



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19281

**Proposed No.** 2021-0029.1

**Sponsors** Lambert

1                   AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County  
 2                   executive to execute an emergency mutual aid agreement  
 3                   with the Washington Water/Wastewater Agency  
 4                   Response Network.

5                   **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6                   1. A regional disaster, such as an earthquake, a severe windstorm or wide-  
 7                   spread flooding, would quickly overwhelm local response resources.

8                   Assistance would, by necessity, need to come from outside the region and  
 9                   possibly from outside the state.

10                  2. The Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Washington State for  
 11                  Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN),  
 12                  Attachment A to this ordinance, is a nationwide mutual aid agreement  
 13                  between members of the American Water Works Association that allows  
 14                  signatory agencies to share resources and receive emergency mutual aid  
 15                  assistance from other utilities, both locally and nationally.

16                  3. The county is not currently a member of the Water/Wastewater Agency  
 17                  Response Network. Being a member of the Water/Wastewater Agency  
 18                  Response Network would allow the wastewater treatment division of the  
 19                  department of natural resources and parks to access mutual aid resources

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20 from across the country without having to negotiate individual agreements  
21 during an emergency.

22 4. In emergency situations, the Water/Wastewater Agency Response  
23 Network system circulates requests for mutual aid nationally.

24 5. To participate in the national Water/Wastewater Agency Response  
25 Network system, individual utilities must be signatories to their state's  
26 agreement, referred to as WAWARN in the state of Washington.

27 WAWARN currently has one hundred fifty-one signatories, including  
28 forty-two cities and counties and one hundred nine utility agencies.

29 6. The county's participation in the WAWARN agreement will enable the county  
30 to receive timely assistance from other agencies from both within and outside the  
31 state of Washington, if and when needed.

32 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

33 SECTION 1. The executive is authorized to execute the Mutual Aid and  
34 Assistance Agreement for Washington State for Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency

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35 Response Network (WARN) in substantially the same form as Attachment A to this  
36 ordinance and to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of this agreement.  
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Ordinance 19281 was introduced on 1/26/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/11/2021, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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*Claudia Balducci*  
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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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*Melani Pedroza*  
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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of 5/20/2021, \_\_\_\_.

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*Dow Constantine*  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Mutual Aid and Assistance for Intrastate Water Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN)