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AN ORDINANCE adopting King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan,
Updated March 2007, as required by Ordinance 15597.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Recognizing the need for the county to be prepared for the possibility of an influenza pandemic, the King County executive transmitted in October 2005 an ordinance proposing \$5,960,000 to support pandemic flu preparedness.
2. In December 2005, the King County council adopted Ordinance 15348 appropriating the funds proposed by the executive for the purchase of antiviral medications, the development of public information and outreach campaigns and the development of a medical surge plan.
3. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a statement of facts regarding pandemic influenza, the current pandemic concern, and the county's responsibilities in preparing for a possible influenza pandemic.
4. In Ordinance 15348, the council included a proviso requiring that the executive, in collaboration with the office of emergency management and the Seattle-King County department of public health, transmit for the council's review and approval by ordinance a cohesive and detailed pandemic influenza response plan for the county, including continuity of operations planning for essential government services and preparedness plans for county employees.
5. In September 2006, the council adopted Ordinance 15597, which provided the carryover and concurrent transfer into grant funds from 2005 of \$5,960,000 in expenditure authority to support

King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan.

6. In Ordinance 15597, the council included a proviso requiring the executive to provide an update to King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan to reflect the next significant steps in the planning process. Three major elements were identified for inclusion:

(a) Updated plans for medical surge, the Health Care Coalition, Vulnerable Populations Action Team, social distancing measures and cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions;

(b) Updated continuity of operations plans for the provision of public services the county government provides reflecting additional analysis of essential services and interdependencies, plans for training employees and maintaining critical technology infrastructure and support services, exercises to test preparedness, plans to identify and report operational impacts during a pandemic, and related actions; and

(3) An updated pandemic influenza emergency response manual from the human resources division outlining protocols for the preparedness and protection of county employees.

7. Attachment A to this ordinance, King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March 2007, fulfills the requirements of Ordinance 15597, Section 2, Proviso P2, represents the work of all county agencies and branches of government, and is the another major milestone in the county's ongoing pandemic flu planning and preparation process.

7. King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March 2007, and the supporting appropriations keep the county at the forefront of regional pandemic flu disaster planning among local jurisdictions across the nation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. King County's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, Updated March 2007, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted and approved.