

RESOLUTION R-5378

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING KING COUNTY TO PLACE BEFORE THE VOTERS A COUNTY-WIDE BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR FUNDING THE MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 PURSUANT TO RCW 84.52.069.

1 WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an
2 essential function and fire and life safety responsibility of local and
3 regional government; and
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5 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized county-wide tiered
6 Medic One/EMS system in King County provides county residents and
7 visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of
8 location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and
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10 WHEREAS, it has been to the benefit of the residents of Kirkland
11 to support and participate in the county-wide cooperative of delivering
12 advanced life support and basic life support services; and
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14 WHEREAS, King County should continue to exercise leadership
15 and assume responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized,
16 effective and cost-efficient development and provision of emergency
17 services throughout the county; and
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19 WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for county-wide emergency
20 medical care and service levies and King County is seeking voter
21 authorization of a six-year Medic One/EMS levy for the period of 2020-
22 2025; and
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24 WHEREAS, the highly regarded patient and program services of
25 the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a prior county-
26 wide six-year Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2019; and
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28 WHEREAS, the King County EMS Advisory Task Force, created
29 through King County Executive Order PHL-0-1-EO, worked
30 collaboratively with regional King County EMS Stakeholders to develop
31 the Medic One/EMS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for providing this county-
32 wide service, and recommends pursuit of a renewed Medic One/EMS
33 levy per RCW 84.52.069, with an initial levy rate of 26.5 cents per one
34 thousand dollars assessed property value in order to fund EMS
35 throughout King County for the next six years; and
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37 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland significantly participated in these
38 discussions throughout the process and was represented on the Task
39 Force; and

40 WHEREAS, in order to continue funding for emergency medical
41 services for six years, RCW 84.52.069 requires that cities with a
42 population greater than fifty thousand approve the county-wide levy
43 proposal prior to placement on a ballot; and
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45 WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial
46 Management estimates that as of April of 2018, the City of Kirkland
47 has 87,240 residents, and Kirkland is therefore one of the cities in King
48 County with a population greater than fifty thousand;
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50 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
51 of Kirkland as follows:
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53 SECTION 1. The City of Kirkland authorizes King County to
54 place before the voters a proposed county-wide ballot proposition in
55 2019 for funding the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services levy for
56 the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025 at an initial
57 levy rate of 26.5 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value.
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59 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
60 meeting this 2nd day of July, 2019.
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62 Signed in authentication thereof this 2nd day of July, 2019.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk