

**2019-0084 Parks Levy Renewal 2020-2025
Proposed Ordinance 2019-0084**

- Total collections of \$744M
- \$0.1682 per one thousand dollars of assessed value, six-year levy
- Inflater is CPI-W plus population growth
- Eligible expenditures:
 - Costs incurred by the county for the special election
 - Up to \$8 million for the Seattle Aquarium for Ocean Pavilion capital costs
 - Of the remainder of levy proceeds:
 - 40% maintenance and operations including \$6 million for targeted equity grants
 - 47% for acquisition and conservation of open space, regional trails and parks system infrastructure, including community partnerships and grants
 - 8% for cities. This includes an annual distribution of \$25,000 to each city and an additional \$75,000 annually to cities with a population greater than 4,000. Of the remainder, 50% to be distributed to cities based on population and 50% distributed based on the AV of parcels within a city.
 - 5% for Woodland Park Zoo
- The proposed levy also includes a property tax exemption as authorized by RCW 84.36.381

New proposals included in the Proposed Ordinance but not in the existing levy include:

1. Funding to pay for the special election
2. Up to \$8 million in the first four years of the levy for the Seattle Aquarium for Ocean Pavilion capital costs
3. The establishment of Targeted Equity Grants (Attachment B to the ordinance)
4. The establishment of requirements for use of levy proceeds for acquisitions of open space, natural lands and urban green space and identifies entities eligible to use this funding (Attachment A to the ordinance)
5. Minimum distributions to cities
6. Exempt seniors, veterans with disabilities, and others with disabilities from the levy, if they meet low-income requirements and receive an exemption approval from the Department of Revenue

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Proposals described by Executive staff, but not specified in the ordinance:

1. Funding for King County Search and Rescue and WSU Cooperative under the 40% for maintenance and operations
2. \$125.5 million in 8 new trail projects¹:
 - Eastside Rail Corridor - \$50.5 million
 - East Lake Sammamish Trail - \$32 million
 - Lake to Sound Trail - \$16 million
 - Foothills Trail - \$5 million
 - Green to Cedar Rivers Trail - \$9 million
 - Interurban Trail South - \$5.5 million
 - Green River Trail Extension North - \$6 million
 - Wayne Connector Trail - \$2 million
 - East Lake Sammamish Trail (Redmond Light Rail Extension) - \$4 million
 - Regional Trails Acquisitions - \$6 million
3. \$44 million in existing parks infrastructure rehabilitation²:
 - Play area rehabilitation - \$2.5 million
 - Ballfield turf replacement - \$12.5 million
 - Sport court and grass ballfield rehabilitation \$5 million
 - Trailhead improvements - \$3.5 million
 - Backcountry trail rehabilitation - \$5.5 million
 - Infrastructure repairs at Marymoor Park, King County Aquatics Center, Dockton Park, Five Mile Lake Park, and Skyway Park - \$15 million

¹ These project are reflected in the DNRP Allocation of Levy Proceeds to the Parks Capital Portfolio transmitted with the levy ordinance but are not specified in the ordinance itself.

² As with the proposed trail projects, these allocations are not specified in the levy ordinance itself.