



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 20, 2016

Ordinance 18370

Proposed No. 2016-0430.2

Sponsors Upthegrove and Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE related to the provision of transit tickets
2 to human service agencies; and amending Ordinance
3 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210,
4 Ordinance 17932, Section 2, and Ordinance 12643, Section
5 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210.

6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. K.C.C. 4A.700.210 authorizes a program for the sale and distribution
8 of transit tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of face
9 value. The total dollar amount of the eighty percent discount is
10 established in this section.
- 11 2. The dollar amount was increased in 2014 in recognition that the 2015
12 fare increase would otherwise have reduced the number of tickets
13 available to human service agencies.
- 14 3. The amount of the discount is established in this section at two million
15 seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per year starting in 2017.
- 16 4. Ordinance 17295, Section 1, established a congestion reduction transit
17 incentives program including authorization for individuals to donate
18 transit tickets to the human services ticket program. This program is
19 expected to complete its useful life in 2017.

20 5. The pioneering ORCA Lift fare, available to adults with incomes of
21 two hundred percent or less of the Federal Poverty Level, was never
22 intended to address the needs of human service agency clients with limited
23 to virtually no income.

24 6. Human service agencies have requested more tickets than available
25 under the total authorized dollar amount of the eighty-percent discount. A
26 county council survey of human service agencies in early 2016 found that
27 many agencies expect to run out of tickets by October 2016.

28 7. A revision of the relevant section of the King County Code will
29 increase the number of tickets available for purchase by the human service
30 agencies for the remainder of 2016 and in future years.

31 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

32 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance expires January 1, 2018.

33 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.210

34 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

35 The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of
36 tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of
37 meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total
38 amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed ((two
39 million five hundred fifty)) three million two hundred thousand dollars for any one year.

40 However, the amount of the eighty percent discount may be increased by up to an
41 additional two hundred thousand dollars annually under this human services ticket
42 program for the value of tickets applied to it through the congestion reduction transit

43 incentives program described in Ordinance 17295, Section 1. The allocation of discount
44 tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local
45 jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services
46 programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or departments shall
47 determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations that shall be sold to the
48 human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under the program are
49 valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

50 SECTION 3. Ordinance 17932, Section 2, is hereby amended to read as follows:
51 Ordinance 17932, Section 3 ((of this ordinance)), and section 4 of this ordinance
52 take((s)) effect January 1, ((2017)) 2018.

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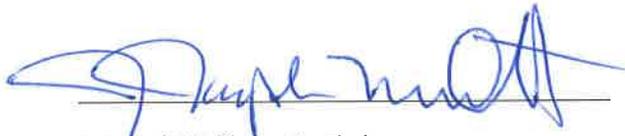
Ordinance 18370 was introduced on 8/29/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/19/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 0

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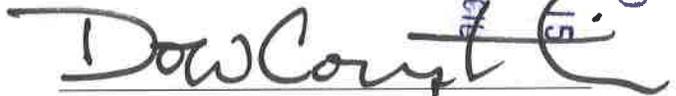
J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 27 day of SEPTEMBER 2016.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None