



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19385

Proposed No. 2022-0016.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
 2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 1, as
 3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.005, Ordinance 11683, Section 4,
 4 as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance 11683, Section
 5 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045, Ordinance 11683,
 6 Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055, Ordinance
 7 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085,
 8 Ordinance 11683, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C.
 9 1.24.145 and Ordinance 11683, Section 16, as amended, and
 10 K.C.C. 1.24.155; and declaring an emergency.

11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. Findings:

13 A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by
 14 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

15 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of
 16 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the
 17 organization and administration of the council.

18 C. The rules ordinance and the organizational motion have been amended from
 19 time to time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure and
 20 organization.

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21 D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and its committees by Motion
22 XXXXX (Proposed Motion 2022-0017), effective January 11, 2022, including modifying
23 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions and duties, this ordinance must be
24 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective and ensure that the regular
25 meeting times of the council's committees are effective contemporaneously with the
26 reorganization of the council.

27 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.005 are
28 hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **Rule 1: Definitions.** The definitions in this rule apply throughout this chapter
30 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

31 A. "Administrative committee" means a committee, other than a special or
32 standing committee, established in the organization motion to act and make
33 recommendations to the council on matters assigned to the committee.

34 B. "Committee" means a standing, special or administrative committee of the
35 council as so designated by rule, motion or appointment by the chair of the council.

36 C. "Electronic" or "electronically" means transmitting by email. "Electronic
37 signature" refers to a signature satisfying the requirements of executive's policy INF 14-3-
38 EP, with an effective date of July 23, 2020, as now existing or as hereafter amended or
39 superseded.

40 D. "Legislation" means a "motion" or "ordinance" as those terms are used in
41 Section 230 and 240 of the King County Charter.

42 E. "Regional committee" means a regional committee established under Section
43 270 of the King County Charter.

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44 F. "Special committee" means a committee that goes out of existence as soon as it
45 has completed a specified task.

46 G. "Standing committee" means a committee, excluding regional committees,
47 composed exclusively of councilmembers created by the council and given the task of
48 reviewing legislation.

49 ~~((H. "Work session" means a council assembly held for the purposes of engaging
50 in deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews and evaluations of issues of interest to
51 the entire council. A final action, meaning the collective decision of the committee or an
52 actual vote by the committee on a motion, proposal, order or ordinance, shall not take place
53 in a work session.))~~

54 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are
55 hereby amended to read as follows:

56 **Rule 4: Meetings.**

57 A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings
58 of the council is 1:00 p.m. on the first, second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month(~~;~~
59 ~~the time of work sessions is 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month~~)).

60 However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: from ~~((April 12, 2021,~~
61 ~~through April 16, 2021; from August 2, 2021, through August 13, 2021; and from~~
62 ~~December 15, 2021, through January 3, 2022)) April 11, 2022, through April 15, 2022;
63 from August 1, 2022, through August 12, 2022; and from December 14, 2022, through
64 January 2, 2023. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular or
65 special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.~~

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66 b. A special committee meeting may not be called without the prior written
67 consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of the committee.
68 This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and fiscal
69 management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's biennial budget
70 proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management
71 committee.

72 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
73 committees, except for employment and administration committee meetings (~~and work~~
74 ~~sessions of the council~~), shall be held in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the
75 King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. All regular meetings of the employment
76 and administration committee meetings (~~and work sessions of the council~~) shall be held in
77 the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County Courthouse in
78 Seattle, Washington.

79 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
80 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or
81 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial
82 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an
83 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the
84 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

85 B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and
86 special committee meetings are as follows:

87 a. Budget and fiscal management committee: the (~~third Tuesday~~) second and
88 fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

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89 b. Committee of the whole: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at
90 9:30 a.m.;

91 c. Employment and administration committee: the fourth Tuesday of each
92 month at 1:30 p.m.;

93 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second Tuesday of
94 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

95 e. Law, justice, health and human services committee: the first Tuesday of each
96 month at 9:30 a.m.;

97 f. Local services and land use committee: the fourth Tuesday of each month at
98 9:30 a.m.;

99 g. ~~((Mobility and environment committee: the fourth Wednesday of each month
100 at 9:30 a.m.;~~

101 ~~h.))~~ Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
102 p.m.;

103 ~~((i.))~~ h. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00
104 p.m.; ~~((and))~~

105 ~~((j.))~~ i. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at
106 3:00 p.m.; and

107 j. Transportation, economy and environment committee: the third Tuesday of
108 each month at 9:30 a.m.

109 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the times
110 when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this rule.

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111 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open
112 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

113 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to
114 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

115 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if
116 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

117 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee
118 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and
119 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be
120 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

121 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those
122 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are
123 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the
124 confidentiality of the proceedings.

125 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney
126 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a
127 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also
128 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings((, including work
129 sessions)), of council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as
130 council meetings whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

131 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with
132 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,

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133 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but is
134 not limited to:

135 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise
136 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
137 making motions and voting;

138 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee, and
139 the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and

140 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.

141 SECTION 4. Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045 are
142 hereby amended to read as follows:

143 **Rule 5: Agenda.**

144 A. Council business must be disposed of in the following order, or in an order the
145 chair deems appropriate, subject to appeal as provided in Rule 5.D, K.C.C. 1.24.045.D:

146 1. Roll call;

147 2. Flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance, the leading of which must be offered by a
148 member of the council and which must rotate among all members of the council;

149 3. Approval of minutes;

150 4. Additions to the council agenda;

151 5. Special items;

152 6. General public comment when scheduled in accordance with Rule 10, K.C.C.
153 1.24.095;

154 7. Hearing and second reading of ordinances from standing committees and
155 regional committees, and of ordinances related to collective bargaining;

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- 156 8. First reading of and action on emergency ordinances without referral to
157 committee;
- 158 9. Consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations;
- 159 10. Motions, from standing committees, ~~((and))~~ regional committees and motions
160 related to collective bargaining, for council action;
- 161 11. Other reports and recommended actions from the employment and
162 administration committee;
- 163 12. First reading of and action on motions without referral to committee;
- 164 ~~((12.))~~ 13. Consent agenda on reappointments to boards and commissions;
- 165 ~~((13. Consent agenda on reports and recommended actions from the employment~~
166 ~~and administration committee;~~
- 167 ~~14. Other reports and recommended actions from the employment and~~
168 ~~administration committee;~~
- 169 ~~15.))~~ 14. First reading and referral of ordinances;
- 170 ~~((16.))~~ 15. First reading and referral of motions;
- 171 ~~((17.))~~ 16. Reports from members serving on special and outside committees;
- 172 ~~((18.))~~ 17. Extra items;
- 173 ~~((19.))~~ 18. Messages from the county executive and other county officials, the
174 judiciary, the regional committees and other agencies;
- 175 ~~((20.))~~ 19. Other business; and
- 176 ~~((21.))~~ 20. Adjournment.

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177 B. Legislation or other items for placement on the council meeting agenda must be
178 submitted electronically to the clerk of the council by 10:00 a.m. Thursday of the week
179 before the next scheduled meeting, except that:

180 1. If directed by the chair, the clerk may place an item on the council agenda with
181 a note that the item is contingent on being voted out of committee before the council
182 meeting; ~~((and))~~

183 2. Legislation or other items needing action by the full council may be added at
184 the discretion of the chair of the council at a regularly scheduled council meeting. The
185 chair shall apply the following criteria for the additions:

186 a. the legislation is particularly time-sensitive and delay in action either:

187 (1) might impair the effectiveness of the county's responses to emergencies
188 such as natural or human-made disasters, or other circumstances seriously affecting the
189 public health, safety or welfare or the support of county government and its existing public
190 institutions; or

191 (2) might impair timely performance under deadlines of a statute, ordinance,
192 contract, interlocal agreement, real property instrument or other provision requiring
193 immediate action; and

194 b. legislation, together with an introduction slip from the sponsor, ~~((should))~~
195 must be electronically delivered to the clerk ~~((before the beginning))~~ by 10:00 a.m. on the
196 day of the council meeting; and

197 ~~((e. the sponsor should provide a brief written description to the chair of the~~
198 ~~reason for the need to expedite the legislation without regular committee review.))~~

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199 3. Upon receipt of the legislation delivered to the clerk under subsection B.2.b. of
200 this rule, the clerk shall expeditiously electronically distribute the legislation to all
201 members, the chief of staff, chief legal counsel and the chief policy officer.

202 ~~((D-))~~ C. The chair shall notify the members present of proposed changes to the
203 agenda. If two members object to a change, a majority of the members present shall decide
204 whether to change the agenda.

205 SECTION 5. Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 are
206 hereby amended to read as follows:

207 **Rule 6: Standing committees.** The standing committees shall operate as follows:

208 A. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum. A committee is considered to
209 have a quorum present unless the question is raised by a member of the committee. If a
210 member objects to proceeding because of the lack of a quorum, the committee may not
211 conduct official business, except to conduct a hearing. The appointment or use of alternate
212 members is not allowed for a standing committee. Any member of the council may attend
213 and participate in any committee meeting by asking questions and offering comments on
214 any matter before the committee. Only members of the committee may exercise
215 parliamentary rights in the committee, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
216 making motions and voting;

217 B. During its consideration of a vote on legislation, the deliberations of a
218 committee must be open to the public;

219 C.1. ~~((A vote to report a piece of legislation out of committee must be taken by the~~
220 ~~"ayes" and "nos," with the committee clerk recording on the vote roll call form the~~
221 ~~recommendation, the names of the members voting for and against the recommendation, as~~

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222 well as the names of the members excused. On any matter, including but not limited to an
223 amendment, a vote must be taken by oral roll call if requested by a member of the
224 committee. A standing committee may not vote by secret ballot on an issue. Each vote roll
225 call form must be preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council.

226 ~~2.)~~ 2.) Except for a regional committee, ((L)) legislation may be reported out of
227 committee by less than a quorum of the committee, subject to the provisions of subsections
228 C.2. and C.3. of this rule, unless a member present requests a vote on the recommendation
229 by a quorum of the committee. If a member so requests, the legislation may not be reported
230 out of the committee at that meeting without an affirmative vote by a majority of the
231 quorum of the committee.

232 ~~((3-))~~ 2. The committee's recommendation on a piece of legislation reported out of
233 committee by less than a quorum of the committee is not effective unless a majority of the
234 committee members support the recommendation as evidenced either by an affirmative vote
235 at the committee meeting or, if the member were excused, ~~((by the member electronically
236 notifying the committee clerk, by the end of the day of the committee meeting, of the
237 member's vote in support of the recommendation))~~ in accordance with subsection C.3. of
238 this rule.

239 3. If a member is excused, the member may electronically notify the committee
240 clerk, by the end of the day of the committee meeting, of the member's vote in support of
241 the recommendation;

242 D. Legislation must be reported to the council from a standing committee with one
243 of the following recommendations:

244 1. Do pass;

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- 245 2. Do pass -- consent;
- 246 3. Do pass substitute;
- 247 4. Do pass substitute -- consent;
- 248 5. Do not pass;
- 249 6. Postpone indefinitely;
- 250 7. Pass out of committee with no recommendation; or
- 251 8. Refer to another committee;

252 E. For each piece of legislation voted on in committee, the committee clerk shall

253 prepare a vote roll call form, as prescribed by the clerk of the council, that shall record the

254 recommendation of the committee, and shall include the type and number of the legislation,

255 the version of the legislation, number of the "ayes" and "nos," and the names of the

256 members voting for and against, as well as the names of the members excused. Each vote

257 roll call form must be preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council. On any matter,

258 including but not limited to an amendment, a vote must be taken by oral roll call if

259 requested by a member of the committee. A standing committee may not vote by secret

260 ballot on an issue;

261 F. The rules and procedures contained in this chapter must be observed, when

262 applicable, in all proceedings of a standing or special committee of the council;

263 G.1. The chair of the committee shall set the agenda for the committee, including

264 whether and when to include on a specific agenda for action proposed legislation referred

265 to the committee by the council chair.

266 2. The chair shall set an initial agenda not less than (~~seven~~) six business days in

267 advance of a committee meeting and the committee clerk shall post and electronically

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268 distribute such initial agenda not less than (~~six~~) five business days in advance of a
269 committee meeting. If the chair determines that revisions to the agenda are needed after
270 posting and distribution, the chair should expeditiously direct that a revised agenda be
271 posted and electronically distributed.

272 3. A change to the last distributed and posted agenda made at a meeting must be
273 announced by the chair and is subject to appeal to the full committee present by any two
274 members of the committee. A majority of the members present shall decide an appeal
275 under this subsection;

276 H. Notice of a special meeting must be made in compliance with the Open Public
277 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW. A special meeting may be called only when:

278 1. There is time-sensitive legislation or information that cannot be presented and
279 considered in the ordinary committee meeting schedule;

280 2. A joint meeting of two or more committees is necessary to consider a matter; or

281 3. An unusual and extreme workload of a committee does not allow its full
282 consideration during the ordinary committee meeting schedule; and

283 I. A committee may not recess a meeting for longer than eight hours unless consent
284 is given consistent with Rule 6.G., K.C.C. 1.24.055.G. Such a recess constitutes a special
285 meeting solely for the purpose of counting the six discretionary special meetings provided
286 for in this rule. If recess is until the next day but less than twenty-four hours, then the
287 maximum possible notice must be given. If recess is for greater than twenty-four hours,
288 then at least twenty-four hours' notice must be given.

289 SECTION 6. Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085 are
290 hereby amended to read as follows:

291 **Rule 9: Introduction and initial consideration of proposed legislation.**

292 A. All legislative proposals submitted to the King County council by the executive
293 shall be accompanied by a completed Legislative Review Form in the form of Attachment
294 A to Ordinance 17666, dated July 25, 2013, or as amended from time to time. In addition,
295 all legislative proposals involving the collective bargaining or appropriations ordinances
296 limited solely to the costs associated with the implementation of collective bargaining shall
297 be accompanied by a summary of the legislation that includes the current costs and five-
298 year implementation costs as well as changes to working conditions and any other
299 substantive changes compared to prior agreements.

300 B. Upon the electronic receipt of proposed legislation from the executive, ((the
301 sheriff,)) the assessor, the presiding judge, the prosecuting attorney, the director of
302 elections or a councilmember, the clerk of the council shall assign a proposed number to
303 the legislation. The clerk may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form and
304 style to proposed legislation before first reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation
305 that the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

306 C. Upon electronically filing with the clerk of the council sponsorship of
307 legislation, by at least one councilmember in a form prescribed by the clerk of the council,
308 or upon receipt by the council of a proposed ordinance submitted as an institutional
309 initiative under Section 230.50.10 of the King County Charter, the proposed legislation is
310 introduced and must be placed on the agenda for first reading and referral. Receipt of an
311 institutional initiative may be received in paper form or electronically. Legislation may be
312 introduced with the title only, but the text of the legislation must be filed with the clerk by
313 first reading. In accordance with Rule 2.E., K.C.C. 1.24.015.E., the chair of the council

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314 shall refer both the title and the subsequently filed text of the legislation to committee if the
315 legislation was introduced with the title only. If the text of the legislation is not timely
316 filed, the legislation is to be removed from the agenda and is not to be referred to
317 committee.

318 D. A member may add the member's own name to sponsorship of legislation at any
319 time before passage of the legislation by electronically informing the clerk of the council.
320 The first member listed on the first introduction slip filed for legislation may not remove
321 that member's own name from sponsorship of the legislation. However, any other sponsor
322 of legislation may remove that sponsor's own name from sponsorship of the legislation by
323 electronically informing the clerk of the council.

324 E. First reading of legislation shall consist of either:

325 1. Printing the number and title of the proposed legislation on the published
326 agenda; or

327 2. Adding the proposed legislation to the agenda under Rule 5, K.C.C.

328 1.24.045.B.2. or 3. and including this information in the council's minutes.

329 F. After the first reading, proposed legislation must be referred to an appropriate
330 committee or committees by the chair of the council, except for motions confirming
331 executive reappointments to boards or commissions, which may be referred directly to a
332 council consent agenda, or legislation related to collective bargaining, including
333 appropriation ordinances limited solely to the costs associated with implementation of a
334 collective bargaining agreement. Proposed legislation referred to more than one committee
335 must be considered consecutively by the committees in the order set forth on the marked

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336 published agenda or as specified by the chair during the meeting and reflected in the
337 council's minutes.

