



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

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Ordinance 18792

Proposed No. 2018-0297.3

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1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County veterans,
2 seniors and human services levy advisory board; and
3 adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300.

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. In 2005, Ordinance 15279 placed a six-year veterans and human
6 services levy on the general election ballot. Ordinance 15279 provided for
7 two citizen oversight boards to oversee and report on expenditures of
8 veterans and human services levy proceeds. Voters approved the levy,
9 enabling the creation of both boards. The veterans citizen oversight board
10 was created to oversee funds for veterans and military servicemembers
11 and their respective families. The regional human service board was
12 created to oversee funds for a wide range of low-income people in need of
13 such services.

14 2. In 2011, Ordinance 17072 placed a renewal of the veterans and human
15 services levy on the primary election ballot, providing for continuation of
16 the two oversight boards by incorporating the provision of Ordinance
17 15279 that created the veterans citizen oversight board and the regional
18 human service board. Voters renewed the veterans and human services
19 levy, effecting continuation of both boards.

20 3. In July 2017, the metropolitan King County council passed Ordinance
21 18555, placing a six-year veterans, seniors and human services levy
22 ("VSHSL") on the ballot. On November 7, 2017, King County voters
23 passed this measure with a sixty-eight percent approval. The approved
24 ballot measure included a requirement for King County to create and
25 prescribe the composition and duties of a board or boards to oversee the
26 expenditure of VSHSL proceeds.

27 4. Section 6.A. of Attachment A to Ordinance 18722, which is the
28 Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan, requires
29 the executive to transmit for council consideration and passage proposed
30 legislation that would effectuate the plan.

31 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

32 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300
33 a new section to read as follows:

34 A. The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the
35 context clearly requires otherwise.

36 1. "Caregiver" means a person who, without pay, cares for or supervises another
37 person who requires such care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness or, in the
38 case of a senior, age-related decline. Government-provided benefits or financial
39 assistance provided directly to a person for being a caregiver are not considered "pay" for
40 this definition.

41 2. "Military servicemember" means a person who is serving as either an active
42 duty or a reservist member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard,

43 or in the National Guard;

44 3. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

45 4. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assisting small
46 organizations, partnerships and groups to enable those entities to provide regional health
47 and human services and capital facilities funded by the levy proceeds. "Technical
48 assistance and capacity building" may include, but is not limited to, providing or funding
49 legal, accounting, human resources and leadership development services and support.

50 5. "Veteran" means a person who has served as either an active duty or a
51 reservist member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard, or in the
52 National Guard.

53 6. "Veterans, seniors and human services levy" means the levy approved in
54 accordance with Ordinance 18555.

55 7. "Vulnerable populations" means persons or communities that are susceptible
56 to reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes because of current
57 experience of or historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism,
58 stigma, discrimination, disability or chronic illness. "Vulnerable populations" include,
59 but are not limited to: survivors of domestic violence; survivors of sexual assault;
60 survivors of human trafficking, including labor trafficking and sex trafficking; survivors
61 of commercial sexual exploitation; persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual,
62 transgender, queer or intersex; persons with a disability; African Americans and other
63 persons of color who have been disproportionately impacted by policies and practices
64 resulting in housing instability or housing insecurity; family caregivers for persons with a
65 disability; immigrants and refugees; low-income residents of rural communities; persons

66 living in poverty; persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness; youth involved in the
67 child welfare system, including youth in the foster care system, and young adult alumni
68 of the child welfare system; minors who have been separated from both parents and other
69 relatives and are not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for
70 doing so; persons reentering society from criminal justice system involvement; and
71 persons at risk of criminal justice system involvement due to disproportionate practices of
72 enforcement, mental illness or substance use disorders.

73 B. As required by Section 6.A. of Attachment A to Ordinance 18722, the
74 veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board is created.

