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Proposed No. 2022-0399.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the
2 qualified electors of King County at a special election to be
3 held in King County on April 25, 2023, of a proposition
4 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
5 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a
6 consecutive nine-year period, at a first year rate of not more
7 than \$0.145 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation
8 for collection beginning in 2024, with the 2024 levy
9 amount being the base for calculating increases in years
10 two through nine (2025 – 2032) by the limit factor in
11 chapter 84.55 RCW, as amended, for regional behavioral
12 health services and capital facilities to establish and operate
13 a regional network of behavioral health crisis care centers;
14 to preserve, expand and maintain residential treatment
15 facilities; to provide behavioral health workforce supports;
16 to provide mobile crisis care and post-discharge
17 stabilization; to pay, finance or refinance costs of those
18 projects; and for administration, coordination,
19 implementation and evaluation of levy activities.

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20 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

21 1. King County's behavioral health crisis service system relies heavily on
22 phone support and outreach services, with very few options of places for
23 persons to go for immediate, life-saving care when in crisis.

24 2. As of September 2022, the Crisis Solutions Center, operated by
25 Downtown Emergency Service Center and requiring mobile team, first
26 responder or hospital referral for entry, is the only voluntary behavioral
27 health crisis facility for the entirety of King County, and no walk-in urgent
28 care behavioral health facility exists in King County.

29 3. A coalition of community leaders and behavioral health providers
30 issued recommendations to Seattle and King County in an October 13,
31 2021, letter that included recommendations to "expand places for people
32 in crisis to receive immediate support" and "expand crisis response and
33 post-crisis follow up services."

34 4. Call volume to King County's regional behavioral health crisis line
35 increased by 25 percent between 2019 and 2021, from 82,523 calls in
36 2019 to 102,754 calls in 2021.

37 5. The number of persons per year who received community-based
38 behavioral health crisis response services in King County increased 146
39 percent between 2012 and 2021, from 1,764 persons served in 2012 to
40 4,336 persons served in 2021.

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41 6. Referrals for mobile crisis outreach in King County grew 15 percent
42 between 2019 and 2021, from 4,030 referrals in 2019 to 4,648 referrals in
43 2021.

44 7. King County's designated crisis responders conducted 14 percent more
45 investigations for involuntary behavioral health treatment in 2021, when
46 they investigated 9,189 cases, than in 2017 when they investigated 8,066
47 cases. There was a 10 percent increase in detentions or revocations for
48 involuntary hospitalization during that same period, from 4,387 in 2017 to
49 4,806 in 2021.

50 8. The wait time for a King County resident in behavioral health crisis in
51 a community setting to be evaluated for involuntary behavioral health
52 treatment tripled between January 2019 and June 2022, from 4 days to 12
53 days.

54 9. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that in
55 August 2022, the first full month that the new national 988 Suicide and
56 Crisis Lifeline was operational, the overall volume of calls, texts and chats
57 to the Lifeline increased by 152,000 contacts, or 45 percent, compared to
58 the number of contacts to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in
59 August 2021.

60 10. The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
61 Administration's ("SAMHSA's") National Guidelines for Behavioral
62 Health Crisis Care, and its vision for the implementation of the new
63 national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call for the development of safe

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64 places for persons in crisis to go for help as part of a robust behavioral
65 health crisis system.

66 11. In 2021, the Washington state Legislature passed Engrossed Second
67 Substitute House Bill 1477, which became Chapter 302, Laws of
68 Washington 2021, to support implementation of 988 in Washington, to
69 further SAMHSA's overall vision and build on the crisis phone line
70 change by expanding and transforming crisis services.

71 12. RCW 71.24.025 defines crisis stabilization services to mean services
72 such as 23-hour crisis stabilization units based on the living room model,
73 crisis stabilization centers, short-term respite facilities, peer-operated
74 respite services, and behavioral health urgent care walk-in centers,
75 including within the overall crisis system components that operate like
76 hospital emergency departments and accept all walk-ins, and ambulance,
77 fire, and police drop-offs. Chapter 302, Laws of Washington 2021 further
78 expressed the state legislature's intent to expand the behavioral health
79 crisis delivery system to include these components.

80 13. Multiple behavioral health system needs assessments have identified
81 the addition of crisis facilities as top priorities to improve community-
82 based crisis services in King County. Such assessments include the 2016
83 recommendations of the Community Alternatives to Boarding Task Force
84 called for by Motion 14225, a Washington state Office of Financial
85 Management behavioral health capital funding prioritization and

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86 feasibility study in 2018, and a Washington state Health Care Authority
87 crisis triage and stabilization capacity and gaps report in 2019.

88 14. King County is losing mental health residential treatment capacity that
89 is essential for persons who need more intensive supports to live safely in
90 the community due to rising operating costs and aging facilities that need
91 repair or replacement. As of August 2022, King County had a total of 244
92 mental health residential beds for the entire county, down 111 beds, or
93 nearly one third, from the capacity in 2018 of 355 beds.

94 15. As of July 2022, King County residents who need mental health
95 residential services must wait an average of 44 days before they are able to
96 be placed in a residential facility.

97 16. Data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
98 U.S. Census Bureau and the Kaiser Family Foundation show that
99 about three in ten adults in the United States reported symptoms of anxiety
100 or depressive disorder in June 2022, up from one in ten adults who
101 reported these symptoms in 2019.

102 17. The National Council for Mental Wellbeing's 2022 access to care
103 survey found that 43 percent of U.S. adults who say they need mental
104 health or substance use care did not receive that care, and they face
105 numerous barriers to accessing and receiving needed treatment.

106 18. According to the Washington state Department of Social and Health
107 Services, the number of Medicaid enrollees in King County with an

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108 identified mental health need increased by approximately 34 percent for
109 adults and nine percent for youth between 2019 and 2021.

110 19. The Washington state Department of Social and Health Services
111 reports that in 2021, among those enrolled in Medicaid in King County,
112 nearly half of adults and over a third of youth with an identified mental
113 health need did not receive treatment.

114 20. The Washington state Department of Social Health Services reports
115 that in 2021, among those enrolled in Medicaid in King County,
116 approximately 62 percent of adults and 80 percent of youth with an
117 identified substance use disorder need did not receive treatment.

118 21. SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care
119 recommend including peers with lived experience of mental health
120 conditions or substance use disorders on crisis response teams. Those
121 guidelines also feature the living room model as an example of crisis
122 service delivery innovation featuring peers.

123 22. The 2021 King County nonprofit wage and benefits survey showed
124 that many nonprofit employees delivering critical services earn wages at
125 levels that make it difficult to sustain a career doing community-based
126 work in this region.

127 23. A 2021 King County survey of member organizations of the King
128 County Integrated Care Network found that job vacancies at these
129 community behavioral health agencies were at least double what they were
130 in 2019. Providers cited professionals' ability to earn more in medical

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131 systems or private practice, and the high cost of living in the King County
132 region, as the top reasons their workers were leaving community
133 behavioral healthcare.

134 24. The behavioral health workforce advisory committee to the state of
135 Washington's Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
136 found in 2021 that Washington continues to face a shortage of behavioral
137 health professionals, while demand for services, and qualified workers to
138 deliver them, continues to grow. The advisory committee also found that
139 workers need increased financial support and incentives to remain in
140 community behavioral health care.

141 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

142 SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this
143 ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

144 A. "Crisis care center" means a single facility or a group of facilities that provide
145 same-day access to multiple types of behavioral health crisis stabilization services, which
146 may include, but are not limited to, those described in RCW 71.24.025(20), as amended.
147 A crisis care center shall endeavor to accept at least for initial screening and triage any
148 person who seeks behavioral health crisis care. Among the types of behavioral health
149 crisis stabilization services that a crisis care center shall provide are a behavioral health
150 urgent care clinic that offers walk-in and drop-off client screening and triage twenty-four
151 hours per day, seven days per week; access to onsite assessment by a designated crisis
152 responder; a twenty-three-hour observation unit or similar facility and service that allows
153 for short-term, onsite stabilization of a person experiencing a behavioral health crisis; and

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154 a crisis stabilization unit that provides short-term, onsite behavioral health treatment for
155 up to fourteen days or a similar short-term behavioral health treatment facility and
156 service. A crisis care center shall be staffed by a multidisciplinary team that includes
157 peer counselors. A crisis care center may incorporate pre-existing facilities that provide
158 crisis stabilization services so long as their services and operations are compatible with
159 this definition. Where a crisis care center is composed of more than one facility, those
160 facilities shall either be geographically adjacent or shall have transportation provided
161 between them to allow persons using or seeking service to conveniently move between
162 facilities.

