



Memorandum

Date: 5/19/2026
Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

File No. CM 26-328
Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Fire	Jim Whitney	Deputy Fire Chief
Fire	Amy Moorhead	Medical Services Administrator

TITLE:

Approval of the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Life Support Services Contract (PHSKC Agreement #14835 EMS) for the 2026-2031 King County EMS Levy

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Fire Department is seeking approval of the King County EMS Contract for Advanced Life Support Services (ALS) for the January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 King County EMS Levy period and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
 - Redmond's Fire Department Strategic Plan for 2022-2027
 - Redmond Fire Department's Community Risk Assessment & Standards of Cover for 2022-2027

• **Required:**
RCW 84.52.069

• **Council Request:**
N/A

• **Other Key Facts:**
On May 20, 2025, City Council approved resolution No. 1603: Placement of a Countywide Ballot Measure Before Voters in 2025 for a Funding Levy to Support Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the Period from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031. The levy was then approved by voters in November 2025 to set a

countywide rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the 2026-2031 period. The City Council previously approved a resolution supporting the 2020-2025 King County Medic One/Emergency Medical Services levy on June 4, 2019. The levy was later approved by voters in the November 2019 election at a rate of 26.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

OUTCOMES:

The contract for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 will provide stable and predictable revenue to the City of Redmond, consistent with the King County EMS Levy financial policy and the voter-approved November 2025 levy. This funding supports the full cost of advanced life support (ALS) services and is critical to maintaining the City's overall fiscal stability.

King County manages training, education, and quality assurance to ensure consistent standards across jurisdictions, supporting high-quality patient care and regional interoperability.

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:

A rate of 25-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for 2026-2031.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:

277

Budget Priority:

Safe & Resilient

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/2/2026	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

The current EMS levy expired at the end of 2025. In order to receive funding starting in 2026, the contract must be executed by the City.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Limited or discontinued funding for several essential services that the City of Redmond provides to its community and the broader region.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: King County Contract for Advanced Life Support Services 2026-2031 (PHSKC Agreement #14835 EMS)