

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Emergency Medical Services; authorizing execution, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, of an agreement with King County regarding the imposition and allocation of property tax revenues generated by a six-year, voter-approved King County-wide tax levy for emergency medical services; approving the submittal by King County of a proposition to the voters seeking authority to levy those additional taxes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This Council Bill signals the City’s legislative approval for King County to proceed with a 2019 ballot measure that would authorize a 6-year property tax levy to support emergency medical services. The City’s approval is required by RCW 84.52.069 even though the levy will be County-wide.

The legislation also authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and King County with regard to Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Specifically, the Interlocal Agreement gives the County approval to submit a proposition on the November 5, 2019 ballot seeking authority to levy 26.5 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value in order to fund County-wide emergency medical services. In addition, the Agreement allocates the City of Seattle’s share of EMS tax revenue based on the assessed value of taxable property within the city limits.

Background: In 2013, King County voters last passed a six-year levy to fund Medic One/Emergency Medical Services throughout the County. The last year for which taxes will be collected on that levy is 2019. Because the City’s Medic One operation is separate from the County’s EMS program, the City and County have executed Interlocal Agreements, whereby the County transfers to the City a portion of EMS tax revenue based on the assessed value of taxable property within the city limits. The attached proposed Bill authorizes the execution of a new six-year Interlocal Agreement with the County, provides the City’s approval for the County to place an EMS tax levy proposition on the November 5 ballot, and details the terms by which the County will allocate the City’s portion of tax revenues collected from the EMS levy.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes ___X_ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes __X_ No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

This legislation does not appropriate funds or directly levy taxes. It is projected that the endorsed levy will generate approximately \$68.3 million in Medic One revenue in 2020. Those funds will be included in revenue projections in the 2020 annual budget.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Without support from King County, the City would have significant General Fund liability to fund emergency services at the current level. In 2019 this is estimated to be \$52.5 million.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Seattle Fire Department emergency medical services and staff would be affected should the King County Medic One/EMS levy renewal not reach the ballot or fail.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation would support current levels of service for emergency medical services.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

NA

List attachments/exhibits below: