

RESOLUTION R-5679

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE VOTERS IN 2025 FOR A FUNDING LEVY TO SUPPORT MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2031, PURSUANT TO RCW 84.52.069.

1 WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the
2 fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and
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4 WHEREAS, the internationally recognized countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system
5 in Seattle & King County provides county community members and visitors with essential life-
6 saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of
7 the week, or time of day; and
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9 WHEREAS, it has been to the benefit of the community members of the city of Kirkland
10 to support and participate in the countywide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support
11 and Basic Life Support services; and
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13 WHEREAS, King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume
14 responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost efficient
15 development and provision of emergency services throughout the county; and
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17 WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for countywide emergency medical care and
18 service levies, and King County will be seeking voter authorization of a six-year Medic
19 One/EMS levy for the period of 2026-2031; and
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21 WHEREAS, the King County Medic One/EMS system is funded in part by a prior
22 countywide six-year Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2025; and
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24 WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force worked collaboratively with regional EMS
25 partners to develop programmatic and financial recommendations for continuing to provide
26 countywide Medic One/EMS services; and
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28 WHEREAS the EMS Advisory Task Force has recommended an initial levy rate of
29 \$0.25 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value to fund Medic One/EMS services
30 throughout King County for the next six years; and
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32 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland participated in these discussions throughout the
33 process and was represented on the Task Force; and
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35 WHEREAS, in order to continue funding emergency medical services, RCW 84.52.069
36 requires that 75% of cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve placing the
37 countywide levy proposal on the ballot; and
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39 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has a population of over fifty thousand people.
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41 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as
42 follows:
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44 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Kirkland hereby approves placing the
45 countywide Medic One/EMS levy before voters at an upcoming election in 2025.

46 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of
47 April, 2025.

48 Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of April, 2025.
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Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk