



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19725

Proposed No. 2024-0018.2

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
 2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as
 3 amended and K.C.C. 1.24.015, Ordinance 11683, Section
 4 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance 11683,
 5 Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055, and
 6 Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended and K.C.C.
 7 1.24.065, Ordinance 11683, Section 9, and K.C.C. 1.24.085,
 8 and Ordinance 11683, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C.
 9 1.24.265; and declaring an emergency.

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

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

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

17 C. The rules of procedure and the organizational motion have been amended from
 18 time to time to reflect changes desired by the council.

19 D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and its committees by Motion
 20 XXXX (Proposed Motion 2024-0017), effective January 9, 2024, including modifying

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21 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions and duties, this ordinance must be
22 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective and ensure that the regular
23 meeting times of the council's committees are effective at the same time as the
24 reorganization of the council.

25 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 are
26 hereby amended to read as follows:

27 The chair of the council has the following powers and duties:

28 A. The chair shall:

29 1. Call the council to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a quorum is
30 present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved;

31 2. Proceed with the order of business; and

32 3. Adjourn the council upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of
33 members present;

34 B. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency may
35 impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the public and
36 members of the council;

37 C. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the council, which shall include
38 setting the agenda and expediting parliamentary debate or, if there is no objection from any
39 other member, expediting the passage of routine motions. The chair's act of adding to,
40 removing from or taking out of order an item on a distributed and posted agenda may be
41 appealed to the full body by any two members under Rule 5.~~((D))~~C., K.C.C. 1.24.045.~~((D))~~

42 C. The chair shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The chair shall
43 endeavor to facilitate the will of the majority of members present at all times;

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44 D. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to
45 other members. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any
46 two members to immediately request that the decision be placed before the body. If a
47 majority of members present agree to the ruling of the chair, the business of the council
48 must proceed without further debate. If a majority of the members present do not support
49 the ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately allow a procedural motion to dispense
50 with the issue in question, proceeding until a decision of the council is secured and the
51 business of the council is allowed to proceed;

52 E. The chair shall retain legislation related to collective bargaining, including
53 appropriation ordinances limited solely to costs associated with implementation of the
54 collective bargaining, in the control of the council and refer all other legislation to
55 committees unless there is an objection to a referral. If there is an objection by a member,
56 the chair's referral will stand unless a majority of the members present vote to support the
57 objection. If the objection is sustained, the chair shall refer the legislation to another
58 committee, unless there is an objection to the referral.

59 F. Any motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the council's
60 antiharassment policy shall be referred to the employment and administration committee;

61 G. The chair shall introduce all legislation relating to (~~land use appeals~~), road
62 vacations, (~~plat applications~~), current use assessments, and other similar land use
63 decisions. The chair shall introduce all legislation relating to collective bargaining,
64 including appropriation ordinances limited solely to costs associated with implementing the
65 collective bargaining agreement. If recommended by action of the employment and
66 administration committee, the chair shall introduce any motion that proposes to censure a

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67 councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment policy, unless the chair is the
68 subject of the motion; and

69 H. The chair shall provide copies to all councilmembers of all official
70 communications and requests for council action addressed to the chair from the executive,
71 the assessor, the presiding judge of the district or superior court or the prosecuting attorney.

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

74 A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings
75 of the council is 1:30 p.m. on the first, second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

76 However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: ~~((from December 13,~~
77 ~~2023, through January 2, 2024;))~~ from April 8, 2024, through April 12, 2024; from August
78 5, 2024, through August 16, 2024; and from December 11, 2024, through January 2, 2025.

79 All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular or special council
80 meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

81 b. A committee chair may call a special committee meeting ~~((may not be called~~
82 ~~without))~~ with either the prior written consent of the council chair or the consent of a
83 majority of the members of the committee. This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special
84 meetings of the budget and fiscal management committee for purposes of considering the
85 county executive's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal period, which shall be called by
86 the chair of the budget and fiscal management committee.

87 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
88 committees, except for employment and administration committee meetings, shall be held
89 in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,

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90 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee
91 meetings shall be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King
92 County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

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

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

101 a. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth Wednesday of
102 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

103 b. Committee of the whole: the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

104 c. Employment and administration committee: the first Tuesday of each month at
105 2:00 p.m.;

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

108 ~~e.- ((Law, justice, health and human services committee: the first Tuesdays of each~~
109 ~~month at 9:30 a.m.;)) Health and human services committee: the first Tuesday of each~~
110 ~~month at 9:30 a.m.;~~

111 f. Law and justice committee: the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.;

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112 g. Local services and land use committee: the first and third Wednesday of each
113 month at 9:30 a.m.;

114 ~~((g-))~~ h. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
115 p.m.;

116 ~~((h-))~~ i. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00
117 p.m.;

118 ~~((i-))~~ j. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at
119 3:00 p.m.; and

120 ~~((j-))~~ k. Transportation, economy, and environment committee: the third Tuesday
121 of each month at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

138 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney
139 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a
140 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also
141 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of council committees
142 shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings whose agenda is
143 limited to the committee business.

144 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with
145 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,
146 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but is
147 not limited to:

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

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

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

154 SECTION 4. Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 are
155 hereby amended to read as follows:

156 The standing committees shall operate as follows:

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157 A. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum. A committee is considered to
158 have a quorum present unless the question is raised by a member of the committee. If a
159 member objects to proceeding because of the lack of a quorum, the committee may not
160 conduct official business, except to conduct a hearing. The appointment or use of alternate
161 members is not allowed for a standing committee. Any member of the council may attend
162 and participate in any committee meeting by asking questions and offering comments on
163 any matter before the committee. Only members of the committee may exercise
164 parliamentary rights in the committee, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
165 making motions, and voting;

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

168 C.1. Except for a regional committee, legislation may be reported out of committee
169 by less than a quorum of the committee, subject to the provisions of subsections C.2. and
170 C.3. of this rule, unless a member present requests a vote on the recommendation by a
171 quorum of the committee. If a member so requests, the legislation may not be reported out
172 of the committee at that meeting without an affirmative vote by a majority of the quorum of
173 the committee.

174 2. The committee's recommendation on a piece of legislation reported out of
175 committee by less than a quorum of the committee is not effective unless a majority of the
176 committee members support the recommendation as evidenced either by an affirmative vote
177 at the committee meeting or, if the member were excused, in accordance with subsection
178 C.3. of this rule.

179 3. If a member is excused, the member may electronically notify the committee

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180 clerk, by the end of the day of the committee meeting, of the member's vote in support of
181 the recommendation;

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

- 184 1. Do pass;
- 185 2. Do pass -- consent;
- 186 3. Do pass substitute;
- 187 4. Do pass substitute -- consent;
- 188 5. Do not pass;
- 189 6. Postpone indefinitely;
- 190 7. Pass out of committee with no recommendation; or
- 191 8. Refer to another committee.

192 E. For each piece of legislation voted on in committee, the committee clerk shall
193 prepare a vote roll call form, as prescribed by the clerk of the council, that shall record the
194 recommendation of the committee, and shall include the type and number of the legislation,
195 the version of the legislation, number of the "ayes" and "nos," and the names of the
196 members voting for and against, as well as the names of the members excused. Each vote
197 roll call form must be preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council. On any matter,
198 including but not limited to an amendment, a vote must be taken by oral roll call if
199 requested by a member of the committee. A standing committee may not vote by secret
200 ballot on an issue;

201 F. The rules and procedures contained in this chapter must be observed, when
202 applicable, in all proceedings of a standing or special committee of the council;

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203 G.1. The chair of the committee shall set the agenda for the committee, including
204 whether and when to include on a specific agenda for action proposed legislation referred
205 to the committee by the council chair.

206 2. The chair shall set an initial agenda not less than six business days in advance
207 of a committee meeting and the committee clerk shall post and electronically distribute
208 such initial agenda not less than five business days in advance of a committee meeting. If
209 the chair determines that revisions to the agenda are needed after posting and distribution,
210 the chair should expeditiously direct that a revised agenda be posted and electronically
211 distributed.

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

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

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

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

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

223 I. A committee may not recess a meeting for longer than eight hours unless consent
224 is given consistent with Rule 6.G., K.C.C. 1.24.055.G. (~~Such a recess constitutes a special~~
225 ~~meeting solely for the purpose of counting the six discretionary special meetings provided~~

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226 ~~for in this rule.))~~ If recess is until the next day but less than twenty-four hours, then the
227 maximum possible notice must be given. If recess is for greater than twenty-four hours,
228 then at least twenty-four hours' notice must be given.

229 SECTION 5. Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.065 are
230 hereby amended to read as follows:

231 A. Establishment. Three regional, standing committees are established as provided under
232 the King County Charter to develop, recommend and review regional policies and plans for
233 consideration by the council: the regional transit committee, the regional water quality
234 committee, and the regional policies committee.

235 B. Membership.

236 1. Composition of committees.

237 a. The regional policies committee and regional transit committee are to each
238 have nine voting members. Three members of each committee, including the chair of each,
239 must be county councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council and must include
240 councilmembers from districts with unincorporated residents. Each county councilmember
241 vote shall be weighted as two votes. The chair of the county council shall also appoint the
242 chair of each committee. The remaining members of each committee must be local elected
243 city officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative populations of the city of
244 Seattle and the other cities and towns in the county. Cities and towns other than the city of
245 Seattle may appoint two persons for each of their allocated memberships in each
246 committee, each person with one-half vote. A vice-chair of each committee shall be
247 elected by majority vote of the committee members who are not county councilmembers.

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248 b. The regional water quality committee is to have nine voting members. Three
249 members of the committee, including the chair, must be county councilmembers appointed
250 by the chair of the council, and must include councilmembers from districts with
251 unincorporated residents. The chair of the county council shall also appoint the chair of the
252 committee. Each county councilmember vote shall be weighted as two votes. The
253 remaining members of the committee must be local elected city officials appointed from
254 and in proportion to the relative populations of the city of Seattle and the other cities and
255 towns in the county, and two members from special purpose districts providing sewer
256 service in King County. Cities and towns other than the city of Seattle may appoint two
257 persons for each of their allocated memberships, each person with one-half vote. Special
258 purpose districts located outside of the county that receive sewerage treatment services
259 from the county may jointly designate one nonvoting representative to serve on the
260 committee. A vice-chair of the committee shall be elected by majority vote of the
261 committee members who are not county councilmembers.

262 2. Alternating memberships. Each appointing authority may alternate members in
263 accordance with the procedures established by the authority. The appointments must be
264 announced at the beginning of each regional committee meeting to the committee chair or
265 vice-chair and committee secretary by a person authorized by the appointing authority.
266 Each appointing authority shall identify those members to receive mailings and notices of
267 meetings.

268 3. Powers and duties of the chair. The chair of the committee has the following
269 powers and duties:

270 a. The chair shall:

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271 (1) call the committee to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a
272 quorum is present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved;

273 (2) proceed with the order of business; and

274 (3) adjourn the committee upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of
275 members present;

276 b. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency
277 may impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the public
278 and members of the committee;

279 c. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the committee. The chair's act
280 of adding to, removing from or taking out of order an item on a distributed and posted
281 agenda may be appealed to the full body by members whose cumulative voting power is at
282 least two votes. The chair shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The
283 chair shall endeavor to facilitate the will of the majority of members present at all times;

284 d. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to
285 other members. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any
286 members whose cumulative voting power is at least two votes to immediately request that
287 the decision be placed before the body. If a majority of votes present agrees to the ruling of
288 the chair, the business of the committee must proceed without further debate. If a majority
289 of the votes present does not support the ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately
290 allow a procedural motion to dispense with the issue in question, proceeding until a
291 decision of the committee is secured and the business of the committee is allowed to
292 proceed; and

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293 e. The chair shall provide electronic copies to all committee members of all
294 official communications and requests for committee action addressed to the chair.

295 4. Powers and duties of the vice-chair.

296 a. There shall be one vice-chair of each committee.

297 b. At committee meetings, the vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers, and
298 prerogatives of the committee chair in the chair's absence.

299 5. Chair actions, vice-chair consultation.

300 a. The chair shall consult with the vice-chair in:

301 (1) developing a draft work program for consideration by the full committee;

302 (2) setting a schedule for carrying out the committee's work program; and

303 (3) cancelling or changing the date, time, or place of committee meeting.

304 b. If the vice-chair disagrees with a chair's proposed decision regarding the
305 matters under subsection B.5.a. of this rule, the chair shall not take unilateral action and
306 shall refer the matters to the full committee.

