



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19652

Proposed No. 2023-0214.1

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of the
 2 executive branch and assignment of administrative duties
 3 and responsibilities; amending Ordinance 12075, Section 3,
 4 as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025 and repealing Ordinance
 5 18652, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.60.052.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings:

8 A. In King County, inquests serve a public function of determining the cause and
 9 circumstances of a death involving a member of a law enforcement agency in the
 10 performance of the member's duties. The findings of an inquest help the public, family
 11 members of decedents, and policy makers understand the causes and circumstances of the
 12 decedent's death. The inquest process is a formal legal proceeding, involving discovery
 13 of evidence and examining of witnesses, including law enforcement personnel and
 14 experts.

15 B. There is a public benefit in providing publicly financed legal counsel to
 16 families of the decedents wishing to fully participate in the inquest process, including all
 17 families to fully and equitably participate in the inquest process regardless of financial
 18 means. Public financing of legal counsel for all families of decedents will better ensure
 19 each party to an inquest will have equal opportunity to participate. Increasing such

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20 participation will bolster the transparency of the inquest process, thus furthering the
21 recognized public function of an inquest.

22 C. Under K.C.C. 2.35A.090.B., the authority to hold inquests is vested in the
23 executive. Inherent in that authority should be the ability for the executive to allow for a
24 fuller participation in an inquest by the family of the decedent, regardless of the family's
25 financial means.

26 SECTION 2. Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025 are
27 hereby amended to read as follows:

28 A. The county executive shall manage and be fiscally accountable for the office
29 of performance, strategy, and budget, the office of labor relations, the office of climate,
30 the office of economic opportunity and creative economy, and the office of equity and
31 racial and social justice.

32 B. The office of performance, strategy, and budget functions and responsibilities
33 shall include, but not be limited to:

34 1. Planning, preparing, and managing, with emphasis on fiscal management and
35 control aspects, the operating and capital project budgets;

36 2. Monitoring revenues and preparing forecasts not produced by the office of
37 economic and financial analysis;

38 3. Monitoring expenditures and work programs;

39 4. Developing and preparing expenditure plans and ordinances to manage the
40 implementation of the operating and capital project budgets throughout the fiscal period;

41 5. Formulating and implementing financial policies regarding revenues and
42 expenditures for the county and other applicable agencies;

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- 43 6. Performing program analysis, and contract and performance evaluation
44 review;
- 45 7. Developing and transmitting to the council, concurrent with the biennial
46 proposed budget, supporting materials consistent with K.C.C. chapter 4A.100;
- 47 8. Performance management and accountability:
- 48 a. providing leadership, guidance, and coordination of the executive branch
49 performance management and accountability system;
- 50 b. overseeing the development of strategic plans and operational plans for each
51 executive branch department and office;
- 52 c. overseeing monitoring of the performance management and accountability
53 system, including review of operational and budgetary performance;
- 54 d. developing and using community-level indicators and agency performance
55 measures to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of each executive
56 branch department and office; and
- 57 e. overseeing the production of an annual performance report for the executive
58 branch;
- 59 9. Interagency coordination:
- 60 a. coordinating and staffing executive initiatives across departments and
61 agencies;
- 62 b. facilitating interdepartmental, interagency, and interbranch teams on
63 multidisciplinary issues;
- 64 c. negotiating interlocal agreements as designated by the executive; and
65 d. serving as the liaison to the boundary review board for King County;
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- 66 10. Leading the county's continuous improvement activities; ~~((and))~~
- 67 11. Leading the county's regional planning work, including:
- 68 a. coordinating the county's participation in multicounty planning at the Puget
- 69 Sound Regional Council, including serving on the Puget Sound Regional Council's
- 70 regional staff committee;
- 71 b. coordinating countywide planning at the Growth Management Planning
- 72 Council consistent with the Washington state Growth Management Act, including
- 73 leading the Growth Management Planning Council's interjurisdictional staff team in
- 74 accordance with the interlocal agreement authorized by King County Motion 8495;
- 75 c. managing updates to the county's Comprehensive Plan in coordination with
- 76 the department of local services in accordance with K.C.C. Title 20;
- 77 d. coordinating the development of demographic and growth forecasting data
- 78 and information including census data, growth targets, and buildable lands;
- 79 e. facilitating annexations and joint planning with cities, including developing
- 80 annexation proposals, drafting interlocal agreements, and serving as the liaison to the
- 81 boundary review board for King County; and
- 82 f. coleading with the department of local services's permitting division, an
- 83 interbranch regional planning team that supports the council and executive through the
- 84 provision of information and data, development of policy proposals and options for
- 85 regional issues related to growth management, economic development, and
- 86 transportation. Participation in the interbranch regional planning team shall include
- 87 executive, department, and council staff as designated by the respective branches; and

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88 12.a. In the case of deaths that are subject to an inquest under Section 895 of the
89 King County Charter or RCW 36.24.020 that is investigating the causes and
90 circumstances of the deaths and that involve a member of a law enforcement agency
91 within King County, develop and administer a program by which the county shall select
92 attorneys to provide legal representation at public expense to the family participating in
93 an inquest, regardless of the income level of the members of the family. However:

94 (1) legal representation shall not be provided if the family does not wish to be
95 represented by the attorneys selected under the program; and

96 (2) legal representation shall be limited to preparation for the inquest and
97 participation during the inquest and shall not include any representation for the purpose
98 of potential related civil litigation.

99 b. For the purposes of this subsection B.12.:

100 (1) "A member of a law enforcement agency" means a commissioned officer
101 or noncommissioned staff of a local or state police force, jail, or corrections agency; and

102 (2) "Family" refers to the group of those individuals determined by the
103 person conducting the inquest to have a right to participate as the family of the decedent.

104 C. The office of labor relations functions and responsibilities shall include:

105 1. Representing county agencies in the collective bargaining process as required
106 by chapter 41.56 RCW;

107 2. Developing and maintaining databases of information relevant to the
108 collective bargaining process;

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109 3. Representing county agencies in labor arbitrations, appeals, and hearings
110 including those in chapter 41.56 RCW and required by K.C.C. Title 3, in collaboration
111 with the department of human resources;

112 4. Administering labor contracts and providing consultation to county agencies
113 regarding the terms and implementation of negotiated labor agreements, in collaboration
114 with the department of human resources;

115 5. Advising the executive and council on overall county labor policies; and

116 6. Providing resources for labor relations training for county agencies, the
117 executive, the council and others, in collaboration with the department of human
118 resources.

119 D. The office of climate functions and responsibilities shall include:

120 1. Coordinating the integration of climate change into county operations in
121 partnership with executive branch departments and offices, King County cities, partners,
122 communities, and residents;

123 2. Advising the executive and council on climate-related policies, programs and
124 activities; and

125 3. Leading and fostering climate innovation among county agencies.

126 E. The office of economic opportunity and creative economy functions and
127 responsibilities shall include:

128 1. Coordinating the county's efforts to develop a strong equitable economy that
129 creates opportunities for all residents;

130 2. Developing and implementing strategies to promote economic revitalization
131 and equitable development; and

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132 3. Assisting communities and businesses in creating economic opportunities,
133 promoting a diversified economy, and promoting family-wage job creation.

134 F. The office of equity and racial and social justice functions and responsibilities
135 shall include:

136 1. Defining the county's equity and racial and social justice outcomes with
137 communities most affected by inequities;

138 2. Developing the county's strategies, practices, systems, and processes to
139 achieve equity and racial and social justice outcomes;

140 3. Providing strategic consultation to county agencies, and the communities they
141 serve to achieve equity and racial and social justice outcomes;

142 4. Assisting county agencies to fulfill their responsibility to achieve equity and
143 racial and social justice outcomes; and

144 5. Operating the civil rights program, which shall include the following duties:

145 a. enforcing nondiscrimination ordinances as codified in K.C.C. chapters
146 12.17, 12.18, 12.20, and 12.22;

147 b. assisting departments in complying with the federal Americans with
148 Disabilities Act of 1990, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and other
149 legislation and rules regarding access to county programs, facilities, and services for
150 people with disabilities;

151 c. serving as the county Americans with Disabilities Act Title II coordinator
152 relating to public access;

153 d. providing staff support to the county civil rights commission;

154 e. serving as the county federal Civil Rights Act Title VI coordinator; and

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155 f. coordinating county responses to federal Civil Rights Act Title VI issues and
156 investigating complaints filed under Title VI.

157 G.1. The county council hereby delegates to the executive or the executive's
158 designee authority to request a hearing before the Washington state Liquor and Cannabis
159 Board and make written recommendations and objections regarding applications relating
160 to:

161 a. liquor licenses under chapter 66.20 RCW; and

162 b. licenses for marijuana producers, processors, or retailers under chapter
163 69.50 RCW.

164 2. Before making a recommendation under subsection G.1. of this section, the
165 executive or designee shall solicit comments from county departments and agencies,
166 including, but not limited to, the department of local services, public health - Seattle &
167 King County, the sheriff's office, and the prosecuting attorney's office.

168 3. For each application reviewed under subsection G.1.b. of this section, the
169 executive shall transmit to the county council a copy of the application received with the
170 applicant's name and proposed license application location, a copy of all comments
171 received under subsection G.2. of this section, and the executive's recommendation to the
172 Washington state Liquor and Cannabis board.

173 H. The executive may assign or delegate budgeting, performance management,
174 and accountability, climate policy, economic development and strategic planning, and
175 interagency coordination functions to employees in the office of the executive but shall
176 not assign or delegate those functions to any departments.

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177 SECTION 3. Ordinance 18652, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.60.052 are hereby
178 repealed.

Ordinance 19652 was introduced on 6/13/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/18/2023, by the following vote:

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

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