

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 9612

A RESOLUTION approving a countywide ballot proposition for the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy covering the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is a critical function of the fire and life safety services provided by local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, the countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system in King County provides residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the county regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

WHEREAS, the tiered Medic One/EMS model is recognized nationally and internationally for its quality medical care and timely service; and

WHEREAS, King County and EMS providers should continue to exercise leadership and responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost-efficient development and provision of emergency services throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Medic One/EMS system is currently meeting or exceeding the metric for timeliness of arrival; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 King County will be seeking voter authorization of a six-year Medic One/EMS levy for the period of 2020-2025; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue funding for emergency medical services for six years, RCW 84.52.069 requires that seventy-five percent of cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve placement on the ballot of the county-wide levy proposal, and the City of Bellevue has a population over fifty thousand; and

WHEREAS, the highly praised patient care and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by an existing county-wide six-year Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted for ballot approval has an initial levy rate of \$0.265 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value, to fund EMS throughout King County; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force, worked collaboratively with regional EMS Stakeholders to develop the Medic One/EMS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for providing this county-wide service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process and was represented on the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the levy will support growth, planning for an increasing population, and developments in technology; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Bellevue supports the Medic One/EMS model and the work of the EMS Advisory Task Force.

Section 2. The City of Bellevue hereby approves, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, submission to the voters of a countywide ballot proposition for the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy covering the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025, the levy rate not exceed \$0.265 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2019, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

John Chelminiak, Mayor

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk