



**Signature Report**

**March 1, 2007**

**Resolution**

**Proposed No. 07-02.1**

1                   A RESOLUTION approving a Policy Framework for the  
2                   Health of the Public.

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5                   WHEREAS, the county is responsible for providing regional public health  
6                   services to the one million eight hundred thousand residents in King County, as well as  
7                   the hundreds of thousands of workers and tourists who enter the county each day, and

8                   WHEREAS, examples of the wide range of public health services provided by the  
9                   county include: ensuring food and water are safe for consumption; monitoring,  
10                  preventing and controlling communicable diseases and environmental health threats;  
11                  assessing the health of the public; providing vaccines and assuring the immunization of  
12                  children and adults; assuring emergency preparedness and response; promoting healthy  
13                  behaviors and preventing chronic diseases and injury; and assuring personal health care  
14                  services to uninsured and underserved individuals, and

15                  WHEREAS, regional public health services are supported by significant  
16                  contributions from the county's general fund, state funds and a variety of federal sources,  
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18           WHEREAS, over the past decade, revenues supporting public health services,  
19           such as the motor vehicle excise tax, have been eliminated, reduced or limited, requiring  
20           reductions in public health programs and significant increases in the level of county  
21           general fund resources, and

22           WHEREAS, the significant increases in county general fund resources to support  
23           public health are not sustainable over the long term, and

24           WHEREAS, the cost of providing public health services is increasing, and

25           WHEREAS, the need for and scope of public health services provided is  
26           increasing as new mandates are instituted, new communicable disease and environmental  
27           health threats emerge, health disparities within the population of King County intensify,  
28           the number of medically underserved increases and the burden of preventable chronic  
29           disease grows, and

30           WHEREAS, in Ordinance 15083, the ordinance adopting the 2005 King County  
31           budget, the council authorized funding for a Public Health Operational Master Plan  
32           ("PHOMP"), and

33           WHEREAS, a PHOMP will guide development of a sustainable operational and  
34           financing model for the provision of regional public health services, and

35           WHEREAS, the county through Motion 12122 approved the multiyear two-  
36           phased workplan for the PHOMP, and

37           WHEREAS, by resolution, the King County board of health approved the  
38           PHOMP workplan, and

39           WHEREAS, the PHOMP will be a two-year planning effort conducted in two  
40           phases. Phase I will establish broad policies on the provision of public health services in

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41 King County and Phase II will result in recommendations regarding operational  
42 implementation and funding, and

43 WHEREAS, the adopted workplan created a PHOMP steering committee  
44 including representatives from the Seattle-King County department of public health, the  
45 board of health, the council and the office of the executive, and

46 WHEREAS, in Phase I the steering committee, board of health and council have  
47 reviewed background information and provided input on the role of a public health  
48 department and the health, policy and funding environments in which the department of  
49 public health operates, and

50 WHEREAS, the adopted workplan requires input and feedback from a wide range  
51 of community health, funding and service partners on the policy framework, and

52 WHEREAS, based on background information and a stakeholder survey, on  
53 September 8, 2006, the steering committee approved a draft policy framework for the  
54 health of the public, and

55 WHEREAS, the draft policy framework was publicly released and five hundred  
56 eighty-one stakeholder responses were received, and

57 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2007, after substantial consideration, review, and  
58 revision based on stakeholder feedback, the steering committee unanimously  
59 recommended a Policy Framework for the Health of the Public to the executive for his  
60 review and transmittal to the council and the board of health for their review and  
61 adoption, as required by the adopted work plan, and

62 WHEREAS, the executive has transmitted to the council with this motion and to  
63 the board of health by resolution, A Policy Framework for the Health of the Public;

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64           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the King County Board of Health:  
65           A Policy Framework for the Health of the Public, the outcome of Phase I of the  
66 public health operational master plan, Attachment A to this resolution, is hereby  
67 approved.  
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Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 2/15/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer,  
Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Mayor Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola,  
Ms. Manning and Sherman  
No: 0  
Excused: 4 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. Conlin, Dr. Counts and Mr. Phillips

BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments**      A. A Policy Framework for the Health of the Public