocal agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, for the  
54           establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, a joint or  
55           cooperative undertaking with the city of Seattle and with other such public agencies that  
56           are eligible under the terms of the interlocal agreement and applicable law.

57           SECTION 2. All county officials, and their agents and representatives, are hereby  
58           authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable to carry out the

59 terms of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, this ordinance. All acts taken  
60 under the authority of this ordinance but before its effective date are hereby ratified.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Between King County and the City of Seattle Pursuant to RCW 39.34.030