

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

Ordinance 19648

Proposed No. 2023-0099.3 **Sponsors** Balducci 1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the permit review processes: 2 and amending Ordinance 18230, as amended, and K.C.C. 3 4A.780.010, Ordinance 18754, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C.14.06.030, Ordinance 129, Section 1, as 4 5 amended, and K.C.C. 14.40.010, Ordinance 18420, Section 6 60, and K.C.C. 14.40.0102, Ordinance 18420, Section 61, 7 and K.C.C. 14.40.0104, Ordinance 18420, Section 62, and 8 K.C.C. 14.40.0106, Ordinance 8766, Section 3, as amended, 9 and K.C.C. 16.08.020, Ordinance 13694, Section 69, as 10 amended, and K.C.C. 19A.16.090, Ordinance 12196, 11 Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.20.020, Ordinance 12 12196, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.20.100, 13 Ordinance 18230, Section 4, and K.C.C. 20.22.010, 14 Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 2, as amended, and 15 K.C.C. 20.22.020, Ordinance 18230, Section 8, and K.C.C. 16 20.22.030, Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and 17 K.C.C. 20.22.040, Ordinance 4461, Section 1, as amended, 18 and K.C.C. 20.22.060, Ordinance 18230, Section 16, as 19 amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.070, Ordinance 4461, Section 20 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.080, Ordinance 11502,

21	Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.090, Ordinance	
22	18230, Section 21, and K.C.C. 20.22.100, Ordinance 4461,	
23	Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.110, Ordinance	
24	11502, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.120,	
25	Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 11, as amended, and	
26	K.C.C. 20.22.130, Ordinance 4461, Section 9, as amended,	
27	and K.C.C. 20.22.140, Ordinance 4461, Section 10, as	
28	amended and K.C.C. 20.22.150, Ordinance 13687, Section	
29	7, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.160, Ordinance 13147,	
30	Section 34, and K.C.C. 20.22.170, Ordinance 9544, Section	
31	16, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.180, Ordinance 17287,	
32	Section 4, and K.C.C. 20.22.190, Ordinance 18709, Section	
33	4, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.195, Ordinance 9785,	
34	Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.200, Ordinance	
35	18754, Section 31, and K.C.C. 20.22.205, Ordinance	
36	18230, Section 43, and K.C.C. 20.22.210, Ordinance 4461,	
37	Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.220, Ordinance	
38	18230, Section 46, and K.C.C. 20.22.230, Ordinance 4461,	
39	Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.240, Ordinance	
40	263, Article 5, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C.	
41	20.22.250, Ordinance 4461, Section 15, as amended, and	
42	K.C.C. 20.22.270, Ordinance 4461, Section 14, as	
43	amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.280, Ordinance 11502, Section	

14	17, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.290, Ordinance 11502,		
45	Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.300, Ordinance		
46	11502, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.310,		
17	Ordinance 11502, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C.		
18	20.22.320, Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 13, as		
19	amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.330, Ordinance 6949, Section		
50	14, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.44.120, Ordinance 4828,		
51	Section 11, and K.C.C. 20.62.110, Ordinance 10870, Section		
52	101, and K.C.C. 21A.06.305, Ordinance 10870, Section 617,		
53	as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.42.090, Ordinance 11621,		
54	Section 118, and K.C.C. 21A.43.090, Ordinance 10870,		
55	Section 632, as amended and K.C.C. 21A.50.040 and		
56	Ordinance 3692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.		
57	20.12.200 and repealing Ordinance 12196, Section 25, as		
58	amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.050.		
59	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:		
50	SECTION 1. Ordinance 18230, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.780.010 are hereby		
51	amended as follows:		
52	A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B. of this section, the fee for filir		
53	an appeal to the office of the hearing examiner under K.C.C. $20.22.080((5))$ is two		
54	hundred fifty dollars.		
55	B.1. The fee for filing an appeal to the office of the hearing examiner under		
56	K.C.C. 20.22.080, of a permit fee estimate and billing under K.C.C. ((chapter 27.50))		

67 27.02.040.D., is fifty dollars. 68 2. There is no fee for filing an appeal to the office of the hearing examiner of an 69 enforcement or penalty action under K.C.C. Title 6, K.C.C. Title 11, or K.C.C. Title 23, 70 ((or)) a transit rider suspension under K.C.C. 28.96.130((-71 C. The fee for filing)) or an appeal to the council under ((section)) K.C.C. 72 20.22.230.D. ((is two hundred fifty dollars.)) 73 SECTION 2. Ordinance 18754, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 14.06.030, 74 are hereby amended as follows: 75 A. The council has determined that after the county road engineer has conducted 76 an engineering and traffic investigation of a county road that establishes the maximum 77 speed permitted under state law is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the 78 conditions found to exist thereon, the county road engineer is authorized to change the 79 maximum limit to: 80 1. Decrease the limit at intersections; 81 2. Increase the limit but not to more than sixty miles per hour; or 82 3. Decrease the limit but not to less than twenty miles per hour. 83 B. At the direction of the county road engineer, the traffic engineer shall perform 84 the engineering and traffic investigation to determine if the existing maximum speed limit 85 permitted is appropriate and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a county road. 86 A member of the public may request the county road engineer to direct that an 87 engineering and traffic investigation be conducted. An engineering and traffic 88 investigation shall be based upon the following factors: 89 1. Road surface characteristics, shoulder conditions, grade, alignment, and sight

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90	distance;		
91	2. The eighty-fifth percentile speed and pace speed;		
92	3. Roadside development and land use;		
93	4. Safe speed for curves within the speed zone;		
94	5. Parking practices and pedestrian activity; and		
95	6. Most-recently reported collision history for the preceding thirty-six months.		
96	C. If the traffic engineer, after consideration of the findings of the engineering		
97	and traffic investigations, determines that a change in the existing speed limit is		
98	appropriate, based on current engineering standards and guidelines, the traffic engineer		
99	shall ((transmit an electronic notice of the proposed change to the clerk of the council,		
100	who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, before		
101	initiating)) hold a public comment period of at least fourteen calendar days and may hold		
102	a public meeting to solicit public input on the proposed change. The public may submit		
103	its testimony to the traffic engineer by letter or email during the comment period. The		
104	traffic engineer shall publish notice of the public comment period in a newspaper of		
105	general circulation in the area where the change in the existing speed limit is proposed.		
106	D. If the traffic engineer concludes that there should be a change in the speed		
107	limit, based on the engineering and traffic investigations results and public comments, the		
108	traffic engineer may propose the speed limit revision to the county road engineer.		
109	E. If the county road engineer concurs with the traffic engineer's proposed		
110	revision, a speed limit change shall be final unless ((within thirty business days from the		

date when signs giving notice of the speed limit change are erected, a person files a

written appeal to the speed limit change, including why the engineering and traffic

investigations do not support the proposed speed limit change, with the clerk of the		
eouncil)) appealed under subsection F. of this section.		
F. ((The council designates the hearing examiner to hear on its behalf all appeals		
from d))Decisions of the county road engineer related to changes in speed limits ((and		
make a recommendation to the council whether the appeal should be granted)) may be		
appealed to the hearing examiner. An appeal must be initiated in accordance with K.C.C.		
20.22.080.		
G. The county road engineer shall report all speed limit changes to the council by		
electronically filing a report with the clerk of the council, who shall ((distribute copies of		
the report to)) retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.		
The county road engineer shall also file a report of speed limit changes with the sheriff		
and the records and licensing services division of the department of executive services.		
The county road engineer shall also maintain a copy of the speed limit change report and		
make the report <u>electronically</u> available to the public ((during regular business hours)).		
Speed limit revisions take effect when signs with the new speed limit are erected.		
SECTION 3. Ordinance 129, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 14.40.010 are		
hereby amended as follows:		
Proposed vacation of a county right of way may be initiated:		
A. By the council, which by ordinance declares its intent to vacate and abandon a		
county right of way or portion thereof that is considered useless and directs the county road		
engineer to prepare a report on such vacation and abandonment: or		
B. By a petition for vacation of a county right of way filed with the ((elerk of the		
council)) department of local services, road services division		

136	SECTION 4. Ordinance 18420, Section 60, and K.C.C. 14.40.0102 are hereby		
137	amended as follows:		
138	A. Property owners of the majority of the frontage on any county right of way or		
139	portion of the right of way they seek to vacate may petition the ((eouncil)) county to vacate		
140	and abandon the right of way or portion of the right of way by submitting a vacation		
141	petition to the ((elerk of the council)) department of local services, road services division.		
142	B. The petition must include the name, address, and land owned for each		
143	petitioner, and set forth that the right of way is useless as part of the county road system		
144	and that the public will be benefited by its vacation. A county right of way may be		
145	considered useless if it is not necessary to serve an essential role in the public road network		
146	or if it would better serve the public interest in private ownership.		
147	C. The petition must be signed by owners of a majority of the lineal footage of the		
148	right of way the petition seeks to vacate.		
149	D. The petition shall be accompanied by:		
150	1. Payment of the administrative fee in the amount specified in K.C.C.		
151	4A.700.770; and		
152	2. A legal description of the right of way proposed to be vacated and of the		
153	property owned by each petitioner, including the square footage of the area of vacation and		
154	a drawing, for both the area of right of way proposed to be vacated and the property		
155	adjacent to the proposed vacation owned by each petitioner. The county road engineer may		
156	require a drawing prepared by a surveyor licensed by the state of Washington.		