75 C.1. The board shall consist of thirty members. The executive shall appoint the
76 members of the board in accordance with this section and subject to confirmation by the
77 council in accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.002. Members shall be appointed to three year
78 terms, except as provided in subsection C.4. of this section. Elected officials are
79 ineligible for board membership while they hold office. All board members shall reside
80 in King County. The board shall be constituted in a committee format, with three ten-
81 member committees:

82 a. the veterans committee, which shall also constitute the entirety of King
83 County's veterans advisory board required by chapter 73.08 RCW. In accordance with
84 RCW 73.08.035, nominees to serve on the veterans committee shall be solicited by the
85 council from either the local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service
86 organizations or the veterans' community at large, or both. Lists of nominees received by
87 the council shall be provided to the executive who shall provide such lists to the city of
88 Seattle and the Sound Cities Association for their consideration in nominating, in

89 accordance with this section, persons to serve on the veterans committee. Members of the
90 veterans committee must be veterans as defined in RCW 73.08.005(5) and no fewer than
91 a majority of the veterans committee members shall be members from nationally
92 recognized veterans' service organizations;

93 b. the seniors committee, which shall be comprised of seniors, caregivers for
94 seniors or other community members with relevant expertise or experience serving
95 seniors or their caregivers. At least a majority of the members serving on the seniors
96 committee shall be at least fifty-five years old; and

97 c. the vulnerable populations committee, which shall be comprised of
98 individuals who are members of a vulnerable population or other community members
99 with relevant expertise or experience serving vulnerable populations. A potential
100 vulnerable populations committee member's contribution to the committee's
101 representativeness of the diversity of vulnerable populations in King County shall be
102 considered in selecting a potential vulnerable populations committee member for
103 nomination or appointment.

104 2.a. The King County council shall nominate to the executive for appointment
105 to the board eighteen eligible persons. Six of the persons shall be nominated to serve on
106 the veterans committee, six of the persons shall be nominated to serve on the seniors
107 committee and six of the persons shall be nominated to serve on the vulnerable
108 populations committee. Of the persons nominated by the council, each councilmember
109 shall nominate for appointment two persons who reside in the member's council district.
110 Nominations by the council for appointment to serve on the initial board shall include: a
111 resident from each of council districts one, two, three, seven, eight and nine to serve on

112 the initial veterans committee; a resident from each of council districts three, four, five,
113 six, seven and eight to serve on the initial seniors committee; and a resident from each of
114 council districts one, two, four, five, six and nine to serve on the initial vulnerable
115 populations committee. When at least one council-nominated position on all of the
116 board's committees becomes available, meaning the incumbent has served two terms on
117 the board, is not nominated by council to serve an additional term on the board or
118 declines nomination by council to serve an additional term on the board, the council may
119 pass a motion to direct council district rotation for the council nominations for
120 appointment to the available positions on the board's committees;

121 b. The city of Seattle shall nominate to the executive for appointment to the
122 board three eligible persons, one to serve on the veterans committee, one to serve on the
123 seniors committee and one to serve on the vulnerable populations committee;

124 c. The Sound Cities Association, or its successor, shall nominate to the
125 executive for appointment to the board three eligible persons, one to serve on the veterans
126 committee, one to serve on the seniors committee and one to serve on the vulnerable
127 populations committee; and

128 d. The Seattle-King County Advisory Council for Aging and Disability
129 Services, or its successor, shall nominate to the executive for appointment to the board
130 two eligible persons to serve on the seniors committee.

131 3.a. If the executive does not appoint a person nominated under subsection C.2.
132 of this section, then the executive shall request that the nominating entity nominate
133 another eligible person. The executive shall identify in the appointment letter for each
134 board member both the nominating entity and to which of the three committees the board

135 member is being appointed.

136 b. In addition to those board members who the executive appoints after
137 nomination under subsection C.2. of this section, the executive shall appoint two eligible
138 persons to be members of the veterans committee of the board and two eligible persons to
139 be members of the vulnerable populations committee of the board.

140 4.a. Of the board's initial veterans committee members, the six council-
141 nominated members and one of the members appointed by the executive under subsection
142 C.3.b. of this section shall be appointed to initial terms of two years.

143 b. Of the board's initial seniors committee members, the six council-nominated
144 members and one of the Seattle-King County Advisory Council for Aging and Disability
145 Services-nominated members shall be appointed to initial terms of two years.

146 c. Of the board's initial vulnerable populations committee members, the six
147 council-nominated members and one of the members appointed by the executive under
148 subsection C.3.b. of this section shall be appointed to initial terms of two years.