307 C. Quorum, notice, and voting. Members representing six and one-half votes
308 constitute a quorum of a regional committee. In the absence of a quorum, the committee
309 may perform all committee functions except for voting on legislation or a work program.
310 Notice of all regular and special meetings must be provided as specified in the Open Public
311 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW, and notice must be given to members of the
312 committees, including members who at any time during the calendar year have served on
313 the committee or have been designated by their appointing authority to receive notice. All
314 recommendations of a regional committee on council-referred ordinances or motions must
315 be approved by a majority of the members present and voting, with no fewer than three and

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316 one-half affirmative votes. For each piece of legislation voted on in committee, the
317 committee clerk shall prepare vote roll call form that shall record the recommendation of
318 the committee, and shall include the type and number of the legislation, the version of the
319 legislation, number of the "ayes" and "nos" and the names of the members voting for and
320 against, as well as the names of the members excused. Each vote roll call form must be
321 preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council. There may not be voting by proxy.

322 D.1.a. Referral to the regional transit committee. The chair of the council shall
323 refer to the regional transit committee countywide policies and plans related to the transit
324 services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. If a standing
325 committee of the council is considering an issue that, upon the standing committee's
326 subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be considered as a countywide
327 policy or plan related to transit, then the standing committee shall so inform the chair of the
328 council. The chair of the council may then determine whether the policy or plan is to be
329 referred to a regional committee.

330 b. Referral to the regional water quality committee. The chair of the council
331 shall refer to the regional water quality committee countywide policies and plans related to
332 the water quality services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. If
333 a standing committee of the council is considering an issue that, upon the standing
334 committee's subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be considered as a
335 countywide policy or plan related to water quality, then the standing committee shall so
336 inform the chair of the council. The chair of the council may then determine whether the
337 policy or plan is to be referred to a regional committee.

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338 2. Regional policies committee work program. The regional policies committee
339 shall establish its subject matter through a work program adopted by a majority of those
340 committee members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative
341 votes, though the work program shall be limited as provided by charter or ordinance,
342 including but not limited to, subsection K. of this rule. Once the work program is adopted,
343 all regional policies and plans related to the subject matter must be referred to the
344 committee by the council.

345 3. Provisions applicable to referrals by council chair and rereferrals. Referrals by
346 the council chair or rereferrals are subject to the procedures, rights, and constraints of Rules
347 13, 17 and 26, K.C.C. 1.24.125, 1.24.165 and 1.24.255.

348 E. Time for review - committees. A regional committee shall review legislation
349 referred to it by the county council within one hundred twenty days of the legislation's
350 referral or such other time as is jointly established by the council and the committee, which
351 shall be confirmed in the form of a motion adopted by the council. However, the
352 committee may request, and the county council may grant by motion, additional time for
353 review. If the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or plan within the
354 established time limit, the county council may adopt the proposed policy or plan upon six
355 affirmative votes.

356 F. Time for review - council. The council shall amend, adopt, or defeat the
357 legislation referred to a regional committee within ninety days after receipt of an initial
358 regional committee recommendation. However, upon receipt of the council chair's written
359 request for an extension of the time limit, the committee may approve the request in writing
360 by a majority vote at a special meeting or the next regular meeting of the committee.

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361 G. Adoption.

362 1. A proposed policy or plan recommended by a regional committee may be
363 adopted, without amendment, by the county council by five affirmative votes.

364 2. A proposed policy or plan that differs from the policy or plan recommended by
365 a regional committee may be adopted by the county council by six affirmative votes after
366 the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all county council amendments.

367 H. Amendments and rereferral.

368 1. If the county council votes before the final passage to amend a proposed policy
369 or plan that has been reviewed or recommended by a regional committee, the proposed
370 policy or plan, as amended, must be referred to the appropriate regional committee for
371 further review and recommendation.

372 2. The timeline for the committee's review after rereferral may not be greater than
373 sixty days. However, the committee may request, and the county council may grant by
374 motion, additional time for review. The committee may concur in, dissent from or
375 recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan.

376 3. The council shall amend, adopt, or defeat the legislation within sixty days after
377 receipt of a regional committee recommendation following rereferral by the council.

378 I. Regional committee consideration of other regional issues. The chair of the
379 council may request that one or more regional committees examine and comment upon
380 other pending issues that are not countywide policies or plans but would benefit from
381 interjurisdictional discussion. The issues may include, but are not limited to, operational,
382 organizational or implementation measures for countywide plans and policies. This type of
383 regional committee analysis and comment is not subject to the mandatory procedural

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384 requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County Charter and the county council may
385 need to act on such issues before comment from the regional committee.

386 J. Regional committee governed by King County Charter, King County Code,
387 other rules and procedures. The regional committee is governed by the King County
388 Charter, the King County Code and, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise, the
389 rules and procedures established for standing and special committees in this chapter.

390 K. Role of regional committees.

391 1. A regional committee shall focus on planning and policy setting in program
392 areas where it has been determined that regional service or facility planning is required and
393 in area where it is agreed the opportunity and need for the planning exist. A regional
394 committee is not responsible for routine review and recommendation on operational and
395 administrative matters such as contracts, budgets, appropriations, and fares and rates,
396 formerly performed by the council of metropolitan Seattle. A regional committee may,
397 however, deal with policies to develop fares and rates within the committee's subject matter
398 area.

399 2. The regional transit committee shall develop, review, and recommend
400 countywide policies and plans related to the transportation services formerly provided by
401 the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies that must be assigned to the
402 committee include, but are not limited to, the long-range transit system and capital
403 improvement plans, service design, development and allocation policies, financial policies,
404 fare policies, facility siting policy and major facilities siting process, and review and
405 comment upon Regional Transit Authority plans.

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406 3. The regional water quality committee shall develop, review, and recommend
407 countywide policies and plans related to the water pollution control functions formerly
408 provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies that must be
409 assigned to the committee include, but are not limited to, water quality comprehensive and
410 long-range capital improvement plans, service area and extension policies, rate policies,
411 and the facility siting policy and major facilities siting process.

412 4. The regional policies committee shall review and recommend regional policies
413 and plans, other than transit and water quality plans, that are within the subject matter area
414 for the committee. Also, the committee may develop proposed policies and plans on issues
415 of countywide significance but, unless referred to the committee by the county council, the
416 policies and plans are not subject to the procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the
417 King County Charter. Issues that may be referred to the committee or be the subject of the
418 committee's policy development include, but are not limited to, public health, human
419 services, open space, housing, solid waste management, regional services financial policies,
420 criminal justice, jails and district court services, and regional facilities siting. In addition,
421 the regional policies committee may consider major regional governance transition and
422 consolidation issues, particularly those involving potential changes in organization and
423 responsibilities with other county, city or regional organizations.

424 L. Policies or plans proposed by regional committees. A regional committee may
425 develop and propose directly to the council, an ordinance or motion adopting, amending or
426 repealing a countywide policy or plan regarding regional transit, water quality, or other
427 countywide policies and plans within the subject matter area of the committee. The
428 proposals must be approved by a majority of the committee members present and voting,

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429 with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative votes. For purposes of this subsection,
430 "the subject matter area" of the regional policies committee includes matters in the
431 committee's adopted work program. The regional committee chair shall ensure that the
432 approved proposal is introduced in accordance with Rule 9.B., K.C.C. 1.24.085.B. as soon
433 as possible. Within one hundred twenty days of introduction by the committee, the council
434 or a standing committee shall consider the proposed legislation and take such action on the
435 proposed legislation as the council or standing committee deems appropriate, including
436 approval, rejection, amendment and rereferral, postponement, or any other action of record
437 during a council or standing committee meeting. Within five calendar days following
438 council or standing committee action, the clerk of the council or the standing committee
439 shall notify the vice-chair of the committee of the action taken. If the council amends the
440 proposed legislation, the procedures described in subsection H. of this rule shall be
441 followed, except that the council's duty to act on the legislation under subsection H.3. of
442 this rule shall be satisfied by approval, rejection, amendment, and rereferral, postponement
443 or any other action of record taken during a council or standing committee meeting within
444 sixty days following receipt of the legislation from the regional committee.

445 M. Meetings to assist regional committees. To assist each regional committee in
446 evaluating countywide policies and plans, the committee may conduct public meetings and
447 hearings and request briefings and other information from (~~citizens~~) residents, county,
448 state, and local agencies, business entities, and other organizations.