157	((E. After receipt of a petition and payment of the administrative fee, the clerk of	
158	the council shall transmit the petition to the county road engineer, who shall evaluate the	
159	proposed vacation for compliance with requirements of this section.))	
160	SECTION 5. Ordinance 18420, Section 61, and K.C.C. 14.40.0104 are hereby	
161	amended as follows:	
162	A. Upon receipt of a petition, the county road engineer shall determine whether	
163	owners of the majority of the lineal footage of the frontage of the right of way proposed for	
164	vacation have signed the petition. If the county road engineer determines the signatories o	
165	the petition own less than the majority of the lineal footage of the frontage of the right of	
166	way proposed for vacation, the county road engineer shall notify the petitioners ((and the	
167	clerk of the council)) that the petition does not have sufficient signatories. The petitioners	
168	shall have thirty days from the date of that notice to supplement the petition by filing with	
169	the ((elerk of the council, with a copy of the county road engineer,)) department of local	
170	services, road services division, a sufficient number of additional petition signatures to	
171	establish that a majority of owners of the lineal footage of the frontage of the right of way	
172	proposed for vacation support the petition. Failure to include the signature of a majority	
173	the owners of the lineal footage of the frontage of the right of way proposed for vacation is	
174	grounds for the county road engineer to ((report in writing to the council clerk)) find that	
175	the petition is deficient. In that event, no further action will be taken on the petition and the	
176	county road engineer shall inform the petitioners of the determination.	
177	B. If either directed by the council in accordance with K.C.C. 14.40.010.A., or if	
178	under subsection A. of this section the county road engineer determines that ((the)) \underline{a}	
179	petition is valid, then the county road engineer shall examine the right of way proposed to	

be vacated and abandoned and complete a report that complies with the requirements in			
RCW 36.87.040, including the county road engineer's opinion of whether the right of way			
should be vacated. The report should address:			
1. Whether the county right of way should be vacated and abandoned;			
2. Whether the county right of way is in use or has been in use;			
3. The condition of the right of way;			
4. Whether it is advisable to preserve all or a portion of the right of way for the			
county transportation system of the future;			
5. Whether the public will be benefited by the vacation of the county right of way;			
6. The appraised value of the county right of way or portion thereof proposed for			
vacation as well as the county road engineer's recommendation for compensation to be			
determined in accordance with the factors listed in K.C.C. 14.40.020.A.;			
7.a. Whether the proposed county right of way to be vacated serves as access to			
property abutting the county right of way that is subject of the vacation request; and			
b. a recommendation for requiring access easements for all abutting properties as			
a condition of granting the vacation;			
8.a. Whether the proposed county right of way to be vacated contains utilities; and			
b. a recommendation for retaining an easement for the construction, repair, and			
maintenance of public utilities and services that are authorized at the time the ordinance is			
adopted or are physically located on a portion of the right of way being vacated;			
9. Other matters that may be of interest, including any fees charged under K.C.C.			
14.40.0106.B.;			

202	10. Whether the proposed area to be vacated abuts a body of salt or fresh water as		
203	set forth in RCW 36.87.130;		
204	11. A list of the property owners whose property abuts the county right of way or		
205	any portion thereof proposed for vacation who are not petitioners; and		
206	12. If not waived in accordance with K.C.C. 14.40.106.C. a list of all costs		
207	incurred in preparing the report.		
208	C. Upon completion of the report by the county road engineer, the executive shall		
209	transmit the report, any petition, and a proposed ordinance to the council. The hearing		
210	examiner is appointed by the council to conduct the public hearing of any proposed		
211	vacation of a county right of way.		
212	SECTION 6. Ordinance 18420, Section 62, and K.C.C. 14.40.0106 are hereby		
213	amended as follows:		
214	A. Petitioners shall pay to the ((elerk of the council)) road services division an		
215	administrative fee set forth in K.C.C. 4A.700.770.		
216	B. In addition to the administrative fee required in subsection A. of this section, the		
217	county road engineer may charge petitioners additional fees for costs associated with the		
218	petition, including costs for processing, investigation, determination of value, appraisals,		
219	and the ((eost of the)) public hearing ((pertaining to the petition)). The county road		
220	engineer shall provide petitioners with an estimate of these costs prior to the county road		
221	engineer preparing the report on the proposed vacation.		
222	C. The director of the road services division has the discretion to waive all or a		
223	portion of any additional fee assessed under subsection B. of this section and required by		

this chapter. The waiver must be in writing and shall state a compelling need or public
purpose that is served by the waiver.
SECTION 7. Ordinance 8766, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.08.020 are
hereby amended as follows:
A. Public or private roads shall be designated within the guidelines of the grid
system as determined by the department. Named roads can only be assigned when the
numbered grid is determined infeasible by the department. The department may
redesignate existing private and county roads if such roads are determined to be
inconsistent with the surrounding road designation system.
B. All roads shall carry a geographic suffix or prefix. Roads designated as avenues
shall carry a geographic suffix and be in a north-south direction, and roads designated as
streets shall carry a geographic prefix and be in an east-west direction. Diagonal roads are
treated as being either north-south or east-west roads. Names such as lane, place, way,
court, and drive may be used on a road running either direction.
C. Only entire street lengths or distinct major portions of streets, as defined in
K.C.C. 16.08.060, shall be separately ((redisignated)) redesignated.
D. In determining the need for redesignation, the department shall consider
consistency with the provisions of K.C.C. 16.08.020 A., the impact on existing businesses
and residences, and emergency services responsiveness.
E. Redesignations of county roads shall be accomplished by the adoption of an
ordinance directing such redesignation.

F. Notice of county road redesignations shall be mailed by the department at least		
twenty days prior to the public hearing on the ordinance to all property owners whose		
addresses would be affected.		
G. Appeals of designations and redesignations are limited to those initiated under		
K.C.C. 14.40.0102, and shall be heard directly by the ((eouncil)) hearing examiner. An		
appeal must be initiated in accordance with K.C.C. 20.22.080.		
SECTION 8. Ordinance 13694, Section 69, as amended, and K.C.C. 19A.16.090		
are hereby amended as follows:		
A. Plat ((and short plat)) vacations shall be processed as follows and in accordance		
with RCW 58.17.212. ((B.)) All plat ((and short plat)) vacation applications shall be		
((referred to the hearing examiner for public hearing and consideration in accordance with		
K.C.C. 20.22.060. Following the public hearing the)) reviewed as Type 3 decisions in		
accordance with K.C.C. 20.20.020. The hearing examiner ((shall)) must determine ((if))		
that the proposed vacation is consistent with the required findings of K.C.C. 20.22.180((. If		
the proposal is found to serve such purposes, the hearing examiner may recommend that		
the county council)) to approve the ((application)) vacation.		
B. Short plat vacations shall be processed in accordance with RCW 58.17.060. All		
short plat vacation applications shall be reviewed as Type 2 decisions in accordance with		
K.C.C. 20.20.020.		
C. Applications for vacations of county roads may be processed under this chapter		
only when such road vacations are proposed in conjunction with the vacation of the plat.		
Vacations limited to county roads shall be processed in accordance with chapter 36.87		
RCW and K.C.C. chapter 14.40.		

268	SECTION 9. Ordinance 12196, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.20.020, are
269	hereby amended as follows:
270	A. Land use permit decisions are classified into four types, based on who makes
271	the decision, whether public notice is required, whether a public hearing is required before
272	a decision is made, and whether administrative appeals are provided. The types of land use
273	decisions are listed in subsection E. of this section.
274	1. Type 1 decisions are made by the permitting division manager or designee
275	("the director") of the department of local services ("the department"). Type 1 decisions
276	are nonappealable administrative decisions.
277	2. Type 2 decisions are made by the director. Type 2 decisions are discretionary
278	decisions that are subject to administrative appeal.
279	3. Type 3 decisions are quasi-judicial decisions made by the hearing examiner
280	following an open record hearing. ((Type 3 decisions may be appealed to the county
281	council, based on the record established by the hearing examiner.))
282	4. Type 4 decisions are quasi-judicial decisions made by the council based on the
283	record established by the hearing examiner.
284	B. Except as provided in K.C.C. 20.44.120.A.7. and 25.32.080, or unless otherwise
285	agreed to by the applicant, all Type 2, 3, and 4 decisions included in consolidated permit
286	applications that would require more than one type of land use decision process may be
287	processed and decided together, including any administrative appeals, using the highest-
288	numbered land use decision type applicable to the project application.
289	C. Certain development proposals are subject to additional procedural requirements
290	beyond the standard procedures established in this chapter.

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- D. Land use permits that are categorically exempt from review under SEPA do not require a threshold determination (determination of nonsignificance ["DNS"] or determination of significance ["DS"]). For all other projects, the SEPA review procedures in K.C.C. chapter 20.44 are supplemental to the procedures in this chapter.
 - E. Land use decision types are classified as follows:

TYPE 1	(Decision by director,	Temporary use permit for a homeless encampment
	no administrative	under K.C.C. <u>chapter</u> 21A.45((.010, 21A.45.020,
	appeal)	21A.45.030, 21A.45.040, 24A.45.050, 21A.45.060,
		21A.45.070, 21A.45.080 and 21A.45. 090));
		building permit, site development permit, or clearing
		and grading permit that is not subject to SEPA, that
		is categorically exempt from SEPA as provided in
		K.C.C. 20.20.040, or for which the department has
		issued a determination of nonsignificance or
		mitigated determination of nonsignificance;
		boundary line adjustment; right of way; variance
		from K.C.C. chapter 9.04; shoreline exemption;
		decisions to require studies or to approve, condition,
		or deny a development proposal based on K.C.C.
		chapter 21A.24, except for decisions to approve,
		condition, or deny alteration exceptions; decisions to
		approve, condition, or deny nonresidential elevation
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		and dry floodproofing variances for agricultural
		buildings that do not equal or exceed a maximum
		assessed value of sixty-five thousand dollars under
		K.C.C. chapter 21A.24; approval of a conversion-
		option harvest plan; a binding site plan for a
		condominium that is based on a recorded final
		planned unit development, a building permit, an as-
		built site plan for developed sites, a site development
		permit for the entire site; approvals for agricultural
		activities and agricultural support services authorized
		under K.C.C. 21A.42.300; final short plat; final plat;
		critical area determination.
TYPE	(Decision by director	Short plat; short plat revision; short plat alteration;
2 ^{1,2}	appealable to hearing	short plat vacation; zoning variance; conditional use
	examiner, no further	permit; temporary use permit under K.C.C. chapter
	administrative appeal)	21A.32; temporary use permit for a homeless
		encampment under K.C.C. 21A.45.100; shoreline
		substantial development permit ³ ; building permit,
		site development permit, or clearing and grading
		permit for which the department has issued a
		determination of significance; reuse of public
		schools; reasonable use exceptions under K.C.C.
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	decision by county	deletion of special district overlay.
	hearing examiner	conditions; ((plat vacations; short plat vacations;))
	recommendation by	((special use;)) amendment or deletion of P suffix
4 ^{1,4}	director, hearing and	redesignation; urban planned development;
TYPE	(Recommendation by	Zone reclassifications; shoreline environment
	administrative appeal)	
	the record)) no further	
	to county council on	
	examiner, ((appealable	
	decision by hearing	
31	director, hearing and	revisions; plat vacations; special use.
TYPE	(Recommendation by	Preliminary plat; plat alterations; preliminary plat
		21A.23.
		rise risk area variance adopted in K.C.C. chapter
		upon a finding of special circumstances; sea level
		moratorium provisions of K.C.C. 16.82.140 based
		21A.22.050; binding site plan; waivers from the
		chapter 21A.24; extractive operations under K.C.C.
		floodplain development regulations under K.C.C.
		or deny alteration exceptions or variances to
		K.C.C. 20.20.030.B; decisions to approve, condition.
		21A.24.070.B; preliminary determinations under

council on the record)
¹ See K.C.C. 20.44.120.C. for provisions governing procedural and substantive SEPA
appeals and appeals of Type 2, 3, and 4 decisions ((to the council)).
² When an application for a Type 2 decision is combined with other permits requiring
Type 3 or 4 land use decisions under this chapter, the examiner, not the director, makes
the decision.
³ A shoreline permit, including a shoreline variance or conditional use, is appealable to
the state Shorelines Hearings Board and not to the hearing examiner.
⁴ Approvals that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan may be considered by the
council at any time. Zone reclassifications that are not consistent with the
Comprehensive Plan require a site-specific land use map amendment and the council's
hearing and consideration shall be scheduled with the amendment to the Comprehensive
Plan under K.C.C. 20.18.040 and 20.18.060.
F. The definitions in K.C.C. 21A.45.020 apply to this section.
SECTION 10. Ordinance 12196, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.20.100,
are hereby amended as follows:
A. The department shall issue its Type 3 or Type 4 recommendation to the office
of the hearing examiner within one hundred fifty days from the date the department
notifies the applicant that the application is complete. The periods for action by ((an)) $\underline{\text{the}}$
examiner shall be governed by K.C.C. chapter 20.22 and the rules ((of the office of the
hearing examiner)) for conducting the examiner process adopted under K.C.C. 20.22.330.

316	B.1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B.2. of this section, the		
317	department shall issue its final decision on a Type 1 or Type 2 decision with	nin one	
318	hundred twenty days from the date the department notified the applicant that	at the	
319	application is complete.		
320	2. The following periods apply to the type of land use permit indic	eated:	
	a. New residential building permits	90 days	
	b. Residential remodels	40 days	
	c. Residential appurtenances, such as decks and garages	15 days	
	d. Residential appurtenances, such as decks and garages that	40 days	
	require substantial review		
	e. Clearing and grading	90 days	
	f. Department of public health review	40 days	
	g. Type 1 temporary use permit for a homeless encampment	30 days	
	h. Type 2 temporary use permit for a homeless encampment	40 days	
321	C. The following periods shall be excluded from the times specified	l in	
322	subsections A., B., and H. of this section:		
323	1. Any period during which the applicant has been requested by the	e department,	
324	the examiner, or the council to correct plans, perform required studies or pro-	ovide	
325	additional information, including road variances and variances required und	ler K.C.C.	
326	chapter 9.04. The period shall be calculated from the date of notice to the a	pplicant of	
327	the need for additional information until the earlier of the date the county ac	lvises the	
328	applicant that the additional information satisfies the county's request or for	irteen days	
329	after the date the information has been provided. If the county determines t	hat	

corrections, studies, or other information submitted by the applicant is insufficient, it
shall notify the applicant of the deficiencies and the procedures of this section shall apply
as if a new request for information had been made.
a. The department shall set a reasonable deadline for the submittal of
corrections, studies, or other information, and shall provide written notification to the
applicant. The department may extend the deadline upon receipt of a written request
from an applicant providing satisfactory justification for an extension.
b. When granting a request for a deadline extension, the department shall give
consideration to the number of days between the department receiving the request for a
deadline extension and the department mailing its decision regarding that request;
2. The period during which an environmental impact statement is being
prepared following a determination of significance under chapter 43.21C RCW, as set
forth in K.C.C. 20.44.050;
3. The period during which an appeal is pending that prohibits issuing the
permit;
4. Any period during which an applicant fails to post the property, if required by
this chapter, following the date notice is required until an affidavit of posting is provided
to the department by the applicant;
5. Any time extension mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the
department; and
6. Any time during which there is an outstanding fee balance that is sixty days
or more past due.

352	D. Failure by the applicant to submit corrections, studies, or other information
353	acceptable to the department after two written requests under subsection C. of this section
354	shall be cause for the department to cancel or deny the application.
355	E. The time limits established in this section shall not apply if a proposed
356	development:
357	1. Requires either: an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or a development
358	regulation; or modification or waiver of a development regulation as part of a
359	demonstration project;
360	2. Requires approval of a new fully contained community as provided in RCW
361	36.70A.350, master planned resort as provided in RCW 36.70A.360, or the siting of an
362	essential public facility as provided in RCW 36.70A.200; or
363	3. Is revised by the applicant, when the revisions will result in a substantial
364	change in a project's review requirements, as determined by the department, in which
365	case the period shall start from the date at which the revised project application is
366	determined to be complete.
367	F. The time limits established in this section may be exceeded on more complex
368	projects. If the department is unable to issue its Type 1 or Type 2 decision or its Type 3
369	or Type 4 recommendation within the time limits established by this section, it shall
370	provide written notice of this fact to the applicant. The notice shall include a statement of
371	reasons why the time limits have not been met and an estimated date for issuance of the
372	notice of a Type 1 or Type 2 decision or a Type 3 or Type 4 recommendation.
373	G. The department shall require that all plats, short plats, building permits,
374	clearing and grading permits, conditional use permits, special use permits, site

development permits, shoreline substantial development permits, binding site plans,
urban planned development permits, or fully contained community permits, issued for
development activities on or within five hundred feet of designated agricultural lands,
forest lands, or mineral resource lands, contain a notice that the subject property is within
or near designated agricultural lands, forest lands, or mineral resource lands, on which a
variety of commercial activities may occur that are not compatible with residential
development for certain periods of limited duration.
H. To the greatest extent practicable, the department shall make a final
determination on all permits required for a Washington state Department of
Transportation project on a state highway as defined in RCW 46.04.560 with an
estimated cost of less than five hundred million dollars no later than ninety days after
receipt of a complete permit application.
SECTION 11. Ordinance 18230, Section 4, and K.C.C. 20.22.010 are hereby
amended to read as follows:
The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
clearly requires otherwise.
A. "Agency" means the executive branch, including departments, divisions,
sections, and offices, the assessor, the King County board of health, and any board,
commission, or other body subject to examiner determinations under this chapter.
B. "Council" means the metropolitan King County council.
((B-)) C. "Decision" means a ruling by an examiner that is $((appealable to the$
Council)) the county's final administrative action.
((C.)) D. "Determination" means a ((final decision,)) decision or ((a))

398	recommendation by an examiner.
399	$((D_{-}))$ E. "Examiner" means the hearing examiner, a deputy examiner, or an
400	examiner pro tempore.
401	$((D_{-}))$ <u>F.</u> "Filing" means submitting documents to the examiner $((or to the$
402	appropriate reviewing body)) by physical delivery, including first class, registered, or
403	certified mail, hand-delivery, or courier, or ((electronic means if)) electronically as
404	allowed by the rules for conducting the examiner process adopted under K.C.C. 20.22.330
405	((F. "Final decision" means a ruling by an examiner that is appealable only to the
406	appropriate court or tribunal.))
407	G.1. "Interested person" means a person who is not a party but:
408	<u>a.</u> has requested in writing, including by email, from the ((department,
409	division)) agency or examiner, notice of a proceeding or determination((, who));
410	b. has submitted comments as referred to in K.C.C. 20.20.090.((A.))C.4. or the
411	rules ((of the office of the hearing examiner)) for conducting the examiner process
412	adopted under K.C.C. 20.22.330; or ((who))
413	$\underline{c. has}$ participate((s)) \underline{d} in a hearing by providing evidence, comment, or
414	argument, except as provided in the definition of party.
415	2. "Interested person" would not include a person:
416	((1. A person)) a. whose only communication is a signature on a petition or a
417	mechanically or electronically reproduced form; or
418	((2. A person)) <u>b.</u> who made a standing request for notices or documents
419	encompassing a type of case or ((hearing that relates to a)) geographic area.
420	H. "Party" means:

421	1. An applicant, proponent, petitioner, or appellant;
422	2. The owner or owners of property subject to a hearing;
423	3. The responsible ((county department)) agency;
424	4. Another ((eounty department or division)) agency with jurisdiction or review
425	authority over a proposal or proceeding that has notified the office of the hearing
426	examiner in writing of its request to be a party ((to the proceeding));
427	5. The entity issuing a ruling that is appealed to the examiner; ((and))
428	6. A person participating substantively in the hearing, by providing comment,
429	evidence, or argument, is considered a party only for purposes of a motion for
430	reconsideration to the examiner determination or appeal of the examiner
431	recommendation; and
432	7. Another entity to whom the examiner grants party status.
433	I. "Recommendation" means a ruling by an examiner that goes to the council for
434	final action.
435	J. "Transmit" refers to documents the examiner sends ((out)) to all parties and
436	interested persons by physical delivery, including first class, registered, or certified mail,
437	hand-delivery, or courier, or ((electronic means)) electronically.
438	SECTION 12. Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.
439	20.22.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:
440	A. The office of hearing examiner is created and shall act on behalf of the council
441	in considering and applying adopted county policies and regulations ((as provided in this
442	chapter)). The ((hearing)) examiner shall separate the application of regulatory controls
443	from the legislative planning process, protect, and promote the public and private

444	interests of the community, and expand the principles of fairness, ((and)) due process,
445	openness, and equity in public hearings.
446	B.1. The council shall appoint the hearing examiner to serve for a term of four
447	years.
448	2. The council may <u>authorize the hearing examiner to</u> hire a deputy examiner to
449	assist the hearing examiner with the powers and duties described in subsection D. of this
450	section.
451	3. The council may ((approve)) authorize the hearing examiner to create a roster
452	of qualified persons to serve as examiner pro tempore, with the powers and duties
453	described in subsection E. of this section.
454	C. Examiners shall be appointed solely based on their qualifications for the duties
455	of their offices and shall have such training or experience as will qualify them to conduct
456	administrative or quasi-judicial hearings on regulatory enactments and to discharge
457	((the)) their other functions ((conferred upon them)). They shall not hold another
458	appointive or elective public office or position in county government except as authorized
459	by the council by motion.
460	D. A deputy examiner shall assist the hearing examiner in performing the duties
461	conferred upon the hearing examiner by ordinance and, in the event of the absence or the
462	inability of the hearing examiner to act, has all the duties and powers of the hearing
463	examiner.
464	E. The hearing examiner may appoint an examiner pro tempore to a case from the
465	roster ((approved under)) created in accordance with subsection B.3. of this section.
466	Once appointed to a case, an examiner pro tempore has the same duties and powers as the

467	hearing examiner.
468	F. The hearing examiner may be removed from office for just cause at any time
469	by the affirmative vote of at least six members of the council.
470	G. Individual councilmembers, county officials, or any other persons, shall not
471	interfere with, or attempt to interfere with, the performance of the designated duties of
472	((an)) the examiner.
473	SECTION 13. Ordinance 18230, Section 8, and K.C.C. 20.22.030 are hereby
474	amended to read as follows:
475	A. The examiner shall receive and examine available information, conduct open
476	record hearings, and prepare records and reports, including findings and conclusions, and
477	based on the issues and evidence:
478	1. ((Issue final)) Make decisions, as set forth in K.C.C. 20.22.040;
479	2. ((Issue decisions, as set forth in K.C.C. 20.22.050;
480	3.)) ((Issue)) Make recommendations to the council, as set forth in K.C.C.
481	20.22.060;
482	((4.)) 3. Take other actions as prescribed by this chapter; and
483	((5-)) <u>4.</u> Take other actions as directed by ordinance or <u>council</u> motion.
484	B. The examiner's determination may ((be to)) grant, remand, or deny the
485	application or appeal, and may include any conditions, modifications, and restrictions ((as
486	the examiner finds)) necessary to carry out applicable laws, regulations, and adopted
487	policies.
488	C. For the purposes of proceedings identified in K.C.C. ((20.22.050 and
489	20.24.060)) 20.22.060, the public hearing by the examiner shall constitute the hearing

490	required by the King County Charter by the council.
491	D. The examiner shall have the power to issue a summons and subpoena to
492	compel the appearance of witnesses and production of documents and materials, to order
493	discovery, to administer oaths, and to preserve order.
494	E. To avoid unnecessary delay and to promote hearing process efficiency, the
495	examiner shall limit testimony, including cross-examination, to that which is relevant to
496	the matter being heard, in light of adopted county policies and regulations, and shall
497	exclude evidence and cross-examination that is irrelevant, cumulative, or unduly
498	repetitious. The examiner may establish reasonable time limits for presenting direct
499	testimony, cross examination, and argument.
500	F. $((Any w))\underline{W}$ ritten submittals $((shall))$ may only be admitted $((only))$ when
501	authorized by the examiner.
502	G. The examiner shall use <u>reasonable</u> case management techniques, ((to the
503	extent reasonable)) including:
504	1. Limiting testimony and argument to relevant issues and to matters identified
505	in the prehearing order or appeal;
506	2. Prehearing identification and submission of exhibits, if applicable;
507	3. Stipulated testimony or facts;
508	4. Prehearing dispositive motions, if applicable;
509	5. Prehearing conferences;
510	6. Voluntary mediation; and
511	7. Other methods to promote efficiency and to avoid delay.

512	SECTION 14. Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.040, are
513	hereby amended to read as follows:
514	The examiner shall ((issue final)) make decisions ((in the following cases)) on:
515	A. Appeals of orders of the ombuds under the lobbyist disclosure code((5)) under
516	K.C.C. chapter 1.07;
517	B. Appeals of sanctions of the finance and business operations division in the
518	department of executive services ((imposed)) under K.C.C. chapter 2.97;
519	C. Appeals of career service review committee conversion decisions for part-time
520	and temporary employees under K.C.C. chapter 3.12A;
521	D. Appeals of electric vehicle recharging station penalties ((of)) by the Metro
522	transit department under K.C.C. 4A.700.700;
523	E. Appeals of notice and orders of the manager of records and licensing services or
524	the department of local services permitting division manager under K.C.C. chapter 6.01;
525	F. Appeals of adult entertainment license denials, suspensions, and revocations
526	under K.C.C. chapter 6.09;
527	G. Appeals of the fire marshal's decisions on fireworks permits under K.C.C.
528	chapter 6.26;
529	H. Appeals of cable franchise nonrenewals under K.C.C. 6.27A.060 and notices
530	and orders under K.C.C. 6.27A.240;
531	I. Appeals of $notice(s)$ and orders of the department of natural resources and
532	parks under K.C.C. chapter 7.09;
533	J. Appeals of decisions of the director of the department of natural resources and
534	parks on surface water drainage enforcement under K.C.C. chapter 9.04;

K. Appeals of decisions of the director of the department of natural resources and
parks on surface and stormwater management rate adjustments to surface and storm water
management rates and charges under K.C.C. chapter 9.08;
L. Appeals of decisions on water quality enforcement under K.C.C. chapter 9.12;
M. Appeals of notice((s)) and orders of the manager of ((animal control)) regional
animal services under K.C.C. chapter 11.04;
N. Certifications by the finance and business operations division of the departmen
of executive services ((involving)) under K.C.C. chapter 12.16;
O. Appeals of orders of the office of equity and racial and social justice under
K.C.C. chapter 12.17, K.C.C. chapter 12.18, K.C.C chapter 12.20, and K.C.C. chapter
12.22;
P. Appeals of noise-related orders and citations of the department of local services
permitting division, under K.C.C. chapter 12.86;
Q. A decision on a request for exemption under K.C.C. 12.xx.xxx.F. (Ordinance
19639, Section 4.F.).
R. Appeals of utilities technical review committee determinations on water service
availability under K.C.C. 13.24.090;
((R.)) <u>S.</u> Appeals of decisions regarding mitigation payment system, commute trip
reduction, and intersection standards under K.C.C. Title 14;
((S.)) <u>T. Appeals of changes to speed limits under K.C.C. chapter 14.06;</u>
U. Appeals related to road designations and redesignations under K.C.C. chapter

557	<u>V.</u> Appeals of suspensions, revocations, or limitations of plumbing permits under
558	K.C.C. chapter 16.32;
559	$((T_{-}))$ <u>W</u> . Appeals from denials of C-PACER applications under K.C.C. chapter
560	18.19;
561	((U-)) X. Appeals of all Type 2 decisions under K.C.C. chapter 20.20, with the
562	exception of appeals of shoreline permits, including shoreline substantial development
563	permits, shoreline variances, and shoreline conditional uses, which are appealable to the
564	state Shoreline Hearings Board;
565	((V.)) Y. Type 3 decisions under K.C.C. chapter 20.20;
566	Z. Appeals of SEPA decisions((, in accordance with)) under K.C.C. 20.44.120 and
567	public rules adopted under K.C.C. 20.44.075;
568	((\overline{W}\).) AA. Appeals of completed farm management plans under K.C.C.
569	21A.30.045;
570	((X.)) <u>BB.</u> Appeals of decisions of the interagency review committee created under
571	K.C.C. 21A.37.070 regarding sending site applications for certification under K.C.C.
572	chapter 21A.37;
573	$((Y_{-}))$ <u>CC.</u> Appeals of citations, notices and orders, notices of noncompliance, <u>and</u>
574	stop work orders issued ((in accordance with)) under K.C.C. Title 23 or ((Title)) chapter
575	1.08 of the ((rules and regulations of the King County)) code of the King County board of
576	health;
577	((Z.)) <u>DD.</u> Appeals of notices and certifications of junk vehicles to be removed as a
578	public nuisance ((in accordance with)) under K.C.C. Title 21A and K.C.C. chapter 23.10;

579	((AA.)) EE. Appeals of decisions not to issue a citation or a notice and order under
580	K.C.C. 23.36.010((.A.2));
581	((BB.)) FF. Appeals of fee waiver decisions by the department of local services,
582	permitting division((, in accordance with)) <u>under</u> K.C.C. 27.02.040;
583	((CC.)) <u>GG.</u> Appeals from decisions of the department of natural resources and
584	parks related to permits, discharge authorizations, violations, and penalties under K.C.C.
585	28.84.050 and 28.84.060;
586	((DD.)) <u>HH.</u> Appeals of transit rider suspensions under K.C.C. 28.96.430;
587	((EE.)) II. Appeals of department of public safety seizures and intended forfeitures
588	when properly designated by the chief law enforcement officer of the department of public
589	safety ((in accordance with)) under RCW 69.50.505; ((and))
590	((FF.)) JJ. Other applications or appeals ((that are)) prescribed by ordinance.
591	SECTION 15. Ordinance 12196, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.050
592	are hereby repealed.
593	SECTION 16. Ordinance 4461, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.060 are
594	hereby amended to read as follows:
595	The examiner shall ((issue)) make recommendations((, in the following cases))
596	<u>on</u> :
597	A. Proposals for establishment or modification of cable system rates under
598	K.C.C. 6.27A.140;
599	B. Vacation of county roads under K.C.C. chapter 14.40;
600	C. ((All)) Type 4 decisions under K.C.C. chapter 20.20;

601	D. Applications for public benefit rating system assessed valuation on open space
602	land under K.C.C. chapter 20.36;
603	E. Appeals of decisions to designate or reject a nomination for designation for a
604	landmark or issuing or denying a certificate of appropriateness under K.C.C. chapter
605	20.62;
606	F. Creation of a lake or beach management district and a special assessment roll
607	under chapter 36.61 RCW; and
608	G. ((Appeals from decisions of the county road engineer in the road services
609	division of the department of local services related to changes in speed limits under
610	K.C.C. 14.06.030; and
611	H.)) Other applications or appeals ((that are)) prescribed by ordinance.
612	SECTION 17. Ordinance 18230, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.070,
613	are hereby amended as follows:
614	A. K.C.C. 20.22.080 applies to all appeals to the office of the hearing examiner.
615	If there is a direct conflict between the appeal provisions in K.C.C. 20.22.080((5)) and the
616	appeal provisions found in subsection B. of this section, the appeal provisions found in
617	subsection B. of this section shall control.
618	B. The provisions for appealing the following decisions are found in the
619	following chapters of the King County Code:
620	1. Career service review, K.C.C. chapter 3.12A;
621	2. Appeals under K.C.C. Title 6, except for for-hire transportation, K.C.C.
622	chapter 6.64, shall follow ((this chapter)) K.C.C. 20.22.080;
623	3. Discrimination and equal employment opportunity in employment by

624 contractors, subcontractors, and vendors, K.C.C. chapter 12.16; 625 4. Unfair housing practices, K.C.C. chapter 12.20; 626 5. Denial of C-PACER applications, K.C.C. chapter 18.19; 627 6. Regional motor sports facility, K.C.C. 21A.55.105; 628 7. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, K.C.C. chapter 629 23.10; 630 8. Citations, K.C.C. chapter 23.20; 631 9. Penalty appeals, K.C.C. chapter 23.32; 632 10. Transit ((R))rider suspension appeals, K.C.C. 28.96.430; 633 11. Other appeals ((that are)) prescribed by ordinance. 634 SECTION 18. Ordinance 4461, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.080, 635 are hereby amended as follows: 636 A. Unless K.C.C. 20.22.070 applies, a person initiates an appeal from a decision of 637 an ((department or division)) agency by delivering an appeal ((statement)) to the issuing 638 ((department or division)) agency. 639 B. The appeal ((statement)) must be received by the ((department or division)) 640 agency within twenty-four days of the date of issuance of the decision by the ((department 641 or division)) agency. 642 C. The ((statement appealing the decision of a department or division to the office 643 of the hearing examiner)) appeal shall: 644 1. Include a copy of, or clearly identify, the decision being appealed; 645 2. Identify the location of the property subject to the appeal, if any; 646 3. Identify the legal interest of the appellant;

647	4. Identify the alleged errors in the decision;
648	5. State specific reasons why the decision should be reversed or modified;
649	6. State the harm suffered or anticipated by the appellant; and
650	7. Identify the relief sought.
651	D. The appellant shall pay a fee as provided in K.C.C. 4A.780.010.A. The fee
652	shall be paid at the time the appeal ((statement)) is delivered and is not refundable.
653	E. In order that a person contemplating an appeal has the necessary information on
654	which to base the appeal, during the time between the issuance of the decision and the
655	deadline for delivering an appeal, the ((department or division)) agency shall:
656	1. Respond to inquiries concerning the facts and process of the decision; and
657	2. Make available any files that detail the facts on which the ((department or
658	division)) agency based its ruling.
659	F. If an ((department or division)) agency is unable to comply with subsection E. of
660	this section, the examiner ((may)) shall authorize an amendment to ((an)) a timely initial
661	appeal ((statement)) to reflect information subsequently made available to the appellant.
662	G. The scope of an appeal shall be limited to matters or issues raised in the <u>initial</u>
663	appeal (($statement$)) and any amendment((s)) to the appeal (($statement$)) the examiner may
664	authorize.
665	H. If a person fails to timely deliver the appeal ((statement)) or pay the appeal fee,
666	the office of the hearing examiner does not have jurisdiction to consider the appeal and the
667	decision of the ((department or division)) agency becomes final and unreviewable.
668	SECTION 19. Ordinance 11502, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.090,
669	are hereby amended to read as follows:

670	$((A. For appeals of agency actions to the office of the hearing examiner, t))\underline{T}$ he
671	examiner, on the examiner's own motion or on the motion of a party $((-, s))$:
672	A. Shall dismiss an appeal if the appellant lacks standing or if the appeal is
673	untimely, frivolous on its face, or beyond the examiner's jurisdiction((-)); and
674	B. $((The examiner m))\underline{M}$ ay dismiss an appeal that is not sufficiently specific to
675	apprise the parties of the factual basis upon which relief is sought or if the grounds stated
676	do not constitute a legally adequate basis for the appeal. Alternatively, the examiner may
677	clarify the issues on appeal or may require any party with the burden of proof to clarify the
678	issues on appeal.
679	SECTION 20. Ordinance 18230, Section 21, and K.C.C. 20.22.100, are hereby
680	amended to read as follows:
681	A. The examiner shall process all appeals and applications as expeditiously as
682	possible, giving appropriate consideration to ((the)) procedural due process rights ((of the
683	parties)).
684	B.1. For appeals initiated by delivering the appeal ((statement)) to the responsible
685	((department or division)) agency, the responsible ((department or division)) agency shall
686	file with the office of the hearing examiner the decision or decisions being appealed, the
687	appeal, ((statement)) and a current list of parties and interested persons, within seventeen
688	days of the date the responsible ((department or division)) agency receives the appeal
689	((statement)). The examiner shall hold a prehearing conference or a hearing within forty-
690	five days, and shall complete the appeal process, including issuing a determination,
691	within ninety days of ((the date the office of the hearing examiner receives)) receiving
692	those materials.

693	2. For $((any))$ appeals that require $((s))$ the appeal $((statement))$ to be delivered
694	directly to the office of the hearing examiner, the examiner shall hold a prehearing
695	conference or a hearing within forty-five days, and shall complete the appeal process,
696	including issuing a determination, within ninety days((5)) of receiving the appeal
697	((statement)).
698	C. For applications for which the responsible ((department or division)) agency
699	issues a recommendation and ((an)) the examiner holds a public hearing and issues a
700	decision or recommendation, the examiner shall complete the application review,
701	including holding a public hearing and transmitting ((the report required by K.C.C.
702	20.22.220)) a determination, within ninety days from the date the council refers the
703	application to the office of the hearing examiner. Any time required $((by))$ for the
704	applicant or the responsible ((department or division)) agency to obtain and provide
705	additional information requested by the examiner (($\frac{and}{and}$)) that is necessary for the
706	examiner's determination ((on the application)) and consistent with applicable laws,
707	regulations, and adopted policies, is excluded from the ninety-day calculation.
708	D. At least fourteen days before a scheduled hearing, the examiner shall transmit
709	notice of the time of, and ((place of)) how to participate in, the hearing.
710	E. If for any reason testimony cannot be completed on the date set for a hearing,
711	the <u>examiner shall continue the</u> matter ((shall be continued)) to the soonest available date
712	To the extent practicable, a matter should be heard on consecutive days until it is
713	concluded.
714	F. The examiner may, upon notice to the parties, extend the deadlines in this
715	section for up to thirty days. ((Extensions of over thirty days are permissible with the

consent of all parties. When an extension is made, the examiner shall state in writing the
reason for the extension)) The examiner may extend the deadlines in this section for over
thirty days, either with the consent of all parties or where the examiner details why good
cause supports such an extension or stay.
G. Failure to complete the hearing process within the times stated in this section
shall not terminate the jurisdiction of the office of the hearing examiner.
SECTION 21. Ordinance 4461, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.110,
are hereby amended as follows:
Whenever an appeal or application includes more than one county ((permit,
approval or determination for which)) decision, when a public hearing is required, or ((for
which)) when an appeal is provided under this chapter, the hearings and any appeals may
be consolidated by the examiner into a single proceeding ((before the examiner)).
SECTION 22. Ordinance 11502, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.120,
are hereby amended to read as follows:
((A.)) On the examiner's own initiative, or at the request of a party, the examiner
may set a prehearing conference.
((B. If a prehearing conference is set, it shall be held not less than fourteen days
before the scheduled hearing.)) At least seven days before the prehearing conference, the
examiner shall transmit notice of the date of, and ((location of)) how to participate in, the
prehearing conference.
SECTION 23. Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C.
20.22.130, are hereby amended to read as follows:

When an application or appeal has been set for hearing, the responsible
((department)) agency shall coordinate and assemble the reviews of other ((departments
and governmental)) agencies having an interest in the application or appeal and shall
prepare a report summarizing the ((department's)) responsible agency's findings and
recommendation or decision. At least fourteen days before the scheduled hearing, the
responsible ((department)) agency shall file the report with the office of the hearing
examiner and shall send the report to all parties and interested persons. This section does
not apply to citation or motion hearings.
SECTION 24. Ordinance 4461, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.140,
are hereby amended to read as follows.
$((When the e))\underline{E}xaminer ((renders a)) determination \underline{s}((, the examiner)) shall ((maker))$
and enter)) include findings of fact and conclusions from the record ((which)) that support
the determination and shall set forth how the determination is consistent with applicable
laws, regulations, and adopted policies.
SECTION 25. Ordinance 4461, Section 10, as amended and K.C.C. 20.22.150 are
hereby amended as follows:
$((When the e))\underline{E}$ xaminer $((issues a))$ recommendations $((regarding))$ on an
application for a zone reclassification ((of property, the recommendation)) shall include
findings on whether the application meets both of the following:
A. The proposed rezone is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan;
and
B.1. The property is potentially zoned for the reclassification being requested;

760	2. An adopted subarea plan, subarea study, or area zoning specifies that the
761	property shall be subsequently considered through an individual reclassification
762	application; or
763	3. The requested reclassification is based on changed conditions.
764	SECTION 26. Ordinance 13687, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.160,
765	are hereby amended as follows:
766	$((When an e))\underline{E}$ xaminer $((issues a))$ recommendations on a shoreline
767	redesignation application((, the examiner)) shall include findings on whether the
768	shoreline redesignation complies with the following:
769	A. The King County Comprehensive Plan policies, state and county shorelines
770	management goals and objectives, and the designation criteria of the proposed shoreline
771	designation;
772	B. The impacts of development allowed by the proposed change do not
773	permanently impair any habitat critical to endangered or threatened species;
774	C. The impacts of development allowed by the proposed change are adequately
775	addressed in a mitigation plan providing significant enhancement of the first one hundred
776	feet adjacent to the stream and improved habitat for species declared as endangered or
777	threatened under the Endangered Species Act, to the extent those impacts may be
778	determinable at the time of the $shoreline((s))$ redesignation. A full mitigation plan shall
779	accompany each application, as provided in K.C.C. 20.18.057 and 20.18.058; and
780	D. If the shoreline redesignation results in greater density of development, the
781	proposal utilizes clustering or a multistory design to pursue minimum densities while
782	minimizing lot coverage adjacent to the shoreline setback area.

783	SECTION 27. Ordinance 13147, Section 34, and K.C.C. 20.22.170, are hereby
784	amended as follows:
785	A. ((Upon initiation of)) For a site-specific land use map amendment to the
786	Comprehensive Plan under K.C.C. 20.18.050, the examiner shall conduct a public hearing
787	to consider the ((department's)) agency's written recommendation, ((and to)) take
788	testimony, and receive additional evidence relating to the proposed amendment. The
789	examiner may consolidate hearings in accordance with K.C.C. 20.22.110 to the extent
790	practicable. No later than thirty days after closing the public hearing on the site-specific
791	land use map amendment, the examiner shall ((prepare)) make a recommendation that
792	contains written findings and conclusions regarding whether:
793	1. Under K.C.C. 20.18.040, a proposed site-specific land use map amendment
794	may be considered as part of the annual update; and
795	2. A site-specific land use map amendment is consistent with the applicable
796	review criteria.
797	B. The office of the hearing examiner shall compile the written recommendations
798	on all site-specific land use map amendments made in a year into a single report. The
799	report shall be <u>electronically</u> filed by January 15 ((in the form of a paper original and an
800	electronic copy)) with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an
801	electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the lead staff for the
802	council committee charged with the review of the Comprehensive Plan.
803	SECTION 28. Ordinance 9544, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.180,
804	are hereby amended as follows:

805	((When the examiner makes a decision regarding an application f))For a proposed
806	preliminary plat, the <u>examiner</u> decision shall include ((additional)) findings as to whether:
807	A. Appropriate provisions are made for the public health, safety, and general
808	welfare, and for such open spaces, drainage ways, streets or roads, alleys, other public
809	ways, transit stops, potable water supplies, sanitary wastes, parks and recreation,
810	playgrounds, schools, and school grounds, and all other relevant facts, including sidewalks
811	and other planning features that assure safe walking conditions for students who ((only))
812	walk to and from school; and
813	B. The public use and interest will be served by platting the subdivision and
814	dedication.
815	SECTION 29. Ordinance 17287, Section 4, and K.C.C. 20.22.190, are hereby
816	amended as follows:
817	The ((hearing)) examiner shall receive and examine available information,
818	conduct public meetings, and prepare records and reports thereof for transmittal to the
819	council, as provided in K.C.C. 21A.55.105.M. and S.
820	SECTION 30. Ordinance 18709, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.195,
821	are hereby amended as follows:
822	For rider suspension appeals under K.C.C. 28.96.430:
823	A. The examiner shall review the facts and the legal basis for the suspension.
824	The Metro transit department shall bear the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the
825	evidence, both the violation and ((that)) the sanction ((it has)) imposed is consistent with
826	King County ordinances and department policy. Absent contrary evidence, the Metro
827	transit officer's report is sufficient to fulfill the requirements of K.C.C. 20.22.130 and

meet the department's burden of proof. A criminal conviction for the same conduct
underlying the suspension will be dispositive of any factual challenge to the suspension.
A criminal conviction shall not be dispositive of any other challenge, such as a
jurisdictional challenge, to the suspension. Exoneration or a finding of "not guilty" on a
criminal charge for the same conduct underlying the suspension shall result in the
examiner finding that the suspension lacks a sufficient factual basis and vacating the
suspension. Dispositional continuances or deferred prosecutions shall have no bearing on
the examiner's factual findings.
B. Individuals appealing their suspensions may not challenge the constitutionality
of the suspension process through ((an)) the examiner appeal.
SECTION 31. Ordinance 9785, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.200,
are hereby amended as follows:
A. If the examiner determines that the public schools in the district where the
development is proposed would not meet the standards in K.C.C. 21A.28.160 if the
development were approved, the examiner ((either)) shall:
$\underline{1}$. $\underline{((r))}\underline{R}$ emand the matter to the department of local services, permitting
division((, or shall));
$\underline{2}$. $((\mathfrak{x}))\underline{R}$ equire or recommend phasing \underline{f} or provision of the needed facilities and
sites as appropriate to address the deficiency; or ((shall))
$\underline{3}$. $((\underline{d}))\underline{D}$ eny the proposal.
<u>B.</u> The examiner shall prepare findings ((to document the facts)) and conclusions
that support the action taken. Payment of a school impact fee as required by K.C.C.
chapter 27.44 is not a substitute for phasing. The examiner shall recommend a fee

payment schedule to coordinate that payment with any phasing, if the provision or	
payment satisfies the district and any deferral requirements. The examiner must	
determine independently that the conditions of approval and assessable fees will provide	
for adequate schools.	
SECTION 32. Ordinance 18754, Section 31, and K.C.C. 20.22.205, are hereby	
amended as follows:	
((When an e))Examiner $((issues a))$ recommendations $((regarding))$ on an appeal	
of a change to a speed limit((, the examiner)) shall include findings on whether the	
change in the speed limit is supported by an engineering and traffic investigation based	
on the following factors:	
A. Road surface characteristics, shoulder conditions, grade, alignment, and sight	
distance;	
B. The eighty-fifth percentile speed and pace speed;	
C. Roadside development and land use;	
D. Safe speed for curves within the speed zone;	
E. Parking practices and pedestrian activity; and	
F. Most-recently reported collision history for the preceding thirty-six months.	
SECTION 33. Ordinance 18230, Section 43, and K.C.C. 20.22.210, are hereby	
amended as follows:	
A. Enforcement of any notice and order under K.C.C. chapter 6.64 or K.C.C.	
Title 11 shall be stayed during the pendency of an appeal therefrom which is properly and	
timely filed, except impoundment of an animal that is vicious or cruelly treated, or where	
the records and licensing services division manager or the permitting division manager of	

the department of local services states in the notice and order that a clear, substantial, and
imminent hazard to life, safety, or property exists.
B. In proceedings before the examiner for an appeal from a notice and order
under K.C.C. chapter 6.64 or K.C.C. Title 11, the records and licensing services division
shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence both the violation
and the appropriateness of the remedy it has imposed.
SECTION 34. Ordinance 4461, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.220,
are hereby amended as follows:
A.1. Except as otherwise provided in K.C.C. 20.22.170, within ten business days of
concluding a hearing or rehearing, the examiner shall ((render)) make and transmit a
written determination ((and shall transmit a copy of that determination)). The examiner's
determination shall identify the ((applicant or the owner, or both,)) parties by names and
((addresses)) contact information.
2. Before the expiration of the applicable appeal period of subsection B.((5)) or C.
((or D.)) of this section, a party may file with the examiner a motion requesting that the
examiner reconsider a determination. A timely motion stays the timelines in subsections
B. $((5))$ or C. $((60 - D.))$ of this section until the examiner rules on the motion. The examiner

may grant the motion if the person making the motion shows that the determination was

based in whole or in part on erroneous information or failed to comply with existing laws,

regulations, or adopted policies, or ((if)) that an error of procedure occurred that prevented

consideration of the interests of persons directly affected by the action.

B.1. Examiner recommendations in cases identified in K.C.C. 20.22.060 may be
appealed to the council by a party by filing an appeal ((statement)) in accordance with
K.C.C. 20.22.230.
2. If an appeal ((statement)) is not timely filed, the clerk of the council shall place
a proposed ordinance that adopts the examiner's recommended action ((of the examiner))
on the agenda of the next available council meeting for adoption, except that:
a. the council shall not take final action to amend or reverse the recommendation
of the examiner ((shall not be taken)) at that meeting ((and)). The council chair shall
establish the process for amending or reversing the examiner's recommendation, and
electronic notice to parties shall be given a minimum of seven days before the council
((adoption of)) adopts an ordinance that amends or reverses the examiner's
recommendation; and
b. when the council determines it is necessary before taking final action, the
council ((by motion)) may refer the matter to a council committee or remand to the
examiner for the purpose of further hearing, receipt of additional information, or further
consideration ((when determined necessary before the council takes final action)).
C. ((Decisions of the examiner that are appealable to the council as provided in
K.C.C. 20.22.050 are final unless appealed to the council by filing an appeal statement in
accordance with K.C.C. 20.22.230.
D. Final d))Decisions of the examiner in cases identified in K.C.C. 20.22.040
((shall be)) are final and reviewable under K.C.C. 20.22.270.B.
SECTION 35. Ordinance 18230, Section 46, and K.C.C. 20.22.230, are hereby
amended as follows:

918	A. A $((person))$ party initiates an appeal to the council from $((an))$ the examiner
919	recommendation ((or decision)) by filing an appeal ((statement)) with the clerk of the
920	council and providing copies of the appeal ((statement)) to the examiner and to all other
921	parties.
922	B. The appeal ((statement)) must be received within twenty-four days of the date
923	of the examiner's transmittal of the recommendation ((or decision)).
924	C. The appeal ((statement)) shall:
925	1. Include a copy of the ((decision)) recommendation being appealed;
926	2. Identify the location of the property subject to the appeal, if any;
927	3. Identify the legal interest of the appellant;
928	4. Identify the alleged errors in the ((decision)) recommendation;
929	5. State specific reasons why the ((decision)) recommendation should be
930	reversed or modified;
931	6. State the harm suffered or anticipated by the ((party filing the appeal))
932	appellant; and
933	7. Identify the relief sought.
934	D. ((The person filing an appeal shall pay a fee as prescribed in K.C.C.
935	4A.780.010. The fee shall be paid at the time the appeal is filed and is not refundable.
936	E.)) The scope of an appeal shall be limited to matters or issues raised in the
937	initial appeal ((statement)).
938	$((F_{-}))$ <u>E</u> . If a $((person))$ party fails to timely file the appeal $((statement\ or\ pay\ the$
939	appeal fee,)) the council does not have jurisdiction to consider the appeal.
940	((G ₋)) <u>F</u> . Within three days of receiving the appeal ((statement)), the examiner

shall notify all interested persons and parties of the appeal filing and of the opportunity to	
respond and shall post a copy of the examiner recommendation ((or decision)) and ((of	
the)) appeal ((statement)) on the ((internet)) examiner's website.	
((H.)) G. Within seventeen days of the date the appeal ((statement)) is filed, a	
respondent shall file a response with the clerk of the council and provide <u>electronic</u>	
copies of the response to the examiner, to all other parties, and to the appellant.	
$((\underline{\mathbf{H}}))$ $\underline{\mathbf{H}}$. Within ten days of the date the response is filed, an appellant may file a	
reply with the clerk of the council, and ((providing)) provide copies of the reply to the	
examiner, to all other parties, and to the respondent.	
$((J_{-}))$ <u>I.</u> For purposes of this section, "file" means $((submitting a paper copy and$	
an electronic copy to)) emailing the clerk of the council.	
SECTION 36. Ordinance 4461, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.240,	
are hereby amended as follows:	
A. The council shall process appeals as expeditiously as possible, giving	
appropriate consideration to ((the)) procedural due process rights ((of the parties)). The	
council should schedule consideration of the appeal within sixty days of the filing of the	
response to the appeal ((statement)). Failure of the council to consider the appeal within	
the time limit does not terminate the council's jurisdiction.	
B. The council's consideration of an appeal from ((either)) a ((decision or))	
recommendation of the examiner shall be based upon the record as presented to the	
examiner at the public hearing and upon the arguments presented in the written appeal,	
((statement based upon the record)) appeal response, and appeal reply. The council also	
may allow parties a period for oral argument based on the record. Consistent with RCW	

36.70B.020(1) and upon the request of a councilmember, the examiner may provide a
written or oral summary, or both, of the record, issues, and arguments presented in an
appeal, and may provide answers, based on the record, to questions with respect to issues
raised in the appeal. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the ability
of the council to seek and receive legal advice regarding a pending appeal from the office
of the prosecuting attorney or other county legal counsel either within or outside of the
hearing.
C. An examiner may conduct a conference with all parties ((for the purpose of
clarifying or attempting)) to clarify or resolve issues on appeal, but the examiner who
conducted the public hearing on the proposal ((may)) shall not conduct the conference.
The conference shall be informal and shall not be part of the public record.
D. If, after consideration of the record, written appeal, ((statements)) appeal
response, appeal reply, and any oral argument, the council determines that:
1. An error in fact or procedure exists, or additional information or clarification
is desired, the council shall remand the matter to the examiner; or
2. The examiner's ((decision or)) recommendation is based on an error in
judgment or conclusion, the council may modify or reverse the examiner's
recommendation, or the council may retain the matter, refer it to a council committee, or
remand to the examiner for further hearing, receipt of additional information, or further
consideration, before the council takes final action on the matter.
SECTION 37. Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C.
20.22.250, are hereby amended as follows:

A. The council shall take final action on ((any)) an examiner recommendation ((or appeal from an examiner decision)) by ordinance and, when so doing, shall make findings and conclusions from the record of the public hearing conducted by the examiner((. The findings and conclusions shall)) to set forth and demonstrate the manner in which the action is consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and adopted policies. The council's findings and conclusions may adopt as its own all or portions of the examiner's findings and conclusions.

