

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connie Ladenburg and Derek Young
2 Requested by: County Council

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-133**

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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Reaffirming the Birth to 25**
10 **Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult**
11 **Development Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6; and**
12 **Amending Ordinance No. 2019-6 to Extend the Sunset Date.**
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14 **Whereas**, the development of a child to adulthood spans Prenatal to 25 years,
15 when the mind and body reach full development; and

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17 **Whereas**, all infants and children go through stages to acquire the aptitude,
18 competencies, values and social skills they need to become successful adults; and

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20 **Whereas**, routine practices of child and youth serving agencies apply knowledge
21 of these stages and other research from the science of development to their practices;
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24 **Whereas**, it is accepted practice to provide positive supports to youth to
25 transition from adolescence to adulthood through the acquisition of pro social skills and
26 supportive positive relationships; and

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28 **Whereas**, efforts to prevent risky behaviors and attitudes in youth should be
29 made available to all youth; and

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31 **Whereas**, there is evidence that youth that have had Adverse Childhood
32 Experiences are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system; and

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34 **Whereas**, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in the number of
35 dependency terminations and youth admissions to detention facilities; and

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37 **Whereas**, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in incidence of
38 domestic violence and youth suicide; and

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40 **Whereas**, Pierce County exhibits high numbers of youth and families living in
41 poverty and/or experiencing homelessness and other at-risk environments; and

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43 **Whereas**, such disparities as listed above have long-term negative
44 consequences for children, youth, young adults and families in Pierce County; and



1 **Whereas**, such disparities as listed above disproportionately impact children,
2 youth, young adults and families of color in Pierce County; and
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4 **Whereas**, there is not a comprehensive child and youth development strategic
5 plan to support all healthy youth development across Pierce County; and
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7 **Whereas**, there is a need to improve linkages between agencies and programs
8 that serve Prenatal to 25; and
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10 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council established a Birth to 25 Advisory Board for
11 Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6;
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14 **Whereas**, restrictions and limitations due to COVID-19 resulted in discontinuity
15 and disruption to the Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young
16 Adult Development throughout 2020; and
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18 **Whereas**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-6, the Birth to 25 Advisory Board for
19 Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development is currently scheduled to sunset on
20 December 31, 2021, unless extended by subsequent Pierce County Council Action; and
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22 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council wishes to extend the sunset date to
23 December 31, 2022; **Now Therefore**,

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25 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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27 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby reaffirms the “Birth to 25 Advisory
28 Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development” established pursuant to
29 Ordinance No. 2019-6. The advisory board shall continue to operate under the
30 provisions of Ordinance No. 2019-6.
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1 Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2019-6 is hereby amended as follows:

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3 "Section 2. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 20212022."
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6 PASSED this 22nd day of December, 2020.
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8 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL

Pierce County, Washington

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12 Denise D. Johnson

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14 Clerk of the Council

Douglas G. Richardson

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Council Chair

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18 Bruce F. Dammeier

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Pierce County Executive

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20 Approved Vetoed _____, this
21 29th day of December,
22 2020.
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25 Date of Publication of

26 Notice of Public Hearing: December 9, 2020

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28 Effective Date of Ordinance: January 8, 2021
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