338 G. Upon being reported out of committee with a recommendation, proposed
339 legislation must be placed upon an agenda for appropriate action, after consideration of
340 public hearing notice requirements, one week after the Wednesday after the committee
341 meeting, unless the committee chair decides and states on the record at the committee
342 meeting that the item be placed on the next council agenda. The clerk of the council may
343 make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form to proposed legislation after the
344 legislation is reported out of the committee and before the legislation is placed on the
345 agenda for second reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation that the legislation is
346 revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

347 H. Proposed legislation related to collective bargaining, including appropriation
348 ordinances limited solely to the costs associated with implementation of collective
349 bargaining agreements must be placed on the agenda for appropriate action, after
350 consideration of public hearing notice requirements, at the next council meeting at least one
351 week after its first reading.

352 SECTION 7. Ordinance 11683, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.145 are
353 hereby amended to read as follows:

354 **Rule 15: Quorum and voting - standard, emergencies.**

355 A. The requirements for a quorum of a standing committee are prescribed in Rule
356 6A, K.C.C. 1.24.055.A. The requirements for a quorum of a regional committee are
357 prescribed in Rule 7, K.C.C. 1.24.065.

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358 B.1. Five members constitute a quorum of the county council, except as provided
359 in subsection B.2. of this ~~((section))~~ rule. If there is a lack of a quorum, the chair shall
360 request the clerk of the council to call members so as to constitute a quorum. Unless
361 otherwise required by the King County Charter, a vote of the majority of those present is
362 necessary for the conduct of council business.

363 2. In the event that an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, reduces the
364 number of members, then those members available and present for duty have full authority
365 to act in all matters as the county council. Quorum requirements for the council shall be
366 suspended for the period of the emergency, and where the affirmative vote of a specified
367 proportion of the council is required for approval of an ordinance or other action, the same
368 proportion of those members available shall be sufficient. As soon as practicable
369 thereafter, the available members shall act in accordance with the charter and state law to
370 fill existing vacancies on the council.

371 3. Members participating by telephone or other electronic means as allowed under
372 subsection C. of this ~~((section))~~ rule are present for quorum purposes. The clerk of the
373 council, in consultation with the chair, shall establish authentication and operating
374 procedures, which must comply with all state and county laws regarding open public
375 meetings. It shall be noted in the minutes when members participate by telephone or other
376 electronic means.

377 C.1. Members may participate and vote in meetings of standing and regional
378 committees of which they are members and in meetings of the full council by telephone or
379 other electronic means ~~((under the following circumstances:~~

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380 ~~a. any regular meeting convened during the time period specified by the chair for~~
381 ~~the council's annual trip to Washington, D.C., to confer with federal officials and members~~
382 ~~of Congress on matters affecting the county;~~

383 ~~b. under any circumstances up to five times per calendar year per~~
384 ~~councilmember; and~~

385 ~~e. under circumstances constituting good cause, which include:~~

386 ~~i. an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010;~~

387 ~~ii. special meetings convened during the dates in Rule 4.A., K.C.C.~~

388 ~~1.24.035.A., when the regular meetings of the council shall not take place; or~~

389 ~~iii. urgent circumstances as defined in subsection C.5. of this section, if the~~
390 ~~member's attendance is approved in accordance with subsection C.2. of this section)).~~

391 2. A member wishing to participate and vote in a full council or standing
392 committee meeting by telephone or other electronic means under subsection C.1.b.iii. of
393 this ((section)) rule shall use the following process:

394 a. The member shall declare orally or in writing to the chair of the meeting that
395 the member requests to participate and vote by telephone or other electronic means because
396 of urgent circumstances;

397 b. After receiving the request from the member, the chair shall promptly approve
398 or deny the request and so inform the member, who may accept the chair's ruling or appeal
399 the chair's ruling to the members present at the meeting; and

400 c. Reversal of the chair's ruling requires an affirmative vote of a two-thirds
401 majority of the members present at the meeting. For a full council meeting, reversal of the
402 chair's ruling also requires that a quorum be present.

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403 3. In notifying the meeting chair of the member's intent or request to participate
404 and vote by telephone or other electronic means under this subsection C., the member shall
405 specify the specific provision of this subsection C. on which the member is relying.