- B. The ordinance may contain conditions regarding the manner of development or ((other aspects regarding)) use of the property including, but not limited to, dedicating land, providing public improvements, or requiring impact fees authorized by chapter 82.02 RCW, or any combination thereof.
- C. The ordinance also may contain reasonable conditions, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and adopted policies, that must be satisfied. The ordinance shall designate the time within which any such conditions must be satisfied and the official zoning maps shall not be amended until the conditions have been satisfied. If any of the conditions are not satisfied within the designated time, the property shall continue to be subject to all laws, regulations, and adopted policies as if the ordinance had not been adopted. If, before the expiration of the time within which the conditions must be satisfied, the applicant submits a written request to the examiner for an extension of the time, the examiner shall hold a hearing and ((issue)) make a recommendation on whether the extension is in the public interest and whether to grant or deny all or any part of the requested time extension. The examiner's recommendation may be appealed using the procedures in K.C.C. 20.22.220.B.

1009	SECTION 38. Ordinance 4461, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.270,
1010	are hereby amended as follows:
1011	A. Council action on examiner recommendations in cases identified in K.C.C.
1012	20.22.060 ((or on examiner decisions appealed to the council as provided in K.C.C.
1013	20.22.220.C. shall be)) is final and conclusive ((action)) unless an appeal is timely filed
1014	with the appropriate court or tribunal. However, development or related action ((may))
1015	shall not occur until the applicable ((day)) appeal period has ((run)) expired.
1016	B. ((Final d))Decisions of the examiner in cases identified in K.C.C. 20.22.040
1017	((shall be)) are final and conclusive ((action)) unless an appeal is timely filed with the
1018	appropriate court or tribunal. However, development or related action ((may)) shall not
1019	occur until the applicable appeal period has ((run, and the)) expired. The appeal period
1020	from examiner decisions on appeals of threshold determinations or the adequacy of a final
1021	environmental impact statement shall not commence until final action on the underlying
1022	proposal.
1023	SECTION 39. Ordinance 4461, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.280,
1024	are hereby amended as follows:
1025	((A.)) The ordinance implementing the council's final action on $((an))$ the
1026	examiner's recommendation ((or decision)) shall take effect ten days after its ((enactment,
1027	unless a request for reconsideration is filed according to this section.
1028	B.1. A final action by the council may be reconsidered by the council if:
1029	a. the action was based in whole or in part on erroneous facts or information;
1030	b. the action failed to comply with existing laws, regulations or adopted policies;
1031	or

1032	c. an error of procedure occurred that prevented consideration of the interests of
1033	persons directly affected by the action.
1034	2. A request for reconsideration must be made within ten days of the council's
1035	final action by filing a paper copy and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council and
1036	providing copies to the examiner and department or division issuing the original decision,
1037	all parties and all interested persons.
1038	3. The effective date of an ordinance adopted under this chapter and any time
1039	limits for filing appeals are stayed during the pendency of the request for reconsideration.
1040	C. A request for reconsideration shall be referred to the appropriate committee for
1041	an initial determination whether the request meets the criteria in subsection B. of this
1042	section. Within ten days of filing the request or at the next regular meeting of the
1043	committee, whichever is later, the committee may either refer the request to the council for
1044	its consideration or deny the request. The committee's denial of the request shall be
1045	considered the council's final action, and the ordinance shall be effective immediately.
1046	D. The authority of the council to reconsider does not affect the finality of a
1047	decision when made)) adoption.
1048	SECTION 40. Ordinance 11502, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.290,
1049	are hereby amended as follows:
1050	The office of the hearing examiner shall maintain and publish on its website a
1051	quarterly ((basis a)) digest of all ((decisions, final decisions and recommendations of the
1052	office)) examiner determinations. ((Decisions)) Determinations reported in the digest shall
1053	not be construed to establish legal precedent.
1054	SECTION 41. Ordinance 11502, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.300,

1055 are hereby amended as follows: 1056 The office of the hearing examiner shall ((issue a citizen's guide that describes)) 1057 produce guides describing the examiner process, including making an appeal or 1058 participating in a hearing. The office shall make them available to the public in printed and 1059 electronic forms and shall post them to its website. SECTION 42. Ordinance 11502, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.310, 1060 1061 are hereby amended as follows: 1062 The office of the hearing examiner shall prepare an annual report to the council 1063 detailing the length of time required for hearings in the previous year, categorized both on 1064 average and by type of proceeding. The report shall provide commentary on office 1065 operations and identify any need for clarification of county policy or ((development)) 1066 regulations. The office shall electronically file the report by March 1 of each year((, in the 1067 form of a paper original and an electronic copy)) with the clerk of the council, who shall 1068 retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. 1069 SECTION 43. Ordinance 11502, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.320, 1070 are hereby amended as follows: 1071 ((As to)) For any application or appeal decided under this chapter ((that is or could 1072 become the subject of a public hearing)), the responsible ((county department)) agency, the 1073 council, or the examiner may, at the responsible ((department)) agency, council, or 1074 examiner's own discretion, or at the request of ((the applicant or any person with standing 1075 to the application or appeal)) any party or interested person, initiate a mediation process to 1076 resolve disputes as to the application or appeal at any state of the proceedings on the

application or appeal. The mediation process shall be conducted in accordance with the

1078	rules ((prepared by the hearing)) for conducting the examiner process adopted under
1079	<u>K.C.C. 20.22.330</u> .
1080	SECTION 44. Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C.
1081	20.22.330, are hereby amended as follows:
1082	A.((1.)) The council shall, by motion, adopt rules and amendments to the rules for
1083	conducting the examiner process, including prehearing conferences and mediation.
1084	((2.)) <u>B.1.</u> The hearing examiner may propose rules or amendments to the rules
1085	by <u>electronically</u> filing a draft of the rules or amendments with the clerk of the council,
1086	for distribution to all councilmembers for review.
1087	2. At the same time as the filing of the draft rules or amendments, the hearing
1088	examiner shall also:
1089	a. electronically distribute a copy of the draft rules to any county
1090	((department)) agency that has appeared before the examiner in the ((year before filing the
1091	proposed amendments and to any other person who requested to be notified of proposed
1092	amendments to the rules)) preceding twelve months;
1093	b. make best efforts to electronically distribute a copy of the draft rules to any
1094	party that has appeared before the examiner in the preceding twelve months; and ((shall))
1095	<u>c.</u> post a copy on the ((Internet)) <u>examiner's website</u> .
1096	3. Comments may be <u>electronically</u> filed with the clerk of the council, for
1097	distribution to all councilmembers, for sixty days after the proposed rules or amendments
1098	are distributed for comment.
1099	4. The rules or amendments shall take effect when they have been approved by
1100	the council by motion.

1101	((3.)) <u>C.</u> The office of the hearing examiner shall publish the rules and any
1102	amendments to the rules and make them available to the public in printed and electronic
1103	forms and shall post the rules and any amendments to the ((Internet)) examiner's website.
1104	SECTION 45. Ordinance 6949, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.44.120 are
1105	hereby amended as follows:
1106	A. The administrative appeal of a threshold determination or of the adequacy of a
1107	final environmental impact statement is a procedural SEPA appeal that is conducted by the
1108	hearing examiner under K.C.C. 20.22.040 and is subject to the following:
1109	1. A procedural SEPA appeal to the hearing examiner is authorized only for an
1110	action classified as a Type 2, 3, or 4 land use decision in K.C.C. 20.20.020, or as provided
1111	for by public rule adopted under K.C.C. 20.44.075;
1112	2. Only one appeal of each threshold determination shall be allowed on a
1113	proposal;
1114	3. As provided in RCW 43.21C.075(3)(d), the decision of the responsible official
1115	shall be entitled to substantial weight;
1116	4. An appeal of a determination of significance must be filed with the department
1117	issuing the determination of significance as provided in K.C.C. 20.22.080;
1118	5. An appeal of a determination of nonsignificance or of the adequacy of an
1119	environmental impact statement must be filed with the department issuing the
1120	determination of nonsignificance or environmental impact statement as provided in K.C.C.
1121	20.22.080. The appeal period for a determination of nonsignificance shall be extended for
1122	an additional seven calendar days if WAC 197-11-340(2)(a) applies;

1123	6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, SEPA appeals are subject to
1124	K.C.C. 20.22.080.C.; and
1125	7. The hearing examiner shall make a final decision on all procedural SEPA
1126	appeals.
1127	B. Except for a procedural SEPA appeal authorized under K.C.C. 20.44.075, the
1128	hearing examiner's consideration of a procedural SEPA appeal shall be consolidated in all
1129	cases with the substantive SEPA appeal, if any, involving a decision to condition or deny
1130	an application under RCW 43.21C.060 and with the public hearing or appeal, if any, on the
1131	proposal, except for an appeal of a determination of significance.
1132	C. A procedural or substantive SEPA appeal authorized by subsection A. of this
1133	section on a Type 2, 3, or 4 land use decision shall be consolidated with any administrative
1134	appeal on the merits of that decision, as provided in K.C.C. chapter 20.22 and this section.
1135	A procedural SEPA appeal authorized by a public rule adopted under K.C.C. 20.44.075
1136	shall not be consolidated with the administrative appeal on the merits of the decision. If a
1137	Type ((3 or)) 4 land use decision is appealed to the county council as provided in K.C.C.
1138	20.22.220.B. ((or C.)), the appeal of the recommendation ((or decision)) of the examiner to
1139	condition or deny the proposal under RCW 43.21C.060 shall be made to the council, which
1140	shall make a final decision.
1141	D. Notwithstanding subsections A. through C. of this section, a department may
1142	adopt procedures in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 2.98 under which an administrative
1143	appeal shall not be provided if the director of that department finds that consideration of an
1144	appeal would likely cause the department to violate a compliance, enforcement, or other
1145	specific mandatory order or specific legal obligation. The director's determination shall be

included in the notice of the SEPA determination, and the director shall provide a written
summary upon which the determination is based within five days of receiving a written
request.
SECTION 46. Ordinance 4828, Section 11, and K.C.C. 20.62.110 are hereby
amended as follows:
((Any person aggrieved by a d))Decisions of the commission designating or
rejecting a nomination for designation of a landmark or issuing or denying a certificate of
appropriateness may file an appeal with the historic preservation officer, under K.C.C.
20.22.080.
SECTION 47. Ordinance 10870, Section 101, and K.C.C. 21A.06.305 are hereby
amended as follows:
Development agreement:
\underline{A} . $((a))\underline{A}$ recorded agreement between a UPD applicant and King County which
incorporates the site plans, development standards, and other features of an Urban Plan
Development as described in K.C.C. chapter 21A.39; or
B. An agreement authorized under RCW 36.70B.170 through 36.70B.210.
SECTION 48. Ordinance 10870, Section 617, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.42.090
are hereby amended as follows:
A.1. The decision of the director ((shall be final unless the applicant or an
aggrieved party files an appeal to the hearing examiner under K.C.C. chapter 20.24
20.22.080)) under this chapter, except for those in subsection A.2. of this section, is a Type
2 decision under K.C.C. 20.20.020; and

