



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**May 14, 2013**

**Motion 13895**

**Proposed No. 2013-0236.2**

**Sponsors McDermott and Hague**

1           A MOTION directing the office of performance, strategy  
2           and budget to work cooperatively with fire protection  
3           districts in King County to ensure that King County  
4           property taxes do not impair fire protection district tax  
5           revenues through prorationing.

6           WHEREAS, fire protection districts in King County provide vital services to  
7           protect lives and property in our region, and

8           WHEREAS, certain fire protection districts in King County have expressed the  
9           concern that property taxes levied by King County could cause the levies of one or more  
10          fire districts to be prorated, and

11          WHEREAS, state law provides governments with a number of tools to ensure that  
12          one jurisdiction's levies do not impact the revenues of other jurisdictions, and

13          WHEREAS, RCW 36.32.470 authorizes counties to provide financial assistance  
14          to jurisdictions within the county for the purpose of implementing the fire protection,  
15          ambulance, medical or other emergency services, and

16          WHEREAS, under RCW 36.32.470, counties may enter into agreements to  
17          compensate fire districts impacted by prorationing, and

18 WHEREAS, King County wants to ensure that property tax levies do not impact  
19 fire district revenues so that fire districts in King County are able to continue to fully  
20 provide their vital services to our residents and businesses to protect life and property;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

22 The office of performance, strategy and budget is hereby directed to work  
23 cooperatively with King County fire protection districts to ensure that King County  
24 property tax levies for county property taxes levied in 2013 through 2019 for collection in  
25 2014 through 2020, do not by themselves negatively impact fire district tax revenues  
26 through levy prorationing. The office of performance, strategy and budget is hereby  
27 authorized to negotiate agreements, that shall be subject to approval by ordinance, with  
28 any King County fire district for payment from county general tax revenues of an amount  
29 equal to the amount by which any fire district's annual levy is prorated under RCW

30 84.52.010. The payments shall not be based on any pro-rationing caused by an increase  
31 in rates by taxing districts other than the county, or by a fire district itself.  
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Motion 13895 was introduced on 5/6/2013 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/13/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski  
No: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None