

RESOLUTION R-4975

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND SUPPORTING THE COUNTY-WIDE 2014-2019 MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY.

WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, the internationally recognized countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system in King County provides county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

WHEREAS, it has been to the benefit of the citizens of the City of Kirkland to support and participate in the county-wide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for a county-wide emergency medical care and service levies; and

WHEREAS, the highly praised patient and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a county-wide Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force, created via King County Ordinance 15862, worked collaboratively with EMS Stakeholders to develop the Medic One/EMS 2014-2019 Strategic Plan to continue providing this county-wide service and has recommended an initial levy rate of 33.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value to fund EMS service throughout King County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland was represented on the Task Force and significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 EMS Strategic Plan was amended at the April 10, 2013 Regional Policy Committee to remove restrictions on new agencies from becoming paramedic providers and includes a study that will evaluate Kirkland becoming a paramedic provider for the 2020-2025 EMS levy; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 requires that cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve a countywide levy prior to placement on a ballot, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has a population of approximately eighty-one thousand people.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City of Kirkland supports placing the proposed six-year \$.335 per thousand dollars of assessed value county-wide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014-2019 before the voters.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 16th day of April, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 16th day of April, 2013.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk