

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to services for people experiencing homelessness; authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with King County for the establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (“City”) and King County currently fund programs to provide services to homeless individuals and families, but homelessness and housing insecurity remain a chronic and serious problem; and

WHEREAS, the City and King County signed a memorandum of understanding on May 3, 2018, proposing a partnership to more effectively and consistently coordinate their provision of those services, and have received a consultant’s report providing guidance on how such a joint effort could be structured; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements in accordance with chapter 39.34 RCW (“Interlocal Cooperation Act”) to jointly provide services; and

WHEREAS, the City and King County have determined that a cooperative undertaking to coordinate services within an equitable operational framework, centering on people with lived experience of homelessness, will enable and facilitate joint planning, program funding, and establishing standards for and accountability of programs, thereby improving the delivery of services and enhancing outcomes for those receiving such services; and

WHEREAS, the City and King County have committed to assessing the needs and specific recommendations for homelessness solutions through a Regional Action Plan; and

1 WHEREAS, the City and King County desire to enter into an interlocal agreement for the  
2 purpose of facilitating the formation, administration, and operation of an independent  
3 governmental agency to be known as the King County Regional Homelessness Authority  
4 (the “Authority”) as provided herein; NOW, THEREFORE,

5 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

6 Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement for the  
7 Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, substantially in the form of  
8 Attachment A to this ordinance (“Interlocal Agreement”), with King County.

9 Section 2. It is the intent of the City Council that in carrying out the terms of the  
10 Interlocal Agreement that the following expectations/intent will be met:

11 A) Amendments to the Authority’s goals, policies, and plans, or the Authority’s annual  
12 budget shall be based upon the affirmative vote of at least eight (8) Governing  
13 Committee members;

14 B) The Authority’s funds and provision of services shall be consistent with evidence-  
15 based practices and the Authority’s guiding principles outlined in Article IV,  
16 Section 3 of the Interlocal Agreement found in Attachment A;

17 C) The Authority’s Five-Year Plan and subsequent plans shall be aligned with evidence-  
18 based practices and the Authority’s guiding principles outlined in Article IV, Section  
19 3 of the Interlocal Agreement found in Attachment A;

20 D) Sub-regional plans will form the basis of the development of subsequent Five-Year  
21 Plans or successor planning documents, which may be informed by the Regional  
22 Action Plan and will align with evidence-based practices and the guiding principles  
23 outlined Article IV, Section 3 of the Interlocal Agreement found in Attachment A;

1           E) Appointing entities for the Implementation Board will strive to appoint members who  
2           reflect the racial and ethnic make-up of King County residents. However, overall a  
3           majority of such members must credibly represent the perspectives of, and be  
4           accountable to, Marginalized Demographic Populations (as defined in the Interlocal  
5           Agreement) that are statistically disproportionately represented among people  
6           experiencing homelessness in King County;

7           F) The Authority shall provide an annual performance report to the Seattle City Council  
8           and the King County Council; and

9           G) The Office of the Ombuds shall provide an annual report to the Governing Committee  
10           at least once per year, which shall include discussion of any feedback related to the  
11           Implementation Board.

12           Compliance with these expectations will inform the City's decision regarding the allocation of  
13           annual funds to the Authority, provided that nothing in this ordinance or the Interlocal  
14           Agreement is intended to impair, limit or affect the City's budgeting authority or budget process  
15           or any legislative discretion related thereto.

16           Section 3. All funding to the Authority shall be subject to and conditioned upon the  
17           City's annual budget process and authority.

18           Section 4. The Human Services Department and Seattle Department of Human Resources  
19           shall provide for Council approval prior to its execution a plan for transitioning staff positions to  
20           the Authority that shall include, at minimum, the following:

21           A) List and description of positions to be abrogated or otherwise effected and the  
22           associated financial impact for the City;

1           B) List and description of positions created at the Authority and overall staffing plan for  
2           the Authority and the anticipated financial impact;

3           C) Explanation of the effects of transitioning for employees, such as pension plan  
4           eligibility, salary, and other benefits;

5           D) Description of any incentive packages, re-employment supports, and hiring  
6           preferences offered to employees to incentivize accepting a position at the Authority,  
7           transferring to a different work unit, or retiring;

8           Section 5. City officials and their agents and representatives are authorized and directed  
9 to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to administer, carry out the terms  
10 of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, the Interlocal Agreement and this ordinance,  
11 including entering into contracts or agreements with the Authority after formation.

12           Section ~~36~~. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its  
13 effective date is ratified and confirmed.

1 Section 47. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
6 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)

16 Attachments:  
17 Attachment A – Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional  
18 Homelessness Authority