

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 10502

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, supporting the countywide ballot proposition for funding the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy for the period from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069.

WHEREAS, the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and

WHEREAS, the countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system in Seattle & King County provides residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region 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, it has been to the benefit of the residents of the City of Bellevue to support and participate in the countywide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services; and

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

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for countywide emergency medical care and service levies; and

WHEREAS, the highly praised patient and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a prior countywide six-year Medic One/EMS levy that expires December 31, 2025; 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 2026-2031; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Task Force worked collaboratively with regional EMS partners to develop programmatic and financial recommendations for continuing to provide this countywide service; and

WHEREAS the EMS Advisory Task Force has recommended an initial levy rate of \$0.25 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value to fund EMS throughout King County for the next six years; and

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

WHEREAS, in order to continue funding emergency medical services, RCW 84.52.069 requires that 75% of cities with a population greater than fifty thousand approve placing the countywide levy proposal on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has a population of over 50,000 thousand people;

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

Section 1. The above findings are found to be true and correct in all respects.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Bellevue hereby approves submitting to the voters in 2025 a countywide ballot proposition for a six-year Medic One/EMS levy at a rate of \$0.25 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value to provide stable and long-term funding for the countywide Medic One/EMS Program for 2026-2031.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk