



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to homelessness; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee to execute an amendment of the interlocal agreement between The City of Seattle and King County establishing the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

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 of Seattle and King County determined that a cooperative undertaking to coordinate certain homelessness services 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, in December 2019, the City and King County signed an Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) establishing the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (“KCRHA”), representing a shift in the way the region approaches strategic planning, program delivery, and funding for homeless services in the Seattle -King County region; and

WHEREAS, the ILA created a Governance Committee consisting of 12 members and an Implementation Board consisting of 13 members; and

WHEREAS, KCRHA, on behalf of King County, also serves as the region’s Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Entity, which includes a CoC Board responsible for the region’s annual application for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the KCRHA Governing Committee passed a resolution calling for the creation of a

Governance Review Subcommittee to develop a set of recommendations to improve KCRHA’s oversight, accountability, and decision-making structure; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of KCRHA’s governance boards will improve clarity and transparency in agency decision making and strengthen oversight and accountability; and

WHEREAS, while homelessness is a regional and national problem, the City remains the single largest contributor of funds to KCRHA, with over \$100 million appropriated in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Seattle elected officials have a fiduciary responsibility to oversee the use of public tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the new KCRHA Governing Board will include Seattle elected leaders and others from across the County along with people representing individuals with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, the City enters into this amended and restated ILA with King County in furtherance of stronger regional collaboration to address homelessness; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor or designee is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle, an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority authorized by Ordinance 126021, substantially in the form of the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Between King County and The City of Seattle Pursuant to RCW 39.34.030, attached as Attachment A to this ordinance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2024, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2024.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Attachment A - Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Between King County and The City of Seattle Pursuant to RCW 39.34.030