406 4. To facilitate connection to the broadcasting system, notices or requests for
407 participation by telephone or other electronic means should be made half an hour in
408 advance of the meeting when possible, and the member should promptly inform the clerk
409 of the meeting of the notice or request. When participating by telephone or other electronic
410 means, the member shall speak audibly so that the public can hear the discussion and
411 voting process.

412 5. For the purposes of this subsection C., "urgent circumstances" means when a
413 member experiences one or more of the following:

414 a. inclement weather, such as a flood alert or snow in the member's district, that
415 results in circumstances that make it unsafe for the member to attend the meeting; and

416 b. the member or an immediate family member, as "immediate family" is
417 defined in K.C.C. 3.12.010, has a medically-related issue or other urgent need for
418 assistance, including without limitation the death of an immediate family member, that
419 makes it difficult for the member to attend the meeting.

420 D. There may not be voting by proxy on a question before the council. A member
421 who is in the council chambers or present via telephone or other electronic means when the
422 question is put shall vote unless excused by the council for special reasons. A motion to
423 excuse a member must be made before the call for "ayes" and "nos" is commenced.

424 E. A vote before the council must be recorded as to the "ayes" and "nos." Upon the
425 final passage of legislation before the council, the vote must be taken by oral roll call. On

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426 any other matter, the vote must be taken by oral roll call if requested by at least one
427 member. When once begun, the roll call may not be interrupted. The order of names on
428 the roll call must be alphabetical by last name except for the chair, who votes last when the
429 "ayes" and "nos" are called.

430 SECTION 8. Ordinance 11683, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.155 are
431 hereby amended to read as follows:

432 **Rule 16: Amendments.** A member may sponsor amendments to proposed
433 legislation for consideration by the council or a standing committee, in accordance with the
434 following:

435 A. The clerk of the council shall establish the proper form for an amendment.

436 Except as provided in subsection ~~((G.))~~ H. of this rule, an amendment must:

437 1. Be in writing;

438 2. Bear the name of the member who sponsors it as well as the page and line
439 number of the proposed legislation to be amended; and

440 3. Be electronically distributed to each member at the time the legislation is
441 before the council or standing committee;

442 B. An amendment to proposed legislation may not change the scope and object of
443 the proposed legislation. An amendment must be germane and must embrace the single
444 subject contained within the proposed legislation;

445 C. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, ~~((F))~~ for amendments to be drafted by
446 legislative services staff, and reviewed by clerk of the council staff and legal counsel,
447 members shall provide direction to staff to draft amendments in accordance with the
448 following deadlines:

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449 1. For standing committees and the council:

450 a. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C.1.d. of this rule, if a member
451 desires a striking amendment be prepared, the member shall provide such direction to staff
452 no later than the end of the fifth business day before the day the legislation is expected to
453 be considered by the council or a standing committee. For example, for legislation
454 expected to be considered at a Tuesday council or standing committee meeting, a member
455 shall provide direction to staff to prepare a striking amendment no later than the end of the
456 preceding Tuesday;

457 b. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C.1.d. of this rule, staff shall
458 prepare a striking amendment and the sponsor shall distribute the striking amendment to all
459 members of the council or standing committee no later than the end of the third business
460 day before the day the legislation will be considered. For example, for legislation expected
461 to be considered at a Tuesday council or standing committee meeting, a striking
462 amendment shall be prepared and distributed no later than the end of the preceding
463 Thursday;

464 c. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C.1.d. of this rule, if a member
465 ((if)) desires a line amendment be prepared, the member shall provide such direction to
466 staff no later than the end of the second business day before the day that legislation is
467 expected to be considered by the council or a standing committee. For example, for
468 legislation expected to be considered at a Tuesday council or standing committee meeting,
469 a member shall provide direction to staff to draft a line amendment no later than the end of
470 the preceding Friday; and

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471 d. The chair of the standing committee may select alternate deadlines for striking
472 amendments and line amendments, provided that such alternate deadlines are distributed to
473 all members of the council no later than the end of the day three business days after the date
474 of introduction and referral of the legislation;