163 B. "Designated crisis responder" has the same meaning as in RCW 71.05.020, as
164 amended.

165 C. "King County crisis response zone" means each of four geographic subregions
166 of King County:

167 1. North King County crisis response zone, which is the portion of King County
168 within the boundaries of the cities of Bothell, Duvall, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest
169 Park, Shoreline, Skykomish and Woodinville, plus the unincorporated areas within King
170 County council district three as it is drawn on the effective date of this ordinance that are
171 north or northeast of the city of Redmond;

172 2. Central King County crisis response zone, which is the portion of King
173 County within the boundaries of the city of Seattle, plus all unincorporated areas within
174 King County council districts two and eight as they are drawn on the effective date of this
175 ordinance;

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176 3. South King County crisis response zone, which is the portion of King County
177 within the boundaries of the cities of Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Burien,
178 Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Kent, Maple Valley, Milton,
179 Normandy Park, Pacific, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila, plus all unincorporated areas
180 within King County council districts five, seven and nine as they are drawn on the
181 effective date of this ordinance; and

182 4. East King County crisis response zone, which is the portion of King County
183 within the boundaries of the cities of Beaux Arts, Bellevue, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Hunts
184 Point, Issaquah, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, North Bend, Redmond, Sammamish,
185 Snoqualmie and Yarrow Point, plus the unincorporated areas within King County council
186 district three as it is drawn on the effective date of this ordinance that are east or
187 southeast of the city of Redmond, plus all unincorporated areas within King County
188 council district six as it is drawn on the effective date of this ordinance.

189 D. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and
190 term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state
191 law.

192 E. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy and
193 any interest earnings on the moneys and the proceeds of any interim or other financing
194 following authorization of the levy.

195 F. "Regional behavioral health services and capital facilities" means programs,
196 services, activities, operations, staffing and capital facilities that: promote mental health
197 and wellbeing and that treat substance use disorders and mental health conditions;
198 promote integrated physical and behavioral health; promote and provide therapeutic

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199 responses to behavioral health crises; promote equitable and inclusive access to mental
200 health and substance use disorder services and capital facilities for those racial, ethnic,
201 experiential and geographic communities that experience disparities in mental health and
202 substance use disorder conditions and outcomes; build the capacity of mental health and
203 substance use disorder service providers to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and
204 equity, of their services and operations; provide transportation to care for persons
205 receiving, seeking, or in need, of mental health or substance use disorder services;
206 promote housing stability for persons receiving or leaving care from a facility providing
207 mental health or substance use disorder services; promote service and response
208 coordination, data sharing, and data integration amongst first responders, mental health
209 and substance use disorder providers, and King County staff; promote community
210 participation in levy activities, including payment of stipends to persons with relevant
211 lived experience who participate in levy activities whose employment does not already
212 compensate them for such participation; administer, coordinate and evaluate levy
213 activities; apply for federal, state and philanthropic moneys and assistance to supplement
214 levy proceeds; and promote stability and sustainability of the behavioral health
215 workforce.

216 G. "Residential treatment" means a licensed, community-based facility that
217 provides twenty-four-hour on-site care for persons with mental health conditions,
218 substance use disorders, or both, in a residential setting.

219 H. "Strategy" means a program, service, activity, initiative or capital investment
220 intended to achieve the purposes described in section 4 of this ordinance.

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221 I. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assisting organizations in
222 applying for grants funded by the levy and in implementing and improving delivery of a
223 strategy or strategies for which levy moneys are eligible, and includes assisting
224 community-based organizations in delivery of strategies to persons and communities that
225 are disproportionately impacted by behavioral health conditions.

