

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR ALLOCATION OF
PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEATTLE

AND

KINGCOUNTY

(2014 – 2019)

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into pursuant to the "Interlocal Cooperation Act," codified as Ch. 39.34 RCW, by and between The City of Seattle ("The City") and King County ("The County"); WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to place before the qualified electors of King County a ballot proposition authorizing the County to levy additional regular property taxes County-wide in amounts up to 33.5 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years on all taxable property within King County for the support of emergency medical services ("EMS") pursuant to the powers granted to it in RCW 84.52.069; and

WHEREAS, the City operates and funds an emergency medical services program which is independent from, but coordinated with the County's program; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenues to be collected pursuant to the County-wide EMS levy will be attributable to taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to reimburse and transfer to the City for the support of its emergency medical services program all revenues to be collected pursuant to the County-wide EMS levy from the taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the reimbursement and transfer agreement set forth below will not affect the County's ability to provide emergency medical service throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides that no County-wide EMS levy proposal may be placed on the ballot without approval of the legislative authority of the City;

Now, Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall submit to the qualified electors of King County at a general election to be held on November 5, 2013, a proposition authorizing the County to levy additional regular property taxes each year for exactly six consecutive years beginning in 2013 for collection beginning in 2014 on taxable property within the County in amounts up to thirty-three and five-tenths(33.5) cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 for expenses incurred in the provision of emergency medical services.
2. This Agreement shall commence upon its signing by both parties. This Agreement shall terminate on the later of December 31, 2019, or when all property taxes levied by King County under this Agreement have been collected and the proper share transferred to the City.
3. Upon approval by the qualified electors of King County of the authority for additional regular property tax levies as set forth in RCW 84.52.069 and paragraph 1 of this Agreement, the County shall transfer to the City each year an amount equal to all revenues collected pursuant to the County-wide EMS levy from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City.

The total amount transferred shall not be less than the smaller of the following:

- a) All revenues that could be collected under a County-wide EMS levy from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City at a levy rate of thirty three and five tenths (33.5) cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, accounting for historical rates of under collection; or
- b) The amount identified for the corresponding tax collection year as "Seattle EMS Levy with Undercollection" set forth in the "Revised Strategic Plan Financial Plan, Dated April 2013" attached as Exhibit 1 as adopted by the County Council in Ordinance 17578; or
- c) All revenues that could be collected under a County-wide EMS levy from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the City at the highest levy rate that the county is allowed to impose under state law, accounting for historical rates of undercollection.

In any year in which the County has imposed the highest levy allowed under state law, but the distribution of assessed value growth would result in a net transfer of money from the rest of King County to Seattle under "b" above, then Seattle agrees to receive its transfer under "c" above.

4. Transfer of the revenues set forth in Paragraph 3 above shall be administered by the King County Finance and Business Operations Division of the Department of Executive Services in the manner and at such times as the County transfers revenues

produced pursuant to levies listed in or authorized by RCW 84.52.043, provided if the amount to be transferred requires a payment in excess of the actual EMS levy revenues collected within the legal boundaries of the City, the additional transfer amount shall be distributed in the same manner as King County distributes taxes for an annexation.

5. All revenues received pursuant to the County-wide EMS levy and this Agreement shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services as specified in RCW 84.52.069(5) and shall be deposited into a special revenue account established by the City for that purpose.

6. In return for the County's agreement to impose taxes and transfer tax proceeds as set forth in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the City gives its approval by ordinance for the submission to the qualified electors of King County of the County-wide multi-year additional property tax levy proposition for emergency medical services described in Section 1 above.

7. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit the City from levying an annual tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.052 or a levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 to fund emergency medical services.

8. The parties hereto expressly reserve for themselves the right to amend this Agreement. No amendment hereto will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

KING COUNTY

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Acting under authority of

Acting under authority of

Ordinance _____

Ordinance _____

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

Prosecuting Attorney

City Attorney

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Revised Strategic Financial Plan, Dated April 2013


Exhibit 1 Revised Strategic Plan financial plan, dated April 2013
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY OVERVIEW - 65% CI Programmatic (with Buy-Down)
This April 2013 revised financial plan is not consistent with the October 2012 tables elsewhere in the Strategic Plan

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019 Total
Countywide Assessed Value***	\$324,803,176,035	\$340,210,411,137	\$351,384,766,374	\$362,686,731,933	\$377,936,087,873	\$392,704,813,741	
Levy Rate (cents per \$1,000 valuation)	0.33500	0.32659	0.32193	0.31766	0.31035	0.30417	
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REVENUES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019 Total
Countywide EMS Levy	\$108,809,064	\$111,110,529	\$113,121,076	\$115,179,591	\$117,293,258	\$119,448,708	
Levy collection rate	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	
Projected Countywide Undercollection	(\$1,088,091)	(\$1,111,105)	(\$1,131,211)	(\$1,151,796)	(\$1,172,933)	(\$1,194,487)	
Countywide EMS Levy with Undercollection	\$107,720,973	\$109,999,424	\$111,989,865	\$114,027,795	\$116,120,326	\$118,254,221	
Projected Seattle Assessed Valuation	\$122,318,653,178	\$128,601,161,687	\$132,825,117,603	\$136,920,166,407	\$142,238,740,806	\$147,336,527,437	
Proportion to Total County Assessed Valuation	37.66%	37.80%	37.80%	37.76%	37.64%	37.52%	
Seattle EMS Levy	\$40,976,749	\$42,000,311	\$42,760,307	\$43,494,169	\$44,144,092	\$44,815,233	
Seattle Levy collection rate	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	
Projected Seattle Undercollection	(\$409,767)	(\$420,003)	(\$427,603)	(\$434,942)	(\$441,441)	(\$448,152)	
Seattle EMS Levy with Undercollection	\$40,566,981	\$41,580,308	\$42,332,704	\$43,059,228	\$43,702,651	\$44,367,081	\$255,608,953
Projected Net County Portion EMS Levy (Less Seattle)	\$67,153,992	\$68,419,116	\$69,657,161	\$70,968,567	\$72,417,675	\$73,887,140	\$422,503,650
Projected King County Other Revenue	\$510,730	\$537,702	\$793,702	\$997,702	\$1,111,702	\$1,102,702	\$5,054,240
King County Revenue	\$67,664,722	\$68,956,818	\$70,450,863	\$71,966,269	\$73,529,377	\$74,989,842	\$427,557,890
TOTAL REVENUE	\$108,231,703	\$110,537,128	\$112,783,567	\$115,025,497	\$117,232,028	\$119,356,923	\$683,166,844
EXPENDITURES							
Advanced Life Support Services – Seattle	(\$18,579,568)	(\$19,198,767)	(\$19,844,720)	(\$20,532,981)	(\$21,244,839)	(\$21,989,233)	(\$121,390,108)
Advanced Life Support Services – King County	(\$40,913,876)	(\$42,462,329)	(\$44,076,832)	(\$45,794,986)	(\$47,596,387)	(\$49,494,128)	(\$270,339,535)
Total Advanced Life Support Services	(\$59,493,444)	(\$61,661,093)	(\$63,921,552)	(\$66,327,967)	(\$68,841,226)	(\$71,483,361)	(\$391,728,643)
Basic Life Support Services – Seattle	(\$20,607,861)	(\$20,582,195)	(\$20,422,089)	(\$20,233,305)	(\$20,041,324)	(\$19,946,686)	(\$121,833,460)
Basic Life Support Services – King County	(\$15,801,074)	(\$16,335,150)	(\$16,880,744)	(\$17,453,001)	(\$18,055,130)	(\$18,685,254)	(\$103,210,353)
Total Basic Life Support Services	(\$36,408,935)	(\$36,917,345)	(\$37,302,833)	(\$37,686,306)	(\$38,096,454)	(\$38,631,940)	(\$225,043,813)
Regional Services****	(\$8,448,551)	(\$8,682,422)	(\$9,122,414)	(\$9,276,579)	(\$9,596,621)	(\$9,931,543)	(\$55,058,130)
Strategic Initiatives	(\$529,690)	(\$841,781)	(\$1,007,823)	(\$1,196,833)	(\$1,233,496)	(\$1,264,590)	(\$6,074,213)
Regional CMT Units		(\$363,546)	(\$704,299)	(\$679,502)	(\$1,104,770)	(\$1,091,217)	(\$3,943,334)
KC Audit (Compliance, Programmatic/Performance)		(\$160,000)		(\$160,000)			(\$320,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$104,880,620)	(\$108,626,187)	(\$112,058,921)	(\$115,327,187)	(\$118,872,567)	(\$122,402,651)	(\$682,168,133)
DIFFERENCE	\$3,351,083	\$1,910,939	\$724,646	(\$301,690)	(\$1,640,539)	(\$3,045,728)	\$988,711
RESERVES*							
KC ALS Reserves	(\$4,048,500)	(\$4,048,500)	(\$4,048,500)	(\$4,048,500)	(\$4,966,500)	(\$6,339,500)	(\$6,339,500)
KC CMT Reserves			(\$388,424)	(\$739,897)	(\$1,519,484)	(\$1,519,484)	(\$1,519,484)
KC Assessed Valuation Reserve*****	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)	(\$1,545,305)
KC Required Fund Balance/Reserves*	(\$4,051,338)	(\$4,149,104)	(\$4,250,815)	(\$4,352,114)	(\$4,451,498)	(\$4,539,327)	(\$4,539,327)
TOTAL RESERVES	(\$9,645,143)	(\$9,742,909)	(\$10,233,044)	(\$10,685,816)	(\$12,482,787)	(\$13,943,616)	(\$13,943,616)

* Seattle Medic One programs are backed by the city General Fund, which provides reserve coverage.

(\$696,111,749)

** Fund Balance Requirement change to reserve in new King County Financial Policies

*** Assessed Valuation will change prior to 2014 collection. This version reflects the March 2013 projections.

**** New studies = \$50,000 added in 2014 for new initiatives & \$150,000 is added in 2016 for optimal provider study

***** AV Reserve is to account for anticipated carryover of additional fund balance