



King County

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, King County utilizes the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) to support operational communications by the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD); and

WHEREAS, the hardened nature of the buildings where DAJD operates requires a rigorous and coordinated antennae system, known as a Distributed Antenna System (DAS), to allow adequate PSERN coverage within those buildings; and

WHEREAS, the ability of DAJD personnel to use an effective radio communications system directly implicates health and safety concerns, both for DAJD personnel and residents; and

WHEREAS, King County regularly tests DAS operations to ensure a fully functioning PSERN system that complies with the fire code; and

WHEREAS, further evaluation of the DAS system used by DAJD and correction of any problems is immediately necessary in order to avoid any negative impacts on health and safety; and

WHEREAS, delays inherent in rules related to procurement and public works would cause unacceptable and unnecessary delays in restoring the DAS and PSERN system to full operational status, thereby causing unacceptable risk to the health and safety of DAJD personnel and persons in the custody of DAJD; and

WHEREAS, I have reviewed the situation, consulted with Executive branch agencies and personnel, and verified the emergency cited above and the necessity for me to take immediate, extraordinary action as outlined in this Proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DOW CONSTANTINE, AS KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE, DO PROCLAIM, the situation is sufficiently serious that it is necessary to declare an emergency and exercise the Executive's emergency powers; and **HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:**

SECTION 1: EMERGENCY POWERS

A. As described in SECTION 2, an emergency exists requiring and authorizing me to exercise the emergency powers vested in me as King County Executive by RCW chapter 38.52, and King County Code chapters 2.56 and 12.52, as described in this Proclamation; and

B. Effective upon my signing this Proclamation, I will exercise that authority through the use and direction of County personnel, services, and equipment, and additional acts necessary to the management of this emergency.

SECTION 2: PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

A. Based on my review of the present circumstances and the above findings, I hereby determine and proclaim that an emergency exists, as defined in RCW 38.52.010(13) and K.C.C. 12.52.010.A, that requires immediate action to preserve health and safety, including the preservation of life.

B. Immediate efforts to evaluate and resolve problems in the operation of the DAS to ensure vigorous operation of PSERN in buildings used by DAJD personnel is necessary to address this emergency.

SECTION 3: ORDER

A. Pursuant to RCW 36.32.270, RCW 39.04.280, and K.C.C. 12.52.030.C.2, I hereby order that the public advertising and competitive procurement requirements of state law and K.C.C. chapter 2.93, and all applicable Executive policies and procedures, and the requirements of K.C.C. chapter 12.19, are waived for County contracts relating to the above-described emergency for the following purchases or leases:

1. Tangible personal property;
2. Public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010; and
3. Services, including professional or technical services.

B. Pursuant to K.C.C. 12.52.030.C.1, I hereby order that King County Staff may authorize overtime for personnel in positions requiring overtime to adequately respond to the emergency.

C. I further reserve the right to issue such further orders as authorized by K.C.C. chapter 12.52 as may be necessary to respond to the emergency proclaimed in SECTION 2.

SECTION 4: NOTICE

A. A copy of this Proclamation and any order(s) issued hereunder shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Council and each King County Councilmember by email before the execution of any contract or lease authorized under SECTION 3. A copy of this Proclamation and any order(s) issued hereunder shall also be filed with the Clerk of the Council by no later than 10:00 a.m. on the second business day after issuance. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Proclamation and all emergency orders issued hereunder shall be delivered to all news media within King County and made available to the general public.

SECTION 5: EXPIRATION AND TERMINATION

A. This Proclamation shall continue in force and effect until terminated by order of the Executive or action by the County Council by ordinance. However, the order in SECTION 3A shall expire twenty-one (21) calendar days after issuance, unless terminated sooner by order of the Executive or action by the County Council by motion, or extended by the County Council by motion.

DATED this 17th day of January 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the text.

DOW CONSTANTINE, Executive
King County, Washington