



PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Catherine Cotton

Councilmembers: Dan Murphy and Cara Christensen

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS (online public comments will not be taken).

MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes dated December 2, 2025.

AGENDA BILLS

- [2.](#) **AB25-126:** 2026-2031 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement

DISCUSSION

3. Update on Downtown Sewer Repairs
4. Briefing on 2026 CIP Project Schedule
5. Director Reports:
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Project status

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Bryan Holloway, and Catherine Cotton were present.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; Jen Hughes, Dept. Finance Director; Janna Wlaker, Budget Manager; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; and Andrew Jongerkryg, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

MINUTES

1. The minutes dated November 18, 2025, were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

2. Community Center Presentation and Update. City Administrator Chambless led the discussion on the update. City Administrator Chambless discussed what the results of CAI's analysis was. The design, project use, and the current funds. Alternate designs were also discussed. Committee members joined the discussion. The Committee members unanimously voted to approve having this discussion brought before the City Council meeting on December 8, 2025.

Motion to amend agenda for discussion of Department of Corrections (DOC) workers was approved.

3. DOC workers update. Parks and Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin led the discussion. Committee members joined the conversation and asked Director Hamlin questions regarding the screening process for those incarcerated. Supervisor of Urban Forestry & Stormwater, Jason Battles contacted DOC and received an email response back regarding DOC's screening process. Director Hamlin read DOC's response email to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Minutes prepared by Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the _____, 2025, Parks & Public Works Committee Meeting.

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AB Number

AB25-126

Agenda Bill Information

Title *

2026-2031 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement

Action *

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

Council Meeting Date *

01/12/2026

Staff Member

Drew Bouta

Department *

Finance

Committee




Finance and Administration

Committee Date

01/06/2026

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

x01 2026 - 2031 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement.pdf		289.22KB
x02 2020 - 2025 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement.pdf		390.97KB
x03 King County Ordinance 19922.pdf		413.4KB
x04 2026 - 2031 Parks Property Tax Levy FAQs.pdf		250.1KB

Click [here](#) to review attachments.

Summary

Introduction *

Brief summary.

On August 5, 2025, King County voters approved Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy authorizing a six-year property tax excess levy for the purpose, among others, of maintaining and improving parks across different government agencies within King County. The purpose of this agenda bill is to approve a Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County so that the City of Snoqualmie may receive its allocated share of levy proceeds and use the funds on eligible park operations, or capital projects within the City's adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and in accordance with King County Ordinance 19922.

Proposed Motion

Move to approve the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Background/Overview *

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

The City of Snoqualmie previously approved a 2020-2025 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County that expired December 31, 2025.

On April 29, 2025, King County Council adopted Ordinance 19922 which called for a special election in accordance with RCW 29A.04.321 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in 84.55 RCW for a period of six (6) years for specified park purposes.

On August 5, 2025, King County voters approved Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy that authorized an additional six year property tax levy at a rate of \$0.2329 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the first year and limited annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis, or the Chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose maintaining and operating King County’s open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns, and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance, and programming for Seattle’s Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

In order to access and receive the City’s share of levy proceeds from the voter-approved proposition, the City will need to approve a new agreement with King County.

Analysis *

If Council approves the agreement, the City can only use its share of the levy proceeds for parks system operations and capital projects consistent with the requirements of King County Ordinance 19922. The City’s “parks system” refers to any building or other structure related to parks, recreation, park areas, trails, open space, natural areas, resource of ecological lands, and other parks or recreational property owned by the City of Snoqualmie.

The City would receive levy proceeds on a semi-annual basis generally in the months of May and November and the agreement would grant King County the authority to deduct a small portion from the City’s share for its administration of the distribution of levy proceeds.

As a condition of receiving the proceeds, the City must complete an annual report by May 31st beginning in 2027 setting forth a summary of capital projects as well as providing a complete accounting for the use of the City’s levy proceeds and any proceeds remaining from preceding years.

In addition, if the City completes a capital project that was financially supported in whole or partially by the City’s share of levy proceeds, then the City will need to install a permanent sign at a common access point giving credit to the voter approved King County Parks Levy.

Furthermore, the City will need to provide notice for any groundbreakings and opening dates to the King County Council member representing the City’s County Council District and the King County Parks and Recreation Division at least 30 days prior to such a milestone.

The differences between the 2020-2025 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement and the proposed 2026-2031 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement are summarized as follows (directly from the King County Parks Levy Manager, Grayson Court):

- The new agreement mentions “park districts” as in “City and Park District Proceeds”. This does not affect Snoqualmie and was only intended to reflect the inclusion of park districts in the King County authorizing ordinance.
- The new agreement includes the levy funds allocated to cities identified in Section 5.C of Ordinance 19922. The new agreement incorporates both the “base” levy proceeds the City will receive as well as an additional \$250,000 allocation to the City identified in Section 5.C of Ordinance 19922. These were originally funds from the expired levy earmarked for the “Parks Capital and Open Space Grant Program”. King County wanted to repurpose unspent funds from the grant program. The \$250,000 will be spread out over the six-year period.
- The new agreement removes the non-supplanting clause under Section 5 “Representation and Warranties”.
- The new agreement includes some modifications to the signage requirement under Section 10.J.

Based on the adopted formula included in King County’s Ordinance 19922, the City of Snoqualmie can expect to receive \$1,594,790 in levy proceeds over the six-year period. This equates to \$265,798 per year. Given changes in assessed valuations, new construction values, population changes, etc., this estimate will adjust over time. For comparison, the City forecasted \$130,000 in levy proceeds for 2026. The City currently earmarks levy proceeds for park capital projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The new agreement would expire on December 31, 2031.

Budgetary Status *

This action will bring in additional revenue.

Budget Summary

The approval of the 2025-2031 King County Parks Levy will allow the City to receive approximately \$1,594,790 over the life of the Levy. This equates to \$135,798 more annually than the \$130,000 annual amount originally forecasted within the 2025-2030 Non-Utility Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (#310). The revenue in excess of budget totals approximately \$814,790 over the six-year period, assuming that 2031, which is not forecasted in the City’s 2025-2030 CIP, had been budgeted in a like manner as 2030. See the following table.

Amount of Expenditure	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Requested	Item 2.
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Fiscal Impact

Screenshot below is an image of the budget summary table.

Non-Utility Capital (#310) Revenue							
2025-2026 Biennial Budget	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
Budgeted King County Parks Levy Revenue	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	780,000
Estimated 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy Increase	135,798	135,798	135,798	135,798	135,798	135,798	814,790
Total King County Parks Levy Revenue	265,798	265,798	265,798	265,798	265,798	265,798	1,594,790

PARKS PROPERTY TAX LEVY AGREEMENT

between

KING COUNTY & CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

This Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered by and between KING COUNTY, a political subdivision of the state of Washington (the “County”) and the City of Snoqualmie, a State of Washington municipal corporation (“CITY”). The County and the City are singularly referred to as a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

- A. The County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of thirty-two thousand (32,000) acres of parklands and more than one hundred eighty-five (185) miles of regional trails. In addition, the County provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks, and local parks in unincorporated areas.
- B. Since 2003, on recommendation of the Metropolitan Parks Task Force and direction from the County Executive and County Council, the County's Parks and Recreation Division has focused on managing a system of regional parks, open spaces and trails and a limited set of regional active recreation assets. Consistent with its role as a regional and local rural service provider under Countywide Planning Policies and the State Growth Management Act, the County has divested itself of local parks and facilities in urban, unincorporated areas as these areas incorporate or annex to cities.
- C. On April 29, 2025, the King County Council adopted Ordinance 19922 which called for a special election in accordance with RCW 29A.04.321 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in 84.55 RCW for a period of six (6) years for specified park purposes.
- D. On August 5, 2025, King County voters approved Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy that authorized an additional six year property tax levy at a rate of \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - A. “Annual Report” shall mean the annual report prepared by the CITY and provided to the County annually by May 31st beginning in 2027 setting forth a summary of CITY Projects for the preceding year, along with a complete financial accounting for the use of the CITY’S Share, along with a listing of all capital investments made at the CITY funded in whole or in part by County Levy Proceeds, and for the 2026 annual report the CITY shall identify the dollar amount of the CITY's Existing Funds.
 - B. “CITY” shall mean the City of Snoqualmie, State of Washington, and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies and other subdivisions.
 - C. “CITY Parks System” shall mean any building or other structure related to parks or recreation, parks, trails, open space, such as natural areas and resource or ecological lands and other parks or recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the CITY.
 - D. “City and Park District Proceeds” shall mean ten percent (10%) of the total County Levy Proceeds collected by King County, net the amounts specified and allocated in Ordinance 19922 Sections 5A-I, and any interest earnings on these funds.
 - E. “CITY Projects” shall mean CITY Parks System operations and capital improvement projects consistent with Ordinance 19922.
 - F. “CITY’S Share” shall mean the CITY’s proportionate share of the City and Park District Proceeds as authorized by Ordinance 19922 Section 5C and 5I, subject to County Council appropriation.
 - G. “County” shall mean King County, State of Washington, and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies and other subdivisions.
 - H. “County Council” shall mean the County Council of King County, State of Washington.
 - I. “County Levy” means the annual King County property tax levy for park purposes imposed by the King County Council and authorized by Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy that was approved by the County voters on August 5, 2025 and replaced a levy expiring at the end of 2025.

- J. “County Levy Proceeds” shall mean the principal amount of the County Levy collected by the County.
 - K. “Executive” shall mean the King County Executive or their functional successor.
 - L. “Existing funds” shall have the meaning, as defined by RCW 84.55.050.
- 2. Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement (the “Term”) shall be for a period commencing upon signature by both parties (the “Commencement Date”), and expiring on December 31, 2031 (the “Termination Date”).
 - 3. Receipt of County Levy Proceeds.
 - A. General Distribution. Each year the County shall distribute the CITY's Share to the CITY as authorized by Ordinance 19922, subject to County Council appropriation.
 - B. Receipt and Distribution of Levy Proceeds.
 - 1. Payment Schedule. Beginning in 2026 and through 2031, the County shall transfer the CITY's Share to the CITY on a semi-annual basis, generally in the months of May and November. The annual amounts transferred shall never exceed the CITY's proportionate share of the City and Park District Proceeds actually collected and appropriated by King County.
 - 2. Administrative Fee. The Parties agree that the County has authority to deduct a portion from City and Park District Proceeds for eligible expenditures related to the administration of the distribution of County Levy Proceeds, consistent with Ordinance 19922.
 - 4. Use of County Levy Proceeds. The CITY shall only use the transferred CITY'S Share for its CITY Projects. On or before May 31st of each year throughout the Term of this Agreement, the CITY shall provide the County with a copy of the Annual Report and provide any further documentation showing that the CITY'S Share was expended on CITY Projects. The CITY shall maintain financial records to account separately for the CITY'S Share.
 - 5. Representations and Warranties. The CITY represents and warrants that all of the CITY'S Share received by the CITY shall be used only for specific CITY Projects as defined in this Agreement. The CITY represents and warrants that all CITY Projects shall be consistent with the requirements in King County Ordinance 19922. The CITY represents and warrants that in addition to the CITY'S Share, the CITY shall annually expend on CITY Projects an amount equal to the CITY's Existing Funds.
 - 6. Title to Improvements. All appurtenances, fixtures, improvements, equipment, additions and other property attached to or installed in the CITY Park System during the Term shall

be and remain the properties of CITY and shall not be deemed property of the County under any circumstances.

7. Notices. All notices required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and either delivered personally or sent by certified mail to the appropriate address listed below, or at such other address as shall be provided by written notice. Notice shall be deemed communicated upon actual receipt. For convenience of the parties, copies of notices may also be given by other means; however, neither party may give official or binding notice except by personal delivery or by certified mail.

If to the CITY:

CITY's Contact and Title: Michael Chambless, City Administrator

City Name: City of Snoqualmie

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 987

City, State, Zip Code: Snoqualmie, WA 98065

If to King County:

Warren Jimenez, Division Director
King County Parks and Recreation Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
201 South Jackson Street
Mailstop: KSC-NR-6500
Seattle, WA 98104
wjimenez@kingcounty.gov
kcparks.legalnotices@kingcounty.gov

8. Compliance with Laws. The CITY shall comply and conform with all applicable laws and all governmental regulations, rules, and orders.
9. CITY Agreement to Comply with Audit Finding or Repay. The CITY agrees that it is financially responsible for the lawful use of the levy funds distributed under this contract. The CITY agrees that if the State Auditor makes an audit finding that the levy funds have not been spent properly, the CITY shall comply with the State Auditor's audit finding and correct any improper expenditure or, at the sole discretion of the County, repay any indicated amounts to the County. This duty to comply with the audit finding or repay shall not be diminished or extinguished by the prior termination of this Agreement and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
10. Miscellaneous.
- A. Liability of the County. The County's obligations to the CITY under this Agreement shall be limited to the terms and conditions set forth herein. Notwithstanding any other

