



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into an agreement between King County and the Northwest Center for transfer of the Mt. Rainier pool in Des Moines to the Northwest Center; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. King County is facing a multiyear fiscal crisis that is forcing major cuts in all nonmandated government services funded by the current expense fund and as a result does not have a sufficient, stable source of revenue to continue to operate and maintain the Mt. Rainier pool in the city of Des Moines.

B. Due to its fiscal crisis, King County desires to divest itself of ownership, management and financial responsibility for pools, parks, open space, recreational facilities and programs inside and near city boundaries.

C. The county is currently operating the Mt. Rainier pool under a one-year operating agreement. The purpose of entering into an operating agreement was to enable a longer-term solution to be developed to keep the pool open for the public.

D. King County and the Northwest Center (NWC) have agreed to terms of an agreement for the transfer of the Mt. Rainier pool under which the NWC will operate the pool for the use and benefit of the public.

E. The recitals in the agreement set forth relevant facts supporting and explaining the terms of the transfer.

F. The equipment and supplies being conveyed along with the pool are integral to the continued

operation and maintenance of the pool and are surplus to the county's needs.

G. King County and NWC have agreed that the transfer will take place within thirty days following execution of the interlocal agreement by both parties.

H. Transfer of the Mt. Rainier pool under the terms and conditions of the agreement attached to this ordinance will serve an important county purpose by ensuring that the pool will remain open and available to all county residents.

I. The county and NWC strongly desire to complete the transfer as soon as possible to ensure adequate funding to facilitate the transfer, and to avoid any potential service disruption. To do so, this ordinance must be adopted on an emergency basis.

SECTION 2. The King County executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, substantially in the form of the attached agreement, with the Northwest

Center relating to the transfer of the Mt. Rainier pool and such other documents as are reasonably necessary to effect the transfer.

SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,

health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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