475 2. For legislation that is referred to a regional committee in accordance with Rule
476 7, subsection D., K.C.C. 1.24.065.D., the chairs of such regional committee and the
477 standing committee shall jointly select ~~((alternate))~~ deadlines for striking amendments and
478 line amendments and shall distribute such ~~((alternate))~~ deadlines to all members of the
479 regional committee and the council no later than the end of the day three business days
480 after the date of introduction and referral of the legislation; ~~((and))~~

481 3. ~~((For an amendment for which direction was not provided to staff in
482 accordance with the deadlines in subsection C.1. and 2. of this rule, during a meeting at
483 which the legislation is being considered:~~

484 a. ~~A member may make a motion in accordance with subsection H. of this rule; or~~

485 b. ~~A member may make a written or oral motion describing the amendment's
486 concept and calling for a written amendment to be considered. The chair shall call for a
487 vote on the amendment concept and if the motion passes by a majority of the members
488 present, the chair shall recess the meeting so that staff may prepare and distribute a written
489 amendment to all members of the body)) During a meeting and while the legislation is
490 being considered, if a member proposes an amendment concept for which no amendment
491 has been written and the chair determines:~~

492 a. it is appropriate to be considered as an oral amendment, subsection H. of this
493 rule shall apply; or

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494 b. that the amendment concept is too complex for consideration as an oral
495 amendment, the chair may direct that a written amendment be prepared by legislative staff.
496 If a written amendment is prepared, it shall be considered before the committee's vote on
497 recommending the legislation or the council considering the legislation on final passage;
498 and

499 4. To promote efficiency:

500 a. If the chair of a standing committee desires to change the deadlines
501 established in subsection C.1. of this rule, that chair, in consultation with legislative
502 services staff, shall establish a new schedule of deadlines and expeditiously distribute such
503 schedule to all members of the committee; and

504 b. If the chairs of a regional committee and a standing committee jointly desire
505 to change the deadlines established in subsection C.2. of this rule, such chairs, in
506 consultation with legislative services staff, shall establish a new schedule of deadlines and
507 expeditiously distribute such schedule to all members of the regional committee and the
508 council;

509 D. As a courtesy to the clerk, amendments should be electronically filed with the
510 clerk by 10:00 a.m. the day of the council meeting;

511 E.1. For the purposes of this subsection E.:

512 a. "line amendment" means an amendment that either adds or deletes, or both,
513 material in a specified portion of legislation. A "specified portion of legislation" includes
514 either or both the legislation's body and any substantive attachment incorporated as part of
515 the legislation; and

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516 b. "striking amendment" means an amendment that deletes the entire text of
517 legislation and inserts new language.

518 2. Striking amendments should be considered before any line amendments. If a
519 striking amendment is moved, all line amendments to the striking amendment, including
520 amendments to the attachment, must be approved or rejected before the striking
521 amendment is approved or rejected.

522 3. Line amendments should be considered section by section with perfecting
523 amendments considered first.

524 4. Only one amendment and one amendment to the amendment are permitted at a
525 time, but any number of each may be moved in succession if a question already decided is
526 not raised again.

527 5. Title amendments must be considered after the amendments to the proposed
528 legislation;

529 F.1. Substitute legislation may only come before the council after consideration by
530 a standing committee. A member may demand a vote on the question of whether the
531 committee substitute is to be substituted for the original proposed legislation. A substitute
532 ordinance must be within the scope and object of the original proposed ordinance.

533 2. A member may move proposed substitute legislation for a standing committee's
534 consideration, but a member may demand a vote on the question of whether the standing
535 committee is to consider the original legislation rather than the proposed substitute
536 legislation. A proposed substitute ordinance must be within the scope and object of the
537 original proposed ordinance;

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538 G. In accordance with Rule 14.A, K.C.C. 1.24.135.A, proposed legislation on the
539 consent agenda is not subject to amendment except as recommended in the committee
540 report; and

541 H. To promote efficiency, the council chair, or the chair of a ((standing))
542 committee at the committee's meeting, may accept for consideration an oral amendment
543 that is easily understood.

544 SECTION 9. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency

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545 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
546 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

Ordinance 19385 was introduced on 1/11/2022 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/11/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Perry, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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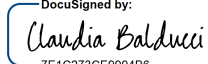
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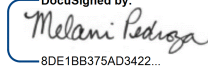
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