- provision in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the County be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including without limitation lost profits, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the services performed in connection with this Agreement.
- B. Dispute Resolution. In the event of a dispute between the CITY and the County regarding any term of this Agreement, the parties shall attempt to resolve the matter informally through the following mechanism: the CITY (reps.) or their respective designee(s), shall meet with County (reps) or their respective designee(s) to review and discuss the matter(s) in dispute; if the CITY (representatives) and County (representatives) are unable to reach a mutual resolution, the Executive and the mayor, or their respective designee(s) shall meet to review and discuss the matter(s) in dispute. If such persons are unable to resolve the matter informally, either party may submit the matter to a non-binding, structured mediation procedure fashioned by persons or organizations experienced in alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) procedures. The mediation may be requested by any party and shall be initiated within thirty (30) days from the date of the request unless extended by the mutual agreement of both parties. The alternative dispute resolution procedures utilized for the mediation shall include the exchange of written claims and responses, with supporting information, at least seven (7) days prior to the actual mediation. The positions expressed and the mediator’s recommendations shall not be admissible as evidence in any subsequent ADR or legal proceeding. If the matter is submitted to mediation and the matter is not resolved, an affected party shall be entitled to pursue any legal remedy available. Any disputes involving the lawful expenditure of levy proceeds shall be resolved by King County Superior Court if the parties cannot agree.
- C. No Implied Waiver. No failure by either party hereto to insist upon the strict performance of any obligation of the other party under this Agreement or to exercise any right, power or remedy arising out of a breach thereof, irrespective of the length of time for which such failure continues (except in cases where this Agreement expressly limits the time for exercising rights or remedies arising out of a breach), shall constitute a waiver of such breach or of that party’s right to demand strict compliance such term, covenant or condition or operate as a surrender of this Agreement. No waiver of any default or the performance of any provision hereof shall affect any other default or performance, or cover any other period of time, other than the default, performance or period of time specified in such express waiver. One or more written waivers of a default or the performance of any provision hereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of a subsequent default or performance. The consent of either party hereto given in any instance under the terms of this Agreement shall not relieve the other party of any obligation to secure the consent of the other party in any other or future instance under the terms of this Agreement.
- D. Headings and Subheadings. The captions preceding the articles and sections of this Agreement and in the table of contents have been inserted for convenience of reference

and such captions in no way define or limit the scope or intent of any provision of this Agreement.

- E. Successors and Assigns. The terms, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the County and the CITY and, except as otherwise provided herein, their personal representatives and successors and assigns. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.
- F. Agreement made in Washington. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made in and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action brought by one party against the other to enforce or arising out of this Agreement shall be in King County Superior Court.
- G. Integrated Agreement; Modification. This Agreement contains all the agreements of the parties hereto relating to the subject matter addressed herein, and cannot be amended or modified except by a written agreement approved by the King County Council and mutually executed between each of the parties hereto.
- H. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- I. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence of each provision of this Agreement.
- J. Signage. For each completed capital project funded with County Levy Proceeds, the CITY shall install a permanent sign at a common access point of the park facility's premises that shall include the following language: **This project was funded (or as applicable, funded in part) with proceeds from the voter-approved King County Parks Levy in August 2025 under an Agreement with King County parks and Recreation Division.** If the CITY has not installed its own sign the City shall install a sign provided by the County.
- K. Reporting. The CITY should report major milestones, such as groundbreakings and opening dates, thirty (30) calendar days prior to such milestone to King County Parks and the King County councilmember who represents the CITY's County Council district. The CITY can mail or deliver reports to both King County Parks and the current King County Council councilmember at:

Warren Jimenez, Division Director
King County Parks and Recreation Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
201 South Jackson Street
Mailstop: KSC-NR-6500
Seattle, WA 98104
wjimenez@kingcounty.gov
kcparks.legalnotices@kingcounty.gov

Councilmember(s): _____
In care of King County Council Clerk
Room 1200
516 3rd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
clerk.council@kingcounty.gov

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the last date set forth below.

KING COUNTY, a Washington municipal
corporation

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, a Washington
municipal corporation

By _____

By _____

Its _____

Its _____

Date _____

Date _____

By authority of Ordinance No. 19922

PARKS PROPERTY TAX LEVY AGREEMENT

between

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- A. The County owns and operates a park system with over twenty-eight thousand (28,000) acres of regional parks and open spaces, over one-hundred-seventy-five (175) miles of regional trails, and two-hundred-fifteen (215) miles of backcountry trails. In addition, the County is the provider of local parks in the rural area and is the transitional provider of local parks in the urban incorporated areas.
- B. Since 2003, on recommendation of the Metropolitan Parks Task Force and direction from the County Executive and County Council, the County's Parks and Recreation Division has focused on managing a system of regional parks, open spaces and trails and a limited set of regional active recreation assets. Consistent with its role as a regional and local rural service provider under Countywide Planning Policies and the State Growth Management Act, the County has divested itself of local parks and facilities in urban unincorporated areas as these areas incorporate or annex to cities.
- C. On April 17, 2019, the King County Council adopted Ordinance 18890 which called for a special election in accordance with RCW 29A.04.321 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in 84.55 RCW for a period of six (6) years for specified park purposes.
- D. On August 6, 2019, King County voters approved Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy that authorized an additional six year property tax levy at a rate of \$0.1832 in the first year, with subsequent levies adjusted by inflation for the purpose of: maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in the King County open space system by acquiring lands and continuing to develop regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns, and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance, and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding capital construction at the Seattle Aquarium; and funding for capital improvements at publicly owned pools, for all King County residents.

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 - B. "CITY" shall mean the City of Snoqualmie, State of Washington, and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies and other subdivisions.
 - C. "CITY Parks System" shall mean any building or other structure related to parks or recreation, parks, trails, open space, such as natural areas and resource or ecological lands and other parks or recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the CITY.
 - D. "City Proceeds" shall mean eight percent (8%) of the total County Levy Proceeds collected by King County, net the amounts specified and allocated in Ordinance 18890 Sections 4A-D, and any interest earnings on these funds.
 - E. "CITY Projects" shall mean CITY Parks System operations and capital improvement projects consistent with Ordinance 18890.
 - F. "CITY'S Share" shall mean the CITY's proportionate share of the City Proceeds as authorized by Ordinance 18890, subject to County Council appropriation.
 - G. "County" shall mean King County, State of Washington, and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies and other subdivisions.
 - H. "County Council" shall mean the County Council of King County, State of Washington.
 - I. "County Levy" means the annual King County property tax levy for park purposes imposed by the King County Council and authorized by Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy that was approved by the County voters on August 6, 2019 and replaced a levy expiring at the end of 2019.
 - J. "County Levy Proceeds" shall mean the principal amount of the County Levy collected by the County.
 - K. "Executive" shall mean the King County Executive or his or her functional successor.
 - L. "Existing funds" shall have the meaning, as defined by RCW 84.55.050.

King County Parks Property Tax Levy
2020-2025 Agreement

2. Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement (the "Term") shall be for a period commencing upon signature by both parties (the "Commencement Date"), and expiring on December 31, 2025 (the "Termination Date").
3. Receipt of County Levy Proceeds.
 - A. General Distribution. Each year the County shall distribute the CITY's Share to the CITY as authorized by Ordinance 18890, subject to County Council appropriation.
 - B. Receipt and Distribution of Levy Proceeds.
 1. Payment Schedule. Beginning in 2020 and through 2025, the County shall transfer the CITY's Share to the CITY on a semi-annual basis, generally in the months of May and November. The annual amounts transferred shall never exceed the CITY's proportionate share of the CITY Proceeds actually collected and appropriated by King County.
 2. Administrative Fee. The Parties agree that the County has authority to deduct a portion from City Proceeds for eligible expenditures related to the administration of the distribution of County Levy Proceeds, consistent with Ordinance 18890.
4. Use of County Levy Proceeds. The CITY shall only use the transferred CITY'S Share for its CITY Projects. On or before May 31st of each year throughout the Term of this Agreement, the CITY shall provide the County with a copy of the Annual Report and provide any further documentation showing that the CITY'S Share was expended on CITY Projects. The CITY shall maintain financial records to account separately for the CITY'S Share.
5. Representations and Warranties. The CITY represents and warrants that all of the CITY'S Share received by the CITY shall be used only for specific CITY Projects as defined in this Agreement and that such funds shall not be used to supplant Existing Funds. The CITY represents and warrants that all CITY Projects shall be consistent with the requirements in King County Ordinance 18890. The CITY represents and warrants that in addition to the CITY'S Share, the CITY shall annually expend on CITY Projects an amount equal to the CITY's Existing Funds.
6. Title to Improvements. All appurtenances, fixtures, improvements, equipment, additions and other property attached to or installed in the CITY Park System during the Term shall be and remain the properties of CITY and shall not be deemed property of the County under any circumstances.
7. Notices. All notices required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and either delivered personally or sent by certified mail to the appropriate address listed below, or at such other address as shall be provided by written notice. Notice shall be deemed communicated upon actual receipt. For convenience of the parties, copies of notices may also be given by other means; however, neither party may give official or binding notice except by personal delivery or by certified mail.

