



**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**February 23, 2018**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2017-0431.1

**Sponsors** Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing a committee as a  
2 coordinating body for emergency management issues  
3 concerning the continued operation of King County  
4 government during disasters and other emergencies; and  
5 adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.310.

6 **PREAMBLE:**

7 Emergency management in King County is a process of preparing for,  
8 mitigating against, responding to and recovering from an emergency or  
9 disaster in our region. King County government recognizes the need to  
10 prepare for emergencies that can impact employees, constituents and  
11 operations.

12 Among the highest priorities is the continued delivery of critical  
13 government services during times of crisis. Toward that end, King County  
14 is seeking to strengthen its ability to prepare and respond in an effective,  
15 coordinated fashion, on behalf of the millions of people who live and work  
16 in King County.

17 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

18 **NEW SECTION. SECTION 1.** There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2A.310

19 a new section to read as follows:

20           A. The King County emergency management coordinating committee is hereby  
21 established. Except as otherwise provided by state law, the committee shall be the  
22 coordinating body for emergency management issues concerning King County  
23 government. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the office of emergency  
24 management to promote, advise, assist and review emergency management issues and to  
25 enhance preparedness for King County employees and the departments and other county  
26 entities that they serve, on behalf of the county's residents and other constituents.

27           B. The committee shall be composed of members drawn from within King  
28 County government and should include, but not be limited to, at least one representative  
29 from each county department and agency and the office of emergency management, as  
30 determined appropriate by the head of each department or agency.

31           C. The committee shall:

32           1. Address issues and concerns relating to emergency preparedness, planning  
33 and response brought forward by members on behalf of the department or agency they  
34 represent;

35           2. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of the King County  
36 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan;

37           3. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of department and agency  
38 continuity of operations plans;

39           4. Participate in regional strategic planning to identify and document objectives  
40 that will strengthen resilience;

41           5. Provide input to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's annual Core  
42 Capabilities assessment and the analysis and documentation of strategic planning

43 accomplishments and gaps; and

44           6. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of any other plans,  
45 programs, rules and policies concerning emergency management, as requested by the  
46 office of emergency management and consistent with state law.

47           E. The office of emergency management shall provide staffing, develop work  
48 plans and provide other resources to effectively support the work of the committee and its  
49 activities.

50 F. The work of the committee shall be provided to the executive and the council  
51 annually, as part of the office of emergency management's annual report.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** None