



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19950

Proposed No. 2025-0119.2

Sponsors Dunn, Dembowski, Quinn and
Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the funding and provision of
2 Medic One emergency medical services; providing for the
3 submission to the qualified electors of King County, at
4 special election on November 4, 2025, of a proposition to
5 fund the countywide Medic One emergency medical
6 services by authorizing the continuation of a regular
7 property tax levy for a consecutive six year period, for
8 collection beginning in 2026, at a rate of \$0.25 or less per
9 \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide for Medic One
10 emergency medical services.

11 PREAMBLE:

12 The Medic One Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") system of King
13 County, publicly known as Medic One, is an integrated publicly funded
14 partnership between the county, cities, fire districts, regional fire
15 authorities, hospitals, and the University of Washington.

16 Medic One/EMS is a tiered response system that is based on the regional
17 medical model and collaborative partnerships. The services that EMS
18 personnel provide are derived from the highest standards of medical
19 training, practices and care, scientific evidence, and close supervision by

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20 physicians experienced in EMS care. It includes basic life support by city,
21 fire district, and regional fire authority emergency medical technicians,
22 advanced life support by University of Washington/Harborview Medical
23 Center trained paramedics, and regional support programs that provide
24 resident and EMS personnel training, regional medical control, and quality
25 improvement.

26 The Medic One/EMS system of King County is recognized as one of the
27 best emergency medical services programs in the country. It saves
28 thousands of lives every year, providing life-saving services on average
29 every two minutes. Compared to other communities, cardiac arrest
30 victims are two to three times more likely to survive in King County. In
31 2023, King County achieved a fifty-one-percent survival rate for cardiac
32 arrest, which is among the highest reported rate in the nation.

33 The provision of Medic One emergency medical services on a countywide
34 basis is a public purpose of King County. King County supports Medic
35 One emergency medical services as a regional service that requires a
36 continuing leadership role for the county. The county should continue to
37 exercise its leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the orderly
38 and comprehensive development and provision of Medic One emergency
39 medical services throughout the county.

40 The concern for assuring the continuance of a countywide Medic
41 One/EMS program is shared by King County cities, fire protection

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42 districts, and regional fire authorities that participate in the Medic One
 43 emergency medical services programs.

44 Sustained funding for the regional Medic One/EMS system is needed to
 45 continue this essential service for the residents of King County.

46 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

47 **SECTION 1. Approval of cities over 50,000 in population.** Pursuant to RCW
 48 84.52.069, before submission to the electors of King County at a special election on
 49 November 4, 2025, approval to place this countywide levy proposal on the ballot will be
 50 obtained from the legislative authority of a majority of at least seventy-five percent of all
 51 cities in the county over 50,000 in population.

52 **SECTION 2. Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this
 53 ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

54 A. "County" means King County.

55 B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purpose and
 56 term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state
 57 law.

58 C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy,
 59 any interest earnings on the funds and the proceeds of any interim financing following
 60 authorization of the levy.

61 **SECTION 3. City of Seattle reimbursement.** It is recognized that the city of
 62 Seattle operates and funds a Medic One emergency medical services program that is
 63 separate from the county program but part of the regional delivery system. All levy
 64 proceeds collected pursuant to the levy authorized in this ordinance from taxable property

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located within the legal boundaries of the city of Seattle shall be reimbursed and transferred to the city of Seattle and used solely for the Seattle Medic One emergency medical services program in accordance with RCW 84.52.069.

SECTION 4. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary funding for the Medic One/EMS system under the authority of RCW 84.52.069, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2026, at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. As provided under state law, this levy shall be exempt from the rate limitations under RCW 84.52.043, but subject in years two through six to the limitations imposed under chapter 84.55 RCW.

SECTION 5. Deposit of levy proceeds. Except for the levy proceeds transferred to the city of Seattle under section 3 of this ordinance, all levy proceeds shall be deposited into the county emergency medical services fund.

SECTION 6. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, all proceeds of the levy authorized in this ordinance shall be used in accordance with RCW 84.52.069.

SECTION 7. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, a special election is called for November 4, 2025, to consider a proposition authorizing an additional regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council

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shall certify that proposition to the director of elections, in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION ONE: The King County Council adopted Ordinance _____ concerning continuation of funding for the county-wide Medic One emergency medical services system. Should King County be authorized to replace an expiring levy by imposing regular property taxes of \$0.25 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2026, as provided in King County Ordinance ____, to continue paying for Medic One emergency medical services:

Yes _____

No _____

SECTION 8. Interlocal agreement. The county executive is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an interlocal agreement with the city of Seattle relating to the Medic One program, to implement the provisions of section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Local voters' pamphlet. The director of elections is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the election.

SECTION 10. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381, if that statute is amended by the state legislature during the term of this levy.

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109 **SECTION 11. Ratification.** Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the
110 county council to the King County director of elections in accordance with law before the
111 election on November 4, 2025, and any other act consistent with the authority and before
112 the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

113 **SECTION 12. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application

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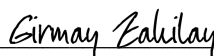
- 114 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
- 115 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 19950 was introduced on 5/6/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/1/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn,
von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Perry

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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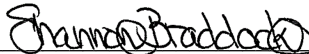


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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of 7/14/2025, ____.

Signed by:



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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

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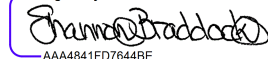
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