226 **SECTION 2. Levy submittal.** To provide necessary moneys to fund, finance or
227 refinance the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council
228 shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular
229 property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for
230 nine consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2024, at a rate not to exceed
231 \$0.145 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The
232 dollar amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the maximum
233 allowable levy amounts in years two through nine (2025-2032) shall be calculated using
234 the limit factor in chapter 84.55 RCW, as amended.

235 **SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited
236 into the crisis care centers fund, or its successor.

237 **SECTION 4. Levy purposes.**

238 A. The paramount purpose of the levy shall be to establish and operate a regional
239 network of five crisis care centers in King County, with each of the four King County
240 crisis response zones containing at least one crisis care center and at least one of the five
241 crisis care centers specializing in serving persons younger than nineteen years old.

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242 B. The levy's supporting purpose one shall be to restore the number of mental
243 health residential treatment beds in King County to at least three hundred fifty-five beds
244 and to expand the availability and sustainability of residential treatment in King County.

245 C. The levy's supporting purpose two shall be to increase the sustainability and
246 representativeness of the behavioral health workforce in King County by increasing
247 recruitment and retention, and by improving financial sustainability for the behavioral
248 health workforce through increased wages, apprenticeship programming and, where
249 possible, reduction of costs such as costs of insurance, child care, caregiving and fees or
250 tuition associated with behavioral health training and certification. This purpose shall
251 promote workforce recruitment and retention for the region's behavioral health workforce
252 while prioritizing increased wages and reduction of costs for the behavioral health
253 workforce who are providing regional behavioral health services and capital facilities as a
254 part of the levy's paramount purpose.

255 D. The levy implementation plan required by section 7 of this ordinance may
256 specify additional supporting purposes so long as those additional supporting purposes
257 are not inconsistent with and are subordinate to the paramount purpose and supporting
258 purposes one and two described in subsections A. through C. of this section.

259 **SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures.**

260 A. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, such sums from the first
261 year's levy proceeds as are necessary may be used to provide for the costs and charges
262 incurred by the county that are attributable to the election, and an amount from the first
263 year's levy proceeds not to exceed one million dollars may be used for initial levy
264 implementation planning activities.

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265 B. After the amounts authorized in subsection A. of this section, the remaining
266 levy proceeds shall not be expended until King County enacts an ordinance adopting the
267 implementation plan required by section 7 of this ordinance. The council's process to
268 consider and adopt the levy implementation plan and any amendments shall include
269 mandatory referral to the regional policy committee or its successor. After King County
270 enacts an ordinance adopting the levy implementation plan, levy proceeds shall be
271 expended in accordance with the implementation plan, as amended, and with this
272 ordinance.

273 C. Levy proceeds described in subsection B. of this section shall only be used to
274 fund, finance or refinance costs to:

275 1. Plan, site, construct, acquire, restore, maintain, operate, implement, staff,
276 coordinate, administer and evaluate regional behavioral health services and capital
277 facilities that achieve and maintain the paramount purpose, supporting purpose one, and
278 supporting purpose two of the levy that are described in section 4. and as they may be
279 further described in the implementation plan;

280 2. Plan, site, construct, acquire, restore, maintain, operate, implement, staff,
281 coordinate, administer and evaluate regional behavioral health services and capital
282 facilities that achieve additional levy purposes that are included in the implementation
283 plan, so long as those purposes are subordinate to and not inconsistent with the
284 paramount purpose and supporting purposes one and two; and

285 3. Provide for regional behavioral health services and capital facilities provided
286 by metropolitan park districts, fire districts or local public hospital districts in King
287 County in an amount up to the lost revenues to the individual district resulting from

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288 prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, to the extent the levy was a demonstrable
289 cause of the prorationing and only if the county council has authorized the expenditure by
290 ordinance.

291 D. Unless made otherwise eligible in subsection C. of this section, levy proceeds
292 shall not be used to provide, supplant, replace or expand funding for non-behavioral
293 health purposes including, but not limited to, jails, prisons, courts of law, criminal
294 prosecution, criminal defense or law enforcement, except for costs that provide or
295 coordinate regional behavioral health services and capital facilities within or between
296 crisis care centers and other health care settings or that remove or reduce a barrier to
297 receiving behavioral health services such as quashing a warrant. Nothing in this
298 subsection shall be interpreted or construed to limit, discourage, or impede law
299 enforcement agencies' or other first responders' coordination with, use of and access to
300 crisis care centers for persons they encounter in the conduct of their duties.

301 **SECTION 6. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,
302 the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held on April 25, 2023,
303 to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes
304 described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to
305 be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and
306 to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the
307 proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to
308 the director of elections in substantially the following form:

309 PROPOSITION____: The King County Council passed Ordinance ____
310 concerning funding for mental health and substance use disorder services.

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311 If approved, this proposition would fund behavioral health services and
312 capital facilities, including a countywide crisis care centers network,
313 increased residential treatment; mobile crisis care; post-discharge
314 stabilization; and workforce supports. It would authorize an additional
315 nine-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.145 per
316 \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base
317 for calculating annual increases in 2025-2032 under chapter 84.55 RCW,
318 and exempt eligible seniors, veterans, and disabled persons under RCW
319 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

320 Approved? _____

321 Rejected? _____

322 **SECTION 7. Implementation plan.**

323 A. If voters approve the levy, the executive shall transmit by December 31, 2023,
324 a proposed levy implementation plan for council review and adoption by ordinance. The
325 proposed implementation plan shall direct levy expenditures from 2024 through 2032.

326 B. The executive shall electronically file the implementation plan required in
327 subsection A. of this section with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original
328 and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the
329 policy staff director and the lead staff for the law, justice, health and human services
330 committee and the regional policy committee, or their successors. The implementation
331 plan shall be accompanied by proposed ordinances that adopt the implementation plan
332 and that establish or empower the advisory body, the description of which is set forth in
333 subsection C.9. of this section.

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334 C. The implementation plan required in subsection A. shall include:

335 1. A list and descriptions of the purposes of the levy, which must at least include
336 and may not materially impede accomplishment of the paramount purpose and supporting
337 purposes one and two described in section 4 of this ordinance;

338 2. A list and descriptions of strategies and allowable activities to achieve the
339 purposes described in subsection C.1. of this section, which strategies shall at least
340 include:

341 a. planning, capital, operations and services investments for crisis care centers,
342 which may include construction of new or acquisition, renovation, updating or expanding
343 existing buildings in whole or in part;

344 b. capital and maintenance investments for mental health residential treatment
345 capacity;

346 c. investments to increase attraction to, retention in, and sustainability of the
347 behavioral health workforce;

348 d. establishment and maintenance of levy and capital reserves to promote
349 continuity of levy-funded activities and prioritization of the paramount purpose and then
350 supporting purposes one and two in the event of fluctuations in levy revenue or strategy
351 costs;

352 e. activities that promote post-crisis stabilization, including housing stability,
353 for persons receiving or discharging from levy-funded services;

354 f. a plan for the initial period of the levy prior to initiation of operations of the
355 first crisis care center for the provision of mobile and site-based behavioral health

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356 activities that promote access to behavioral health services for persons experiencing or at
357 risk of a behavioral health crisis;

358 g. technical assistance and capacity building for organizations applying for or
359 receiving levy funding, including a strategy or strategies to promote inclusive care at
360 levy-funded facilities for racial, ethnic and other demographic groups that experience
361 disproportionate rates of behavioral health conditions in King County;

362 h. capital facility siting support, communication and city partnership activities;

363 i. levy administration activities and activities that monitor and promote
364 coordination, more effective crisis response, and quality of care within and amongst crisis
365 care centers, other behavioral health crisis response services in King County, and first
366 responders; and

367 j. performance measurement and evaluation activities;

368 3. A financial plan to direct the use of the proceeds for regional behavioral
369 health services and capital facilities that achieve the purposes and strategies described in
370 subsection C.1. and 2. of this section, which must at a minimum include:

371 a. the forecast of annual revenue for each year of the levy;