King County Parks Property Tax Levy
2020-2025 Agreement

If to the CITY:

CITY's Contact and Title: City Administrator / Director of Finance

City Name: City of Snoqualmie

Mailing Address1: PO Box 987

Mailing Address2: _____

City, State, Zip Code: Snoqualmie, WA 98065

If to King County:

Warren Jimenez, Division Director
King County Parks and Recreation Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
201 South Jackson Street
Mailstop: KSC-NR-0700
Seattle, WA 98104

8. Compliance with Laws. The CITY shall comply and conform with all applicable laws and all governmental regulations, rules, and orders.
9. CITY Agreement to Comply with Audit Finding or Repay. The CITY agrees that it is financially responsible for the lawful use of the levy funds distributed under this contract. The CITY agrees that if the State Auditor makes an audit finding that the levy funds have not been spent properly, the CITY shall comply with the State Auditor's audit finding and correct any improper expenditure or, at the sole discretion of the County, repay any indicated amounts to the County. This duty to comply with the audit finding or repay shall not be diminished or extinguished by the prior termination of this Agreement and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
10. Miscellaneous.
 - A. Liability of the County. The County's obligations to the CITY under this Agreement shall be limited to the terms and conditions set forth herein. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the County be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including without limitation lost profits, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the services performed in connection with this Agreement.
 - B. Dispute Resolution. In the event of a dispute between the CITY and the County regarding any term of this Agreement, the parties shall attempt to resolve the matter informally through the following mechanism: the CITY (reps.) or their respective designee(s), shall meet with County (reps) or their respective designee(s) to review and discuss the matter(s) in dispute; if the CITY (representatives) and County (representatives) are unable to reach a mutual resolution, the Executive and the mayor, or their respective

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designee(s) shall meet to review and discuss the matter(s) in dispute. If such persons are unable to resolve the matter informally, either party may submit the matter to a non-binding, structured mediation procedure fashioned by persons or organizations experienced in alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") procedures. The mediation may be requested by any party and shall be initiated within thirty (30) days from the date of the request unless extended by agreement of both parties. The alternative dispute resolution procedures utilized for the mediation shall include the exchange of written claims and responses, with supporting information, at least seven (7) days prior to the actual mediation. The positions expressed and mediator's recommendations shall not be admissible as evidence in any subsequent ADR or legal proceeding. If the matter is submitted to mediation and the matter is not resolved, an affected party shall be entitled to pursue any legal remedy available. Any disputes involving the lawful expenditure of levy proceeds shall be resolved by King County Superior Court if the parties cannot agree.

- C. No Implied Waiver. No failure by either party hereto to insist upon the strict performance of any obligation of the other party under this Agreement or to exercise any right, power or remedy arising out of a breach thereof, irrespective of the length of time for which such failure continues (except in cases where this Agreement expressly limits the time for exercising rights or remedies arising out of a breach), shall constitute a waiver of such breach or of that party's right to demand strict compliance such term, covenant or condition or operate as a surrender of this Agreement. No waiver of any default or the performance of any provision hereof shall affect any other default or performance, or cover any other period of time, other than the default, performance or period of time specified in such express waiver. One or more written waivers of a default or the performance of any provision hereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of a subsequent default or performance. The consent of either party hereto given in any instance under the terms of this Agreement shall not relieve the other party of any obligation to secure the consent of the other party in any other or future instance under the terms of this Agreement.
- D. Headings and Subheadings. The captions preceding the articles and sections of this Agreement and in the table of contents have been inserted for convenience of reference and such captions in no way define or limit the scope or intent of any provision of this Agreement.
- E. Successors and Assigns. The terms, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the County and the CITY and, except as otherwise provided herein, their personal representatives and successors and assigns. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.
- F. Agreement made in Washington. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made in and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Venue of any action brought by one party against the other to enforce or arising out of this Agreement shall be in King County Superior Court.

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- G. Integrated Agreement: Modification. This Agreement contains all the agreements of the parties hereto relating to the subject matter addressed herein, and cannot be amended or modified except by a written agreement approved by the King County Council and mutually executed between each of the parties hereto.
- H. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- I. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence of each provision of this Agreement.
- J. Signage. For each capital project funded with County Levy Proceeds, the CITY shall provide a sign including the following language: **This project was funded (or as applicable, funded in part) with proceeds from the Proposition No. 1 Parks Levy approved by King County voters in August 2019 under an Agreement with King County Parks and Recreation Division.**
- K. Reporting. As set forth in King County Council Motion 15378, section C, for each capital project funded with County Levy Proceeds, the CITY shall report to King County Parks and the King County Council major milestones, such as groundbreakings and opening dates, thirty (30) days prior to such milestone. The CITY shall mail or deliver reports to both King County Parks and the current King County Council councilmembers at:

Warren Jimenez, Division Director
King County Parks and Recreation Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
201 South Jackson Street
Mailstop: KSC-NR-0700
Seattle, WA 98104

Councilmembers: Dembowski, Gossett,
Lambert, Kohl-Welles, Uptgrove,
Balducci, Reichbauer, McDermott and
Dunn

In care of King County Council Clerk
516 3rd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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DATED this 27th day of January, 2020.

KING COUNTY, a Washington municipal
corporation

By 

Its King County Parks Director

By authority of Ordinance No. 18890

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE a
Washington municipal corporation

By 

Its Mayor



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Item 2.

Signature Report

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Proposed No. 2025-0130.1

Sponsors Dembowski, von Reichbauer
and Backus

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 August 5, 2025, of a proposition
4 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
5 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of
6 six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than
7 \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in
8 the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King
9 County inflation plus population index published by the
10 King County office of economic and financial analysis, or
11 the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in
12 years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and
13 operating King County's open space system; improving
14 parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by
15 acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support
16 parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving
17 parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan
18 parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding
19 environmental education, maintenance and conservation

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programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents; repealing Ordinance 19914, Section 1, Ordinance 19914, Section 2, Ordinance 19914, Section 3, Ordinance 19914, Section 4, Ordinance 19914, Section 5, Ordinance 19914, Section 6, Ordinance 19914, Section 7, Ordinance 19914, Section 8, Ordinance 19914, Section 9, and Ordinance 19914, Section 10; and declaring an emergency.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of thirty-two thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred eighty-five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks, and local parks in unincorporated areas. Examples of regional and local county parks and trails include Marymoor park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland park, Steve Cox Memorial park, Dick

42 Thurnau Memorial park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center,
43 and the Sammamish River trail.

44 2. Parks, natural areas, and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A
45 robust system of parks and trails provides: physical, social, and mental
46 health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation
47 and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and
48 retain skilled workers; increased climate resilience; environmental benefits
49 like clean water and healthy habitat; and cultural resource protection
50 through open space conservation. King County's open space system
51 provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.

