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1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2014-0426, VERSION**

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3 On page 1, beginning on line 4, strike everything through page 4, line 57, and insert:

4 "STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. Section 250 of the King County Charter requires the council to
6 establish an independent county auditor. This required function is
7 established K.C.C. chapter 2.20.

8 2. The county auditor regularly conducts financial and performance audits
9 of county agencies, including specifically identified law enforcement
10 audits and capital projects oversight.

11 3. In response to financial and performance questions identified by
12 council in response to decreased revenues associated with the global
13 financial downturn and recession beginning in 2008, the auditor has
14 conducted a broad, multiyear performance audit program of the transit
15 division.

16 4. The performance audits of the transit division have identified numerous
17 findings regarding policies and operational choices that have aided the

41 2. For any assessment performed under this subsection, the auditor shall file the
42 assessment in the form of a paper original and electronic copy with the clerk of the
43 council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all
44 councilmembers, the council's chief of staff and policy staff director and the lead staff for
45 the government accountability and oversight and transportation, economy and
46 environment committees or their successors. The auditor shall post a copy of the
47 assessment on the Internet within five days of transmitting it to the council.

48 C. The auditor shall identify the elements of subsections A. and B. of this section
49 to be performed in the audit work program described in K.C.C. 2.20.045.

50 D. By July 1 of each even-numbered year, the auditor shall file a report
51 summarizing the results of work completed in the last twenty-four months in relation to
52 subsections A. and B. of this section, and report on whether and what actions the county
53 took responsive to findings in transit audits and assessments completed in the previous
54 three years. The auditor shall file the report in the form of an original and electronic copy
55 with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy
56 to all councilmembers, the council's chief of staff and policy staff director and the lead
57 staff for the government accountability and oversight and transportation, economy and
58 environment committees or their successors. The auditor shall post a copy of the report
59 on the Internet within five days of transmitting it to the council.

60 E. To accomplish the purposes of this section, the auditor shall utilize qualified
61 personnel with expertise in public transportation and as necessary, retain independent
62 consulting services with appropriate expertise.

63 F. Following filing of the second biennial report, the council shall, in
64 consultation with the auditor, assess the benefits and costs of the transit audit
65 function for the purpose of evaluating whether to retain it in its current form,
66 modify it or repeal it.

67 SECTION 2. The first performance audit required by section 1.A. of this
68 ordinance and the first review and assessment of the Metro transit system
69 performance reports required by section 1.B. of this ordinance shall include an
70 evaluation of the American Public Transportation Association Peer Review Panel
71 Final Report, 2014-RPT0125 recommendations."

72 **EFFECT: Removes reference to a permanent transit audit function and changes**
73 **reporting requirements from annual to biennial. Adds a new subsection 1.F.**
74 **requiring an assessment after four years of whether to retain an ongoing transit**
75 **audit function, modify it, or repeal it. Clarifies intent with respect to internet**
76 **posting responsibilities. Adds a new section 2 directing that the first audits include**
77 **evaluation of APTA Peer Review Final Report recommendations.**

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1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2014-0426, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike everything through line 3, and insert:

3 "AN ORDINANCE relating to the county auditor, creating a Metro
4 transit audit function ~~and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.20."~~ ;

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5 **EFFECT: Amends title to reflect striking amendment.**