149 d. A person may serve no more than one additional term on the board after
150 completing the person's first term, whether the first term is a partial or full term.

151 e. If a board member vacates before the expiration of the member's term a
152 board position that was nominated by one of the entities listed in subsection C.2. of this
153 section, the entity that nominated the person to the board position shall nominate an
154 eligible replacement to serve out the balance of the vacated term. If a board member
155 vacates before the expiration of the member's term a board position that was appointed by
156 the executive under subsection C.3.b. of this section, the executive shall appoint an
157 eligible replacement to serve out the balance of the vacated term.

158 5. The board shall:

159 a. oversee the distribution of veterans, seniors and human services levy
160 proceeds dedicated to promoting housing stability, healthy living, financial stability,
161 social engagement and service system access and improvement for veterans and military
162 servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers and vulnerable
163 populations, consistent with Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.1. through 4.B.3.;

164 b. oversee the distribution of levy proceeds for technical assistance and
165 capacity building investments, consistent with Ordinance 18555, Section 4.A.;

166 c. adopt bylaws governing how the board discharges its duties, which bylaws
167 shall specifically provide for a procedure by which the board or any of its committees
168 may identify and provide advice to the county council or the executive on matters that
169 affect the veterans, seniors and human services levy specifically or the veterans, seniors
170 and human services levy's priority populations generally;

171 d. transmit a report by July 1 each year, beginning in 2019, to the executive,
172 county council and the regional policy committee, or its successor, on the state of the
173 veterans, seniors and human services levy, the fiscal and performance management of the
174 veterans, seniors and human services levy and on the veterans, seniors and human
175 services levy's accomplishments from January through December of the preceding year;

176 e. elect annually from its membership a chair and two vice chairs. The vice
177 chairs shall be elected from each of the two committees to which the elected chair does
178 not belong so that board leadership includes all three committees; and

179 f. collaborate amongst the board's committees to achieve investment and
180 oversight coordination of the entire veterans, seniors and human services levy, with each

181 committee specifically focused on overseeing the expenditure of proceeds for its
182 respective veterans, seniors and human service levy priority population and each
183 committee specifically focused on providing advice on matters that uniquely affect its
184 respective veterans, seniors and human service levy priority population:

185 (1) The veterans committee shall oversee the distribution of the portion of
186 the veterans, seniors and human service levy's proceeds expended for purposes identified
187 in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.1. The veterans committee may also provide advice to
188 the executive and council on matters uniquely affecting veterans, military
189 servicemembers and their respective family members in King County;

190 (2) The seniors committee shall oversee the distribution of the portion of the
191 veterans, seniors and human service levy's proceeds expended for purposes identified in
192 Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2. The seniors committee may also provide advice to the
193 executive and council on matters uniquely affecting seniors and their caregivers in King
194 County;

195 (3) Until such time that the conditions in either Ordinance 18555, Section
196 4.B.2.(a) or (b) are satisfied, the seniors committee and veterans committee will jointly
197 oversee the distribution of the portion of the veterans, seniors and human services levy's
198 proceeds restricted by Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2., which sets aside funds for capital
199 facilities and regional health and human services for seniors who are also veterans or
200 military servicemembers and their respective caregivers and families. After the
201 conditions in either Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2.(a) or (b) have been satisfied, the
202 veterans committee shall not have any oversight responsibility regarding levy proceeds
203 expended under Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.2.; and

204 (4) The vulnerable populations committee shall oversee the distribution of the
205 portion of the veterans, seniors and human services levy's proceeds expended for
206 purposes identified in Ordinance 18555, Section 4.B.3. The vulnerable populations
207 committee may also provide advice to the executive and council on matters uniquely
208 affecting vulnerable populations that are served by the veterans, seniors and human
209 services levy in King County.

210 D. The board shall hold its first meeting by the later of March 30, 2019, or sixty
211 days from the date on which at least six members have been appointed to each of the
212 board's committees.

213 E. This section expires July 1, 2025.

214 SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to
215 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
216 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
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Ordinance 18792 was introduced on 7/9/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/17/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and
Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 26th day of SEPTEMBER, 2018.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None