52 3. Provision of urban green space, through parks or other investments
53 such as street trees, is particularly important to achieve the benefits listed
54 above. The addition of trees and plants to concrete-dominated urban areas
55 can help reduce the higher ambient temperatures in those areas, which are
56 anticipated to worsen as anthropogenic climate change progresses. That
57 contributes to health and quality of life for nearby residents, in addition to
58 providing additional capacity to sequester planet-warming greenhouse
59 gases.

60 4. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, adopted by the King County
61 council and enacted by Ordinance 14509, became the blueprint for
62 establishing the regional open space system we have today. Building on
63 that blueprint, the county has adopted open space plans, which have
64 provided the framework guiding King County in the acquisition, planning,

65 development, stewardship, maintenance, and management of its complex
66 system of parks, regional trails, and acres of open space. The latest open
67 space plan was updated in 2022 and adopted by Ordinance 19501.

68 5. In implementing the open space plan, the parks and recreation division
69 of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused
70 its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural
71 areas, and local parks in unincorporated King County and has
72 implemented business practices that generate revenue from park system
73 assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate
74 and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage
75 public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.

76 6. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces
77 and community advisory committees, the county has sought voter-
78 approved levies on four prior occasions: in 2003, enacted by Ordinance
79 14586, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and
80 recreation division for 2004 through 2007; in 2007, enacted by Ordinance
81 15759, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as
82 funding for open space acquisition, regional trail development, the
83 Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities for use in their
84 open space acquisition and trail projects for 2008 through 2013; in 2013,
85 enacted by Ordinance 17568, to provide funding for maintenance and
86 operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and
87 improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo and for

King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for 2014 through 2019; and in 2019, enacted by Ordinance 18890, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, aquatic facilities, and for King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for 2020 through 2025. Voters approved the funding measures on all four occasions that they were on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have helped keep the open space system clean, safe, and open.

7. Tribal nations are comanagers with the county in managing our shared public lands, waters, and resources. The county recognizes that this relationship is informed and guided by the treaty rights, which many tribes exercise within King County. The department of natural resources and parks has undertaken many actions with tribes as comanagers in an effort to foster mutual respect, and establish regular and meaningful communication, cooperation, and consultation with tribal officials in developing and executing state and King County policies that have tribal implications. The county has an ongoing goal to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with tribes that share territory with and have interests in King County

8. The 2020 through 2025 voter-approved parks, trails, and open space replacement levy provides approximately eighty-five percent of the operating budget of the parks and recreation division, with approximately

111 fifteen percent generated through business activities and entrepreneurial
112 efforts. King County general fund support to the parks and recreation
113 division was eliminated as of 2011.

114 9. The community partnerships and grants program enacted by Ordinance
115 14509 enhances parks amenities by partnering with parks and recreation
116 organizations. Since the inception of the community partnership and grant
117 program in 2003, more than seventy projects representing more than
118 seventy million dollars' worth of new, enhanced, or preserved public
119 recreation facilities have been completed, with only twenty-two million
120 dollars of King County capital investment.

121 10. The Woodland Park Zoo received distributions from the past three
122 voter-approved levies to supplement zoo operating revenue for education
123 and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance, and capital
124 improvements. Levy proceeds distributed to the zoo provided
125 environmental education, programming and transportation focusing on
126 accessibility for underserved areas, supported thousands of students-
127 annually, and benefitted residents throughout King County. Levy
128 proceeds also provided conservation and animal care for threatened
129 Pacific Northwest species.

130 11. The Seattle Aquarium received distributions from the past voter-
131 approved levy for capital costs for the Ocean Pavilion project to amplify
132 the aquarium's existing global conservation efforts by bringing visitors
133 face-to-face with tropical species native to the Coral Triangle and by

134 housing approximately three thousand five hundred sustainably sourced
135 tropical fish and invertebrates, including rays, sharks, mangroves, and up
136 to thirty species of coral.

137 12. The Memorial Stadium project will create an innovative multi-
138 purpose student and community events facility at Seattle Center. That
139 transformative project will be led by Seattle Public Schools and the city of
140 Seattle, providing an improved venue for local and regional sports and
141 events.

142 13. The removal of the Alaskan Way Viaduct provided an unprecedented
143 opportunity to create new green space in the heart of Seattle. The
144 resulting waterfront park is a twenty-acre public space stretching from
145 Belltown to Pioneer Square, providing the entire region lasting economic,
146 social, and environmental benefits. Seattle's Waterfront park will link
147 iconic attractions including Olympic Sculpture park, Pike Place Market,
148 the Seattle Aquarium, the Colman Dock ferry terminal, Pioneer Square,
149 stadiums, and surrounding neighborhoods.

150 14. King County towns and cities received funding from the past three
151 voter-approved levies. In 2008 through 2013, towns and cities could use
152 levy proceeds for open space and natural lands acquisition and
153 development of town or city trail projects that supported connections to
154 the regional trail system with distributions being contingent upon an equal
155 or greater contribution of matching moneys from the recipient town or city
156 for the same project. In the 2014 through 2019 and the 2020 through 2025

157 levies, types of uses for the distribution to King County towns and cities
158 were broadened to provide flexibility and better meet the parks and
159 recreation needs of cities.

160 15. Parks levy oversight committees were established to monitor the
161 expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004 through 2007, 2008 through
162 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through 2025 levies. Annual
163 committee review has concluded that the county has complied with all
164 levy requirements.

165 16. During the 2008 through 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through
166 2025 levy periods, the process for developing, reviewing, and
167 recommending potential conservation futures tax and parks levy
168 acquisition projects has maximized acquisitions for open space, natural
169 lands, and regional trail rights of way due to the similar objectives for the
170 conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition programs. Parks levy
171 open space funding distributed to King County is a critical component of
172 match for county applications for conservation futures tax funding. The
173 process for conservation futures tax outlined in K.C.C. 26.12.010
174 maintains transparency, accessibility, and consistency of the distribution
175 of conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition funds for the public,
176 stakeholder groups, government agencies, and officials.

177 17. King County is growing rapidly as a region. In 2024, King County's
178 population increased by more than thirty thousand people; over the next
179 ten years, the county is expected to grow by another two hundred fifty

thousand people. Recent trend reports indicate that participation in outdoor recreation continues to grow, increasing by more than four percent nation-wide in 2023. More and more people are using King County parks and trails, which puts greater pressure on the system. As development increases to accommodate population growth, the risk of losing open space lands, including urban greenspaces throughout the county grows. Those valuable lands contribute to King County residents' high quality of life. The cost of land to accommodate this growth and preserve open spaces is also increasing. Today is the opportune time to address future needs of residents by investing in our parks and trails and accelerating conservation of open space.

