



Memorandum

Date: 3/3/2026  
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 26-034  
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council  
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**

Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with King County for the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

On August 5, 2025, King County voters approved ballot measure Proposition 1 to renew the King County Parks Levy for another six years starting January 1, 2026. These revenues are to maintain and improve parks, trails, and natural areas so they are safe, accessible, well-connected, and protected for all King County residents to enjoy.

**Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Receive Information       Provide Direction       Approve

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
2023 Park, Arts, Recreation Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Plan, Redmond 2050
- **Required:**  
Council approval is required to accept funds.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

This agreement provides Redmond with a consistent funding source over the next six years to support Parks capital

projects, and park system maintenance and operations. Funding will be distributed over the course of each year and is dependent on a number of varying factors such as population estimates, assessed property values and tax collection.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**  
N/A

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**  
N/A

**Budget Priority:**  
N/A

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**       Yes       No       N/A

***If yes, explain:***

Authorizing the Mayor to sign this agreement will allow the City of Redmond to continue receiving funding from the King County Parks Levy, which it has provided funding from since 2008.

**Funding source(s):**  
King County Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**  
In order to accept the funds, authorization from the Mayor is required.

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
2/24/2026	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

Levy proceeds are anticipated to be transferred to recipients with signed agreements in May 2026.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

There would be a loss of funding, requiring Parks capital projects to rely on alternative funding sources, which could push projects further out and delay timelines.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: King County Ordinance 19922

Attachment B: Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement Between King County and City of Redmond