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

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451 A. All legislative proposals submitted to the King County council by the executive
452 shall be accompanied by a completed Legislative Review Form in the form of Attachment
453 A to Ordinance 19651, which may be amended in accordance with this section.
454 Amendments to Attachment A to Ordinance 19651 shall be made by the clerk of the
455 council, in consultation with the office of the executive's chief of staff. The clerk of the
456 council shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all
457 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the council chief policy officer. In addition,
458 all legislative proposals involving the collective bargaining or appropriations ordinances
459 limited solely to the costs associated with the implementation of collective bargaining shall
460 be accompanied by a summary of the legislation that includes the current costs and five-
461 year implementation costs as well as changes to working conditions and any other
462 substantive changes compared to prior agreements.

463 B. Upon the electronic receipt of proposed legislation from the executive, the
464 assessor, the presiding judge, the prosecuting attorney, the director of elections ((~~or~~)), a
465 councilmember, or, in accordance with Rule 7.L., K.C.C. 1.24.065.L., a regional
466 committee, the clerk of the council shall assign a proposed number to the legislation. The
467 clerk may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form and style to proposed
468 legislation before first reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation that the
469 legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

470 C. Upon electronically filing with the clerk of the council sponsorship of
471 legislation, by at least one councilmember in a form prescribed by the clerk of the council,
472 or upon receipt by the council of a proposed ordinance submitted as an institutional
473 initiative under Section 230.50.10 of the King County Charter, the proposed legislation is

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474 introduced and must be placed on the agenda for first reading and referral. Receipt of an
475 institutional initiative may be received in paper form or electronically. Legislation may be
476 introduced with the title only, but the text of the legislation must be filed with the clerk by
477 first reading. In accordance with Rule 2.E., K.C.C. 1.24.015.E., the chair of the council
478 shall refer both the title and the subsequently filed text of the legislation to committee if the
479 legislation was introduced with the title only. If the text of the legislation is not timely
480 filed, the legislation is to be removed from the agenda and is not to be referred to
481 committee.

482 D. A member may add the member's own name to sponsorship of legislation at any
483 time before passage of the legislation by electronically informing the clerk of the council.
484 The first member listed on the first introduction slip filed for legislation may not remove
485 that member's own name from sponsorship of the legislation. However, any other sponsor
486 of legislation may remove that sponsor((-))'s own name from sponsorship of the legislation
487 by electronically informing the clerk of the council.

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

- 489 1. Printing the number and title of the proposed legislation on the published
490 agenda; or
491 2. Adding the proposed legislation to the agenda under Rule 5, K.C.C.
492 1.24.045.B.2. or 3. and including this information in the council's minutes.

493 F. After the first reading, proposed legislation must be referred to an appropriate
494 committee or committees by the chair of the council, except for motions confirming
495 executive reappointments to boards or commissions, which may be referred directly to a
496 council consent agenda, or legislation related to collective bargaining, including

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497 appropriation ordinances limited solely to the costs associated with implementation of a
498 collective bargaining agreement. Proposed legislation referred to more than one committee
499 must be considered consecutively by the committees in the order set forth on the marked
500 published agenda or as specified by the chair during the meeting and reflected in the
501 council's minutes.

502 G. Upon being reported out of committee with a recommendation, proposed
503 legislation must be placed upon an agenda for appropriate action, after consideration of
504 public hearing notice requirements, (~~one week after the Tuesday~~) for a regular council
505 meeting occurring not less than thirteen days but not more than fifteen days after the
506 committee meeting, unless the committee chair decides and states on the record at the
507 committee meeting that the item be expedited to (~~placed on the next~~) an agenda for a
508 regular council meeting occurring not less than two days after the committee meeting. The
509 clerk of the council may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form to proposed
510 legislation after the legislation is reported out of the committee and before the legislation is
511 placed on the agenda for second reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation that
512 the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

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

518 SECTION 7. Ordinance 11683, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.265 are
519 hereby amended to read as follows:

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520 The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the ((~~eleventh~~)) twelfth edition of
521 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, published by ((~~Da Capo Press~~)) Public Affairs,
522 must be used as a guide to address procedural questions to the extent consistent with the
523 standing rules in this chapter.

524 SECTION 8. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
525 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate public preservation of public

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526 peace, health or safety, or for the support of county government and its existing public
527 institutions. This ordinance takes effect immediately.

Ordinance 19725 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/9/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Baron, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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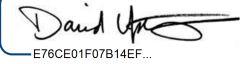
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