18. In King County, many communities have experienced a history of inequitable and limited regional investments in parks, recreation, and open space, limiting the ability of residents to lead healthy lives.

Approximately five hundred thousand King County residents live without ready access to parks, recreation, and open spaces. There is a need to address disparities in access to parks, recreation, and open space for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities. This ordinance provides an opportunity to address parks and recreation needs of these traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities.

19. Recognizing growth in population, increased use of parks and trails and the need to address disparities, to prepare the 2026 through 2031 levy,

the parks and recreation division conducted outreach to obtain feedback on the current park system and future parks and recreation needs for all King County residents. In March and April 2024, parks and recreation division staff conducted twenty-one in-person and virtual community engagement events and hosted two online surveys across eight languages. Participants represented all geographic areas of the county including towns and cities, business, recreation, community, and environmental interests. More than four thousand eight hundred people across all nine King County Council districts participated in the surveys. Parks and recreation division staff also met with towns and cities, parks districts, and key partners to receive additional feedback about the levy.

20. Feedback from engagement events, online surveys, and meetings showed support for the King County open space system and defined measures of success. Four themes emerged as top priorities: safety and belonging; new parks, trails, recreation, and infrastructure; equity, representation, inclusion, and access; and maintenance, repairs, and staffing. Feedback supported funding for King County towns' and cities' parks and recreation programs; expansion of the regional trails system; and natural lands conservation.

21. From January through July 2024, parks and recreation division staff convened a Community Advisory Committee tasked with recommending how to preserve King County's open space system of parks, trails, and natural areas and resource lands after the 2019 through 2025 levy expires.

226 The Community Advisory Committee also advised staff about how best to
227 meet the growing parks and recreation needs in King County and the
228 region. Representing King County Boards, cities, non-profit
229 organizations, community and environmental interests, businesses, and
230 sports, the Community Advisory Committee met nine times to provide
231 guidance on developing the 2026 through 2031 levy.

232 22. The King County executive took into consideration information
233 obtained from this engagement, the region's growing population, increased
234 use of parks and trails across King County, and the lack of parks,
235 recreation, and open space in some communities, and has put forth this
236 ordinance that acknowledges the changing landscape and the need to grow
237 the open space system to keep up with regional demand. This ordinance is
238 also consistent with the goals and priorities of past levy task forces.

239 23. This proposal would exempt low-income seniors, disabled veterans,
240 and other people with disabilities from the regular property tax increase on
241 their residences resulting from a levy authorized by this ordinance if they
242 have been approved for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381.

243 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

244 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

245 A. On April 15, 2025, the county council adopted Ordinance 19914 to submit to
246 the voters at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, a
247 proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in
248 chapter 84.55 RCW. Commonly referred to as the "Parks Levy," if passed by the voters,

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249 among the eligible levy expenditures would be direct distributions to cities, towns, and
250 municipal park districts.

251 B. Ordinance 19914, as enacted, contained an incorrect cross reference in Section
252 4.I.3.c. that would preclude distribution of approximately ninety-one million dollars, over
253 the life of the levy, to towns and cities, which is contrary to the intent of the council, and
254 contained an incorrect cross-reference in Section 7.B. that would result in omitting an
255 intended reporting requirement.

256 C. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, in order to submit a levy proposition to
257 the voters at the special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, an
258 effective ordinance must be presented to the county's elections department no later than
259 May 2, 2025.

260 D. In order to meet that deadline, the council must take action on this ordinance
261 on an emergency basis to ensure that the voters have the opportunity to consider the
262 correct and intended levy proposal at the August special election. If the levy proposal is
263 passed by the voters, the proceeds from the levy will continue and expand support of not
264 only the King County's open space system, but also the parks, trails, open space, and
265 recreational programs of all the county's cities and towns, and some municipal park
266 districts, as well as making investments in environmental education, the Woodland Park
267 Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle's Waterfront park, the Pacific Science Center, and the
268 construction of a revitalized Memorial Stadium.

269 E. This ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance 19914. Except for the
270 correction of the cross-references in the subsections that are now Section 5.I.3. and

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271 Section 8.B. of this ordinance, and the additions of this Findings section, the repeal
272 section, and the emergency declaration, this ordinance is identical to Ordinance 19914.

273 **SECTION 2. Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this
274 ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise. For those definitions herein that
275 contain terms not defined but include a reference to the 2022 Open Space Plan adopted
276 by Ordinance 19501, or the provisions of the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A
277 RCW, then the definition or categorization found in the referenced document shall apply.

278 A. "Aquatic facilities grants program" means the program through which King
279 County provides moneys to publicly owned pools for: capital improvement projects,
280 including planning, feasibility studies, preconstruction and design, and construction; and
281 major maintenance repair or replacement projects.

282 B. "Ballfield access and preservation grant program" means the program through
283 which King County provides moneys to eligible entities to increase public access to
284 ballfields.

285 C. "Community partnerships and grants program" means the program through
286 which King County provides moneys to recreation-oriented groups, sports associations,
287 and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of developing,
288 operating, or maintaining a recreation facility or public park in unincorporated King
289 County and King County towns and cities for public benefit.

290 D. "Conservation" means protection of natural areas, as defined in the county's
291 open space plan, natural resource lands, categorized in RCW 36.70A.170, from
292 development through fee or easement acquisition, restoration of natural functions, and
293 administration of incentives for landowners that voluntarily preserve open space.

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294 E. "Conservation futures tax program" means the program defined in K.C.C.
295 chapter 26.12.

296 F. "Educational and civic venues" means the Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle
297 Aquarium, Memorial Stadium, Seattle's Waterfront park, and Pacific Science Center.

298 G. "Get active/stay active grant program" means the program through which the
299 King County council provides councilmanic grant awards for youth or amateur sport
300 activities or facilities.

301 H. "Healthy community and parks grants program" means the program through
302 which King County provides moneys to eligible entities in order to achieve equitable
303 opportunities and access to parks and recreation for traditionally underserved areas and
304 communities, including people with disabilities, located in unincorporated King County
305 and King County towns and cities.

306 I. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and
307 term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state
308 law.

309 J. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy, any
310 interest earnings on the moneys, and the proceeds of any interim financing following
311 authorization of the levy.

312 K. "Limit factor" means the most recent published King County office of
313 economic and financial analysis King County inflation plus population index, or the
314 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

315 L. "Open space system" means the categories of King County's open space
316 system of parks, including recreation and multiuse sites, regional trails, natural areas, and

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317 natural resource lands. "Open space system" also includes structures or buildings owned
318 or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of the department
319 of natural resources.

320 M. "Open space" means any land defined as part of the open space system or a
321 parks district, town, or city parks system.

322 N. "Parks district" means the active metropolitan park districts under chapter
323 35.61 RCW and parks and recreation service areas under chapter 36.68 RCW in King
324 County.

325 O. "Town or city parks system" means any building or other structure related to
326 parks or recreation; parks, trails, natural areas, natural resource lands, and other parks or
327 recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a town or city within
328 King County.

329 **SECTION 3. Levy submittal to voters.** To provide necessary moneys for the
330 purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to
331 the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy
332 in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive
333 years, with collection commencing in 2026, at a rate not to exceed \$0.2329 per one
334 thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount
335 of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the levy amounts in year two
336 through six shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a
337 regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

338 **SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited
339 into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

340 **SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures.** If approved by the qualified electors of the
341 county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

342 A. Costs incurred by the county that are attributable to the special election called
343 for in section 6 of this ordinance as well as future parks, recreation, trails, and open space
344 levy elections;

345 B. Distributions to educational and civic venues, limited to the following
346 facilities:

347 1. Up to forty million dollars for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological
348 Society which shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on
349 accessibility to traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with
350 disabilities; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of
351 threatened species; and development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate
352 impacts to animals and habitats from climate change;

353 2. Up to twelve million dollars for distribution to the Seattle Aquarium which
354 shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on accessibility to
355 traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities;
356 maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of threatened species; and
357 development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate impacts to animals and
358 habitats from climate change;

359 3. Up to two million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to the city of
360 Seattle, which shall be used solely for capital costs for the Memorial Stadium project;

4. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the Pacific Science Center, which shall be used solely for capital or operations and maintenance purposes relating to environmental and climate stewardship and education; and

5. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the 501(c)(3) organization, registered with the Washington secretary of state under number 1133863 and known as Friends of Waterfront Park or its successor 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Washington secretary of state, which shall be used solely at Seattle's Waterfront park, and which shall be used solely for: accessibility to the park for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities; support for a clean and safe environment; free arts, culture, wellness, and recreation programming to all visitors; and development of inclusive community partnerships;

C. Twenty-five million twenty-five thousand dollars for a municipal parks capital and open space pass through distribution to towns and cities in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital improvement projects. These moneys shall be distributed based on 2025 population and presence of opportunity areas as defined in K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1., as follows:

1. Algona and Pacific – two hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
2. Enumclaw – five hundred thousand dollars;
3. Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, and Burien – one million dollars each;
4. Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Kent – one million nine-hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
5. Seattle – two million eight-hundred thousand dollars;

6. Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Milton, Carnation, Medina, Clyde Hill, Normandy Park, Black Diamond, North Bend, and Duvall – one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars each;

7. Lake Forest Park, Newcastle, Woodinville, and Snoqualmie – two hundred fifty thousand dollars each;

8. Covington, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Maple Valley, Bothell, Issaquah, Shoreline, and Sammamish – five hundred thousand dollars each; and

9. Redmond, Kirkland, and Bellevue – nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars each.

D. Up to sixty-eight million dollars for aquatic facilities, limited to the following:

1. Up to forty-six million dollars for the aquatic facilities grant program; and
2. Up to twenty-two million dollars for the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center for major maintenance capital projects;

E. Up to ten million dollars for the Get Active/Stay Active grant program, to be divided evenly among the nine council districts;

F. At least thirty million dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the healthy communities and parks grant program;

G. Up to twelve million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the community partnerships and grants program;

H. Up to thirteen million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the ballfield access and preservation grant program;

I. The remainder of levy proceeds for the following purposes:

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- 405 1. forty percent of levy proceeds for maintenance and operations of King
406 County's open space system;
- 407 2. fifty percent of levy proceeds for:
- 408 a. Acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of additional open space,
409 including urban greenspaces, natural areas, natural resource lands, and rights of way for
410 regional trails;
- 411 b. Acquisition of rights of way for and development of regional and other
412 publicly owned trails; and
- 413 c. Capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement
414 of open space system infrastructure, town and city parks system infrastructure, and
415 recreation facilities owned or operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization;
- 416 3. Ten percent of levy proceeds for distribution to towns, cities, and parks
417 districts in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital
418 improvement projects, of which amount:
- 419 a. Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and
420 city, and to each of the following parks districts that predominantly serve unincorporated
421 King County: Fall City Metropolitan Park District; Si View Metropolitan Park District;
422 and Vashon Park District;
- 423 b. An additional fifty-thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each
424 town and city with a population of over four thousand; and
- 425 c. Of the remainder of levy proceeds, after the distributions made in
426 accordance with subsection I.3.a. and b. of this section, sixty percent shall be distributed

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427 in proportion to each town or city's population and forty percent shall be distributed in
428 proportion to the assessed value of parcels within each town or city;

429 4. Of the levy proceeds distributed to entities other than King County, a portion
430 shall be retained by the county to be used for expenditures related to administration of the
431 distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible administrative expenditures shall include all costs
432 and charges to the parks and recreation division or the county associated with or
433 attributable to the purposes listed in this section as well as sections 7 and 8 of this
434 ordinance.

435 **SECTION 6. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321,
436 the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with
437 the primary election on August 5, 2025, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular
438 property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director
439 of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state
440 constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the
441 said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council
442 shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the
443 following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for
444 the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

445 King County

446 Proposition No. 1

447 Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy

448 The King County council adopted Ordinance _____ replacing the expiring parks levy.

449 If approved, this proposition supports county, city, park district, and town parks, open

space, and trails; recreation; public pools; and educational and civic venues. It authorizes an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2026 at \$0.2329 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, uses the 2026 levy amount to compute annual increases in 2027-2031 by the King County inflation plus population index or chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater, and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

Approved? _

Rejected? _

SECTION 7. Distributions. Before distribution of levy proceeds to an entity other than King County, the receiving entity and the county shall have fully executed a contract setting forth the terms and conditions, including the applicable eligible purpose or purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, under which the entity is receiving a distribution of levy proceeds.

SECTION 8. Parks levy oversight board established.

A. If the proposition in section 6 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified electors of King County, a parks levy oversight board shall be appointed by the executive. The board shall consist of nine members. By March 31, 2026, each councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board who resides in the councilmember's district. If, by March 31, 2026, the executive does not appoint the person nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the councilmember should, by June 30, 2026, nominate another candidate for appointment. Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members may not be elected or appointed

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officials of any unit of government, except that individuals serving in a civic capacity on a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy oversight board.

B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on achieving the purposes of this proposition. On or before December 31, 2027, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2026. Thereafter, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee annually. Each report shall include an accounting of levy spending by King County council district and ZIP Code, grouped by purposes described in section 5.B. through I.3. of this ordinance. Any report to the King County council under this section shall be electronically filed with the clerk of the council, who will retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the chief policy officer. The board expires December 31, 2032.

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

SECTION 10. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on August 5, 2025, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 11. The following are hereby repealed:

A. Ordinance 19914, Section 1;

B. Ordinance 19914, Section 2;

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495 C. Ordinance 19914, Section 3;

496 D. Ordinance 19914, Section 4;

497 E. Ordinance 19914, Section 5;

498 F. Ordinance 19914, Section 6;

499 G. Ordinance 19914, Section 7;

500 H. Ordinance 19914, Section 8;

501 I. Ordinance 19914, Section 9; and

502 J. Ordinance 19914, Section 10.

503 SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application

504 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the

505 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

506 SECTION 13. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency

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- 507 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
508 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

Ordinance 19922 was introduced on 4/29/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/29/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 1 - Perry

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

Girmay Zahilay

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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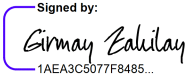

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None

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2026-2031 King County Parks Levy

FAQs

Last updated: November 24, 2025

What can towns and cities use levy funds towards in the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy?

Direct pass-through levy funds distributed to towns and cities from the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy can be used for parks system operations and capital improvement projects within a town or city's parks system. The "parks system" refers to any building or other structure related to parks or recreation, park areas, trails, open space, natural areas, resource or ecological lands, and other parks or recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the town or city.

The criteria for eligible expenditures is broad and flexible in order for towns/cities to best serve their local communities, meet the specific needs of their constituents, and improve natural areas unique to their parks systems. Expenditures that would traditionally fall under a park maintenance/operations budget or a dedicated budget for a parks capital improvement program are considered good candidates for levy-funded projects and activities. Other types of expenditures which support parks system operations and capital improvement projects could also be considered eligible as long as the expenses support parks-related projects/activities. This includes but is not limited to salary/benefits for personnel, vehicles for parks operations, and equipment for parks employees. For questions about eligible expenditures please contact Grayson Court, Parks Levy Manager: gcourt@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-9229 (work phone), 206-247-9324 (cell phone).

By signing the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement towns and cities agree they are financially responsible for the lawful use of the levy funds distributed under the agreement.

Can our town/city wait to use our distribution of levy funds until the following year?

Yes. Towns and cities can carry forward unused levy funds from the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy to the next year to accumulate funds for future planned projects and/or activities. If unused funds are being carried over to a future year the town or city must describe the specific project (such as project name, high-level details, etc.) as well as expected completion date(s).

What are the reporting requirements for towns and cities?

The annual report is prepared by the town or city and provided to King County Parks by May 31st of each year setting forth a summary of projects from the preceding year along with a complete financial accounting for the use of the levy funds from the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy. This includes a listing of all capital investments made in the town or city funded in whole or in part by levy proceeds. In addition, towns and cities must provide any further documentation that shows that the levy funds were expended on projects and/or activities as described in the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement.

Are there signage requirements for using parks levy funds?

Yes. For each completed capital project funded with county levy proceeds, the town or city shall install a permanent sign at a common access point of the park facility's premises that shall include the following language: *"This project was funded (or as applicable, funded in part) with proceeds from the voter-approved King County Parks Levy in August 2025 under an Agreement with King County parks and Recreation Division"*. There is no template or standard for the design of this signage requirement so a town or city may design the sign based on existing standards within the parks system, or however the town or city chooses. If a town or city has not installed its own sign the county will provide its own signage to be installed.

There are strict conditions for the use of a King County Parks logo but this is not a signage requirement. If the town or city chooses to include a King County Parks logo please contact Grayson Court, Parks Levy Manager, for details: gcourt@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-9229 (work phone), 206-247-9324 (cell phone).

Are towns and cities required to notify King County when a major milestone or opening date is planned for a parks capital project?

Yes, but only if the parks capital project has been funded with county levy proceeds. For each capital project funded with county levy proceeds from the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy, the town or city must report to King County Parks and their King County Councilmember major milestones, such as groundbreakings and opening dates, thirty (30) days prior to such milestone. The town or city must deliver reports to both King County Parks and their King County Councilmember. Notifications to King County Parks may be sent to gcourt@kingcounty.gov and notifications to King County Councilmembers can be sent directly to the Councilmember's office or to clerk.council@kingcounty.gov.

Section 5.C of Ordinance 19922 identifies a specific amount of levy funding to my town/city. When is that funding provided and what can it be spent on?

Section 5.C is a repurposed source of levy funding for all towns and cities. Section 5.C replaces the expiring Parks Capital and Open Space grant program and provides funding directly to towns and cities using a formula based on population and other factors. The amount identified for each town and city will be distributed equally across all six years of the levy and will be combined with the traditional, direct pass-through funding towns and cities currently receive (described in Section 5.I.3). The criteria for eligible levy expenditures identified in Section 5.C is the same as the traditional, direct pass-through funding to towns and cities described in Section 5.I.3.

Must a town or city maintain financial records to account separately for their share of the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy proceeds?

Yes.

Must a town or city report unused funds from previous King County parks levies?

Yes.

Must a town or city provide a complete financial accounting for the use of their share of levy proceeds?

Yes. A town or city must provide King County a summary of projects for the preceding year along with a "...complete financial accounting..." for the use of their share. This could be in a form of a report generated by a town or city's finance system (Oracle, Springbrook, Munis, Dynamics, etc.) which shows how the levy funds are received as revenue and used when there are expenditures using levy proceeds

from the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy. Below are some examples of financial reports that can be included:

- Revenue:
 - Account Information Report
 - Account Detail History
 - Accounting History
 - Account Ledger Export
 - Detail Report: Account Detail
 - General Ledger: Account Detail Report
 - General Ledger: Detailed Trial Balance
 - General Ledger: Line Details
 - Income Statement: Account Summary
 - Revenue Detail Activity
 - Revenue Detail Report
 - Revenue Status Report
 - Transaction Journal
- Expenditures:
 - Account Activity Report
 - Account Detail History
 - Detail Report: Account Detail
 - Expenditure Status Report
 - General Ledger: Account Detail Report
 - General Ledger: Detail Report
 - General Ledger: Detailed Trial Balance
 - General Ledger: Line Details
 - Transaction Journal
 - Year-to-Date Budget Report

What is the King County Parks Levy Oversight Board?

The King County Parks Levy Oversight Board consists of nine members who are nominated by a member of the King County Council representing their respective district then confirmed by the whole council. The mission of the Board is to review and report to the County Executive and King County Council on the allocation of King County Parks Levy proceeds and the progress on achieving the purposes of the Parks Levy ballot proposition. Specifically, the Levy Oversight Board is to confirm that the levy proceeds have been expended consistent with the requirements of King County Ordinance 19922, which outlines eligible expenditures and the specific use of levy proceeds including towns and cities in King County. King County Parks staff present reports, including information provided by towns and cities in their annual reports, to the Board for review and confirm if towns and cities receiving parks levy proceeds have complied with the levy spending requirements.

When are parks levy funds distributed to towns and cities?

King County transfers to each town and city their share of the levy proceeds over the course of the year, generally in the months of May, August and November.

How much does my town/city expect to receive from the King County Parks Levy each year?

It's difficult to provide an exact amount each year because a town or city's share of the levy proceeds is dependent upon several factors, including but not limited to population estimates, assessed property values, and tax collection. For estimated forecasts based on the adopted pass-through funding model

please contact Grayson Court, Parks Levy Manager: gcourt@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-9229 (work phone), 206-247-9324 (cell phone).

What if we have more questions about the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy and/or we would like to showcase the exciting work that our town or city is doing with levy funds?

Please contact Grayson Court, Parks Levy Manager, for any questions about the parks levy or to schedule a site visit: gcourt@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-9229 (work phone), 206-247-9324 (cell phone).