372 b. an annual expenditure plan for each year of the levy that allocates forecasted
373 levy proceeds among the levy's strategies;

374 c. a description of the sequence and timing of planned expenditures and
375 activities to establish and operate the regional network of five crisis care centers required
376 to satisfy the levy's paramount purpose; and

377 d. a description of how a portion of first-year levy proceeds will be allocated to
378 make rapid initial progress towards fulfilling supporting purposes one and two;

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379 4. A description of how the executive will seek and incorporate when available
380 federal, state, philanthropic and other moneys that are not proceeds of the levy to
381 accelerate, enhance, compliment or sustain accomplishment the levy's paramount purpose
382 and supporting purposes one and two;

383 5. A description of the executive's assumptions about the role of Medicaid
384 funding in the financial plan and the executive's planned approach to billing eligible crisis
385 care services to Medicaid or other sources of potential payment such as private insurance;

386 6. A description of the process by which King County and partner cities shall
387 collaborate to support siting of new capital facilities that use proceeds from the levy for
388 such facilities' construction or acquisition;

389 7. A summary of the process and key findings of the community and
390 stakeholder engagement process that informs the proposed implementation plan;

391 8. A process to make substantial adjustments to the financial plan required in
392 subsection C.3. of this section, which process shall require notice to the council and
393 provide for the council the ability to stop any substantial adjustment that the council does
394 not support;

395 9. A description of the composition, duties of, and process to establish the
396 advisory body for the levy. The advisory body may be a preexisting King County board
397 or commission that has relevant expertise or a new advisory body. The composition of
398 the advisory body shall be demographically representative of the population of King
399 County and shall include at least one resident of each King County crisis response zone,
400 persons who have previously received crisis stabilization services, and persons with
401 professional training and experience in the provision of behavioral health crisis care. The

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402 duties of the advisory body shall include advising the executive and council on matters
403 pertaining to implementation of the levy, annually visiting each existing crisis care center
404 and reporting annually to the council and community, through online annual reports
405 beginning in 2025, on the levy's progress over the previous year towards accomplishing
406 the levy purposes described in section 4 of this ordinance and on the levy's actual
407 financial expenditures in the previous year relative to the financial plan required in
408 subsection C.3. of this section that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

409 a. total expenditure of levy proceeds by crisis response zone, strategy, and levy
410 purpose by ZIP Code in King County; and

411 b. the number of individuals receiving levy-funded services by crisis response
412 zone, strategy, and levy purpose by ZIP Code in King County of where the individuals
413 reside at the time of service;

414 10. A description of how the executive shall provide each online annual report
415 described in subsection C.9. of this section to the clerk of the council, to all
416 councilmembers and all members and alternate members of the regional policy
417 committee, or its successor, including confirmation that the executive shall electronically
418 file a proposed motion that shall acknowledge receipt of the report; and

419 11. A description of how the purpose of the crisis response zones described in
420 this levy will promote geographic distribution of crisis care centers so that they are
421 accessible for walk-in and drop-off crisis care throughout King County, but that the crisis
422 care zones shall not be used to limit the ability of any person in King County to use any
423 particular crisis care center.

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424 **SECTION 8. Updating the definition of crisis care center.** If new research,
425 changing best practices, updated federal or state regulations or other evidence-based
426 factors cause this ordinance's definition of "crisis care center" to become infeasible,
427 impracticable or inconsistent with the levy's paramount purpose, King County may, upon
428 recommendation of the advisory body described in section 7.C.9. of this ordinance and
429 with mandatory referral to the regional policy committee, update the definition of "crisis
430 care center" through adoption of an ordinance to a definition substantially similar to what
431 is recommended by the advisory body.

432 **SECTION 9. Exemption.** The additional regular property taxes authorized by
433 this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW
434 84.36.381.

435 **SECTION 10. Ratification and confirmation.** Certification of the proposition
436 by the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law
437 before the special election on April 25, 2023, and any other act consistent with the
438 authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and
439 confirmed.

440 **SECTION 11. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application

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441 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
442 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 19572 was introduced on 10/4/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/31/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of 2/9/2023, _____.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None