

# Proposed Motion 2025-0077 – Amendment Tracker

*Regional Policy Committee – April 3, 2025*

#	1 <sup>st</sup> Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
<b>0.5</b>	Pg. 3, Line 53	Backus	The amendment would request the executive in appropriation ordinances in 2026 through 2028, that a statement of fact be included that each capital projects for which an appropriation is proposed that the capital project is viable, eligible, legal, and scheduled to begin construction or acquisition in the levy period, concurrent with appropriations being proposed. In 2029, the executive would be requested to propose reallocation of funding for projects that do not meet these criteria.
<b>1</b>	Pg. 3, Line 65	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove references to the Parks Capital and Open Space grant program.</li> <li>In Attachment A, change "Parks Capital and Open Space Grant Program" to "Municipal Parks Capital and Open Space Passthrough"</li> <li>In Attachment B, remove guidelines for Parks Capital and Open Space Grants</li> </ul> <p>An amendment would be needed to the Proposed Ordinance to effectuate this change.</p>
<b>2</b>	Pg. 6, Line 103	Backus	Request the Executive to produce a report on equity in the geographic distribution of parks levy funding, and make recommendations on equity in distributions for future levies.
<b>2.5</b>	Attachment A Page 1	Backus	<p>The amendment would remove \$23.5 million in levy spending by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants from \$30 million to \$20 million.</li> <li>Reducing King County Open Space Acquisition from \$96 million to \$90 million.</li> <li>Reducing Dog Parks from \$2.5 million to \$2 million.</li> <li>Reducing General Infrastructure from \$20 million to \$18 million.</li> <li>Reducing Regional Trail Rehabilitation from \$55 million to \$50 million.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	Attachment A Page 2– Footnote 10	Quinn	In Attachment A, remove \$3 million allocation for Des Moines Steven J Underwood field; instead allocate \$3 million for park renovations in the City of Des Moines.

April 2, 2025

Shovel-readiness and  
Reallocation

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0077.2

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2025-0077, VERSION 2**

2 On page 3, on line 53, after "3." insert "a."

3 On page 3, after line 59, insert:

4 "b. For the report to be filed by September 30, 2029, the council requests that  
5 the report also includes:

6 (1) the executive's review of all capital projects listed in Attachment A to this  
7 motion; and

8 (2) the executive's reallocation recommendations of funding from all capital  
9 projects that are not viable, eligible, or legal, or are not scheduled to begin construction or  
10 begin acquisition within the six-year period of the levy, to capital projects that are viable,  
11 eligible, legal, and scheduled to begin construction or begin acquisition before December  
12 31, 2031. The recommendations should be incorporated into the executive's proposed  
13 appropriations ordinance.

14 4. In 2026 through 2028, the executive should include in each proposed  
15 ordinance appropriating parks levy funding for a capital project listed in Attachment A to  
16 this motion, a statement of fact that the executive finds for each capital project proposed  
17 for appropriation in the proposed ordinance, the capital project is viable, eligible, legal,

18 and scheduled to begin construction or begin acquisition within the six-year period of the  
19 levy."

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21 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references  
22 accordingly.

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24 **EFFECT by J. Tracy:** *The amendment would request the executive in appropriation*  
25 *ordinances in 2026 through 2028, that a statement of fact be included that each capital*  
26 *projects for which an appropriation is proposed that the capital project is viable,*  
27 *eligible, legal, and scheduled to begin construction or acquisition in the levy period,*  
28 *concurrent with appropriations being proposed. In 2029, the executive would be*  
29 *requested to propose reallocation of funding for projects that do not meet these criteria.*

April 2, 2025

PCOS Grants to Passthrough

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0077.2

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2025-0077, VERSION 2**

2 On page 3, on line 65, after "that the" strike "parks capital and open space grant  
3 program,"

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5 In Attachment A, on page 1, strike the line beginning with "Parks Capital and Open  
6 Space Grants<sup>17</sup>" and insert:

7                   Municipal Parks Capital and Open Space Passthrough |                   \$25,000,000 |

8 In Attachment B, on page 1, beginning on the line beginning with "**1. Parks Capital and**  
9 **Open Space Grant Program Guidelines**" strike the remainder of page 1, through  
10 "primary use allows public recreation and access."

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12 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references  
13 accordingly.

14 **EFFECT by J. Tracy: The amendment would:**

15 ***Remove references to the Parks Capital and Open Space grant program.***

16 ***In Attachment A, change "Parks Capital and Open Space Grant Program" to***

17 ***"Municipal Parks Capital and Open Space Passthrough"***

18 ***In Attachment B:***

- 19           -    *Remove guidelines for Parks Capital and Open Space Grants*
- 20    *An amendment would be needed to the Proposed Ordinance to effectuate this change.*

April 2, 2025  
Equity Study

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0077.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2025-0077, VERSION 2**

On page 6, after line 103, insert:

"L.1. The executive should, in consultation with the Sound Cities Association, undertake a study relating to equity in distribution of parks levy funding. The study should include, but not be limited to:

a. the geographical distribution of parks levy funding for the current and all previous parks levies;

b. how the geographic distribution of funding has or has not correlated to the geographic distribution of equity and social justice priority populations such as: low income households; Black, indigenous, and people of color communities; people with limited English proficiency; people living in areas with high instances of negative health outcomes such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease; and lack of access to open space and recreation facilities; and

c. strategies that the current and previous parks levies have used to address equity and social justice in their funding allocations, and the success of these strategies; and

d. recommendations on a strategic approach for the equitable distribution of levy proceeds in any future parks levies.

19           2. The executive should submit a report with this information no later than  
20   December 1, 2029. The report should be electronically filed with the clerk of the council,  
21   who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers,  
22   all regional policy committee members, the council chief of staff, and the chief policy  
23   officer."

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25   **EFFECT by J. Tracy: *The amendment would request the Executive to produce a***  
26   ***report on equity in the distribution of parks levy funding, and make recommendations***  
27   ***on equity in distributions for future levies.***

April 2, 2025  
Levy Motion Allocation  
Changes

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0077.2

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2025-0077, VERSION 2**

2 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**Grants and Community**  
3 **Partnerships**" strike "\$144,000,000" and insert "\$134,000,000"

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5 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "Healthy Communities" strike  
6 "\$30,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000"

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8 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**Climate Resilience,**  
9 **Conservation and Stewardship**" strike "\$181,000,000" and insert "\$175,000,000"

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11 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "King County Open Space" strike  
12 "\$96,000,000" and insert "\$90,000,000"

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14 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**New Park Development and**  
15 **Improvements**<sup>11</sup>" strike "\$46,000,000" and insert "\$45,500,000"

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17 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "*Dog Parks*" strike "\$2,500,000"  
18 and insert "\$2,000,000"



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20 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**Active Recreation Repair and**

21 **Renovation**" strike "\$159,000,000" and insert "\$152,000,000"

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23 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "*General Infrastructure*" strike

24 "\$20,000,000" and insert "\$18,000,000"

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26 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**Regional Trails**

27 **Rehabilitation**" strike "\$55,000,000" and insert "\$50,000,000"

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29 In Attachment A, on page 1, on the line beginning with "**Total**<sup>24</sup>" strike "\$1,460,700,000"

30 and insert "\$1,437,200,000"

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32 The clerk is directed to calculate the effect of all amendments passed by the committee in

33 the totals for each allocation and the grand total in Attachment A, Parks Levy Renewal

34 Allocation Plan, dated March 26, 2025

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36 **EFFECT by J. Tracy: The amendment would remove \$23.5 million in levy spending**

37 **by:**

38 • ***Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants from \$30 million to \$20***  
39 ***million.***

40 • ***Reducing King County Open Space Acquisition from \$96 million to \$90***  
41 ***million.***

- 42      •    *Reducing Dog Parks from \$2.5 million to \$2 million.*
- 43      •    *Reducing General Infrastructure from \$20 million to \$18 million.*
- 44      •    *Reducing Regional Trail Rehabilitation from \$55 million to \$50 million.*

April 1, 2025

Des Moines Park Renovation

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Quinn

Proposed No.: 2025-0077

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2025-0077, VERSION 2**

2 In Attachment A, on page 2, in footnote 10, after "Mill Park." insert:

3 "This amount also includes \$3 million for park renovations in the City of Des Moines."

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5 In Attachment A, on page 3, in footnote 20, strike everything in the footnote after

6 "Campus."

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8 **EFFECT prepared by J. Tracy: Remove \$3 million allocation for Des Moines Steven**

9 **J Underwood field; instead allocate \$3 million for park renovations in the City of Des**

10 **Moines.**

# Proposed Ordinance 2025-0070 – Amendment Tracker

*Regional Policy Committee – April 3, 2025*

#	1 <sup>st</sup> Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
0.5	Page 13, Line 288	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would remove the Parks Capital and Open Space grants program (\$25 million).</li> <li>• Would allocate funding based on population and whether the city contains opportunity areas based on K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1.</li> <li>• There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.</li> </ul>
0.7	Page 14, 303	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would reduce the levy rate by 0.38 cents (\$0.0038) to 23.13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to reflect a total reduction of \$23.5 million in levy allocations, from the following funding categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants by \$10 million (from \$30 million to \$20 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing King County Open Space Acquisitions by \$6 million (from \$96 million to \$90 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing Dog Parks by \$500,000 (from \$2.5 million to \$2 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing General Infrastructure by \$2 million (from \$20 million to \$18 million)</li> <li>○ Reducing Regional Trails Rehabilitation by \$5 million (from \$55 million to \$50 million)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.</li> <li>• Title amendment needed.</li> </ul>
1	Page 15, Line 331	Dembowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical correction to insert a word that was inadvertently omitted from the proposed ordinance.</li> </ul>

#	1 <sup>st</sup> Page & Line #	Sponsor	Amendment Description
1.5	Page 17, Line 371	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amendment would change the city passthrough formula to \$75,000 annually to each City, Town, or Park District, plus \$50,000 annually for each City or Town with a population of over 4,000, and then the remainder based 60% on population and 40% on assessed value.</li> </ul>
2	Page 20, Line 435	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require annual reporting on spending by zip code, in addition to by County Council District, by purpose detailed in the levy ordinance.</li> </ul>
T1	Page 1, Line 1	Backus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conforms the title to line amendment 0.7.</li> </ul>

April 2, 2025

0.5

Parks Levy Ordinance  
PCOS Grant to Direct City  
Allocation and Formula

[S.Hsu]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

- 1 On page 13, strike lines 288 through 291
- 2 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any internal references
- 3 accordingly.
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- 5 On page 16, beginning on line 342, after "C. " strike "Up to twenty-five million dollars to
- 6 eligible entities for the parks capital and open space grants program" and insert "Twenty-
- 7 five million dollars for a municipal parks capital and open space pass through distribution
- 8 to towns and cities in King County for their town or city parks system operations and
- 9 capital improvement projects. These moneys shall be distributed based on 2025
- 10 population and presence of opportunity areas as defined in K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1., as
- 11 follows:
- 12       1. Algona and Pacific – two hundred thousand dollars each;
- 13       2. Enumclaw – four hundred thousand dollars;
- 14       3. Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, and Burien – eight hundred thousand dollars
- 15 each;
- 16       4. Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Kent – one million six-hundred thousand
- 17 dollars each;

- 18           5. Seattle – two million dollars;
- 19           6. Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Milton,
- 20   Carnation, Medina, and Clyde Hill – one hundred sixty thousand dollars each;
- 21           7. Lake Forest Park, Newcastle, Woodinville, and Snoqualmie – three hundred
- 22   twenty thousand dollars each;
- 23           8. Covington, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Maple Valley, Bothell, Issaquah,
- 24   Shoreline, and Sammamish – six hundred forty thousand dollars each; and
- 25           9. Redmond, Kirkland, and Bellevue – one million two hundred eighty thousand
- 26   dollars each.

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28   **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu:**

- 29       •   *Would remove the Parks Capital and Open Space grants program (\$25 million).*
- 30       •   *Would allocate funding based on population and whether the city contains*
- 31       *opportunity areas based on K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1.*
- 32       •   *There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.*

April 2, 2025

0.7

Parks Levy Ordinance  
Allocations

[S. Hsu] Sponsor: Backus  
Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

1 On page 14, on line 303, after "exceed" strike "\$0.2351" insert "\$0.2313"

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3 On page 16, on line 350, after "At least" strike "thirty" and insert "twenty"

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5 On page 19, on line 406, after "2026 at" strike "\$0.2351" insert "\$0.2313"

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7 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu:**

8 • *Would reduce the levy rate by 0.38 cents (\$0.0038) to 23.13 cents per \$1,000 of*  
9 *assessed value to reflect a total reduction of \$23.5 million in levy allocations,*  
10 *from the following funding categories:*

- 11 ○ *Reducing Healthy Communities and Parks Grants by \$10 million (from*  
12 *\$30 million to \$20 million)*
- 13 ○ *Reducing King County Open Space Acquisitions by \$6 million (from \$96*  
14 *million to \$90 million)*
- 15 ○ *Reducing Dog Parks by \$500,000 (from \$2.5 million to \$2 million)*
- 16 ○ *Reducing General Infrastructure by \$2 million (from \$20 million to \$18*  
17 *million)*



- 18                   ○ *Reducing Regional Trails Rehabilitation by \$5 million (from \$55 million*
- 19                   *to \$50 million)*
- 20               • *There is a corresponding amendment to the levy motion.*
- 21               • *Title amendment needed.*

# 1

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

4 **EFFECT** prepared by *B. Paribello*: *Would make a technical correction to insert a*  
5 *word that was inadvertently omitted from the ordinance text.*

April 2, 2025

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Parks Levy Ordinance  
Passthrough Formula

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

**AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

On page 17, beginning on line 371, strike lines 371 through 383 and insert:

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

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

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

***EFFECT prepared by J. Tracy: The amendment would change the city passthrough formula to \$75,000 annually to each City, Town, or Park District, plus \$50,000 annually for each City or Town with a population of over 4,000, and then the remainder based 60% on population and 40% on assessed value.***

April 2, 2025

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Parks Levy Ordinance  
Zip Code Reporting

[J. Tracy]

Sponsor: Backus

Proposed No.: 2025-0070.2

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

2 On page 20, on line 435, after "district" insert "and ZIP Code, grouped by purposes  
3 described in section 4.B. through I.2. of this ordinance"

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5 **EFFECT prepared by *J. Tracy: The amendment would require annual reporting on***  
6 ***spending by zip code, in addition to by County Council District, by purpose detailed in***  
7 ***the levy ordinance.***

March 31, 2025  
PL Ordinance Title  
Amendment Levy Allocations

[S.Hsu]	Sponsor:	<u>Backus</u>
	Proposed No.:	<u>2025-0070.2</u>

1    **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-0070, VERSION 2**

2    On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike lines 1 through 28, and insert:

3                    "AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the  
4                    qualified electors of King County at a special election to be  
5                    held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition  
6                    authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy  
7                    limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of  
8                    six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than  
9                    \$0.2313 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in  
10                   the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King  
11                   County inflation plus population index published by the  
12                   King County office of economic and financial analysis, or  
13                   the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in  
14                   years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and  
15                   operating King County's open space system; improving  
16                   parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by  
17                   acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support  
18                   parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving

19 parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan  
20 parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding  
21 environmental education, maintenance and conservation  
22 programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding  
23 environmental education, maintenance and conservation  
24 programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development,  
25 maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront  
26 park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and  
27 education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital  
28 project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital  
29 improvements at public pools, for all King County  
30 residents."  
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32 **EFFECT prepared by *S.Hsu: Conforms the title to line amendment 0.7.***