1168	2. The decision of the director made under K.C.C. chapter 21A.32 shall be final
1169	unless appealed following the appeal process for the underlying permit.
1170	B. ((The examiner shall review and make decisions based upon information
1171	contained in the written appeal and the record.
1172	C. The examiner's decision may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the
1173	director.
1174	D. As provided by K.C.C. 20.22.220.A. and C.:
1175	1. The examiner shall render a decision within ten days of the closing of hearing;
1176	and
1177	2. The decision shall be final unless appealed under the provisions of K.C.C.
1178	20.24.240.B 20.22.220.B.
1179	E.)) Establishment of any use or activity authorized under K.C.C. 21A.24.070, or
1180	in accordance with a conditional use permit or variance, shall occur within four years of the
1181	effective date of the decision for ((such)) the permit or variance, except that for schools the
1182	period shall be five years. ((This)) The period may be extended for one additional year by
1183	the director if the applicant has submitted the applications necessary to establish the use or
1184	activity and has provided written justification for the extension.
1185	$((F_{-}))$ <u>C.</u> For the purpose of this section, "establishment" shall occur upon the
1186	issuance of all local permits or approvals for on-site improvements needed to begin the
1187	authorized use or activity, if the conditions or improvements required by the permits or
1188	approvals are completed within the required timeframes.

1189	((G.)) <u>D.</u> Once a use, activity, or improvement, allowed under K.C.C. 21A.24.070
1190	by a conditional use permit or variance, has been established, it may continue as long as all
1191	conditions of permit issuance are met.
1192	SECTION 49. Ordinance 11621, Section 118, and K.C.C. 21A.43.090 are hereby
1193	amended as follows:
1194	A. Impact fee receipts shall be earmarked specifically and retained in a special
1195	interest-bearing account established by the county solely for the district's school impact
1196	fees. All interest shall be retained in the account and expended for the purpose or purposes
1197	identified in subsection B. of this section. Annually, the county, based in part on the report
1198	submitted by the district under K.C.C. 21A.28.152, shall prepare a report on each impact
1199	fee account showing the source and amount of all moneys collected, earned, or received,
1200	and capital or system improvements that were financed in whole or in part by impact fees.
1201	B. Impact fees for the district's system improvements shall be expended by the
1202	district for capital improvements including but not limited to school planning, land
1203	acquisition, site improvements, necessary off-site improvements, construction, engineering
1204	architectural, permitting, financing, and administrative expenses, relocatable facilities,
1205	capital equipment pertaining to educational facilities, and any other expenses which could
1206	be capitalized, and which are consistent with the school district's capital facilities plan.
1207	C. In the event that bonds or similar debt instruments are issued for the advanced
1208	provision of capital facilities for which impact fees may be expended and where consistent
1209	with the bond covenants, impact fees may be used to pay debt service on such bonds or
1210	similar debt instruments to the extent that the facilities or improvements provided are
1211	consistent with the requirements of this section.

D. Impact fees shall be expended or encumbered, which means being committed as part of the funding for a facility for which the publicly funded share has been assured, building permits applied for, or construction contracts let, by the district for a permissible use within ten years of receipt by the county, unless there exists an extraordinary and compelling reason for fees to be held longer than ten years. Such extraordinary or compelling reasons shall be identified to the county by the district. The county must prepare written findings concurring with the district's reasons, and authorizing the later encumbrance or expenditure of the fees prior to the district so encumbering or expending the funds, or directing a refund of the fees.

E. The current owner of property on which an impact fee has been paid may receive a refund of such fees if the impact fees have not been expended or encumbered within ten years of receipt of the funds by the county. In determining whether impact fees have been encumbered, impact fees shall be considered encumbered on a first in, first out basis. The county shall notify potential claimants by first-class mail deposited with the United States Postal Service addressed to the owner of the property as shown in the county tax records.

F. An owner's request for a refund must be submitted to the ((eounty council))

permitting division in writing within one year of the date the right to claim the refund arises or the date that notice is given, whichever date is later. Any impact fees that are not expended or encumbered within these time limitations, and for which no application for a refund has been made within this one-year period, shall be retained and expended consistent with this section. Refunds of impact fees shall include any interest earned on the impact fees.

G. Should the county seek to terminate any or all school impact fee requirements,
all unexpended or unencumbered funds, including interest earned, shall be refunded to the
current owner of the property for which a school impact fee was paid. Upon the finding
that any or all fee requirements are to be terminated, the county shall place notice of the
termination and the availability of refunds in a newspaper of general circulation at least two
times and shall notify all potential claimants by first-class mail addressed to the owner of
the property as shown in the county tax records. All funds available for refund shall be
retained for a period of one year. At the end of one year, any remaining funds shall be
retained by the county, but must be expended for the district, consistent with this section.
The notice requirement in this subsection shall not apply if there are no unexpended or
unencumbered balances within the account or accounts being terminated.

- H. A developer may request and shall receive a refund, including interest earned on the impact fees, when:
- 1. The developer does not proceed to finalize the development activity as required by statute or county code; and
- 2. No impact on the district has resulted. "Impact" shall be deemed to include cases where the district has expended or encumbered the impact fees in good faith prior to the application for a refund. In the event that the district has expended or encumbered the fees in good faith, no refund shall be forthcoming. However, if within a period of three years, the same or subsequent owner of the property proceeds with the same or substantially similar development activity, the owner shall be eligible for a credit. The owner must petition the county and provide receipts of impact fees paid by the owner for a development of the same or substantially similar nature on the same property or some

1258	portion thereof. The county shall determine whether to grant a credit, and such
1259	determinations may be appealed by following the procedures set forth in K.C.C.
1260	21A.43.070.
1261	I. Interest due upon the refund of impact fees required by this section shall be
1262	calculated according to the average rate received by the county or the district on invested
1263	funds throughout the period during which the fees were retained.
1264	SECTION 50. Ordinance 10870, Section 632, as amended and K.C.C. 21A.50.040
1265	are hereby amended as follows:
1266	A. Permit suspension, revocation, or modification shall be carried out through the
1267	procedures set forth in K.C.C. Title 23. Any permit, variance, or other land use approval
1268	issued by King County pursuant to this title may be suspended, revoked, or modified on
1269	one or more of the following grounds:
1270	1. The approval was obtained by fraud;
1271	2. The approval was based on inadequate or inaccurate information;
1272	3. The approval, when given, conflicted with existing laws or regulations
1273	applicable thereto;
1274	4. An error of procedure occurred which prevented consideration of the interests
1275	of persons directly affected by the approval;
1276	5. The approval or permit granted is being exercised contrary to the terms or
1277	conditions of such approval or in violation of any statute, law, or regulation;
1278	6. The use for which the approval was granted is being exercised in a manner
1279	detrimental to the public health or safety;

1280	7. The holder of the permit or approval interferes with the director or any
1281	authorized representative in the performance of the director or any authorized
1282	representative's duties; or
1283	8. The holder of the permit or approval fails to comply with any notice and order
1284	issued pursuant to K.C.C. Title 23.
1285	B. Authority to revoke or modify a permit or land use approval shall be exercised
1286	by the issuer((, as follows:
1287	1. The council may, after a recommendation from the examiner, revoke or modify
1288	any residential density incentive approval, transfer of development credit, Urban Planned
1289	Development, preliminary subdivision, zone reclassification or special use permit;
1290	2. The adjustor may revoke or modify any variance or conditional use permit,
1291	provided that if it was reviewed through a public hearing, a new public hearing shall be
1292	held on its revocation or modification; and
1293	3. The director may revoke or modify any permit or other land use approval
1294	issued by the director)).
1295	SECTION 51. Ordinance 3692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.200 are
1296	hereby amended as follows:
1297	A. The King County shoreline master program consists of the following elements,
1298	enacted on or before ((March 25, 2021)) the date of enactment of this ordinance:
1299	1. The King county Comprehensive Plan chapter six;
1300	2. K.C.C. chapter 21A.25;
1301	3. The following sections of K.C.C. chapter 21A.24:
1302	a. K.C.C. 21A.24.045;

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1303	b. K.C.C. 21A.24.051;
1304	c. K.C.C. 21A.24.055;
1305	d. K.C.C. 21A.24.070.A., D., and E.;
1306	e. K.C.C. 21A.24.125;
1307	f. K.C.C. 21A.24.130;
1308	g. K.C.C. 21A.24.133;
1309	h. K.C.C. 21A.24.200;
1310	i. K.C.C. 21A.24.210;
1311	j. K.C.C. 21A.24.220;
1312	k. K.C.C. 21A.24.275;
1313	1. K.C.C. 21A.24.280;
1314	m. K.C.C. 21A.24.290;
1315	n. K.C.C. 21A.24.300;
1316	o. K.C.C. 21A.24.310;
1317	p. K.C.C. 21A.24.316;
1318	q. K.C.C. 21A.24.318;
1319	r. K.C.C. 21A.24.325;
1320	s. K.C.C. 21A.24.335;
1321	t. K.C.C. 21A.24.340;
1322	u. K.C.C. 21A.24.355;
1323	v. K.C.C. 21A.24.358;
1324	w. K.C.C. 21A.24.365;
1325	x. K.C.C. 21A.24.380;

1326	y. K.C.C. 21A.24.382;
1327	z. K.C.C. 21A.24.386; and
1328	aa. K.C.C. 21A.24.388;
1329	4. The following:
1330	a. K.C.C. 20.18.040;
1331	b. K.C.C. 20.18.050;
1332	c. K.C.C. 20.18.056;
1333	d. K.C.C. 20.18.057;
1334	e. K.C.C. 20.18.058;
1335	f. K.C.C. 20.22.160;
1336	g. ((K.C.C. 20.24.510;
1337	h.)) K.C.C. 21A.32.045;
1338	((i-)) <u>h.</u> K.C.C. 21A.44.090;
1339	((j-)) <u>i.</u> K.C.C. 21A.44.100; and
1340	((k.)) <u>j.</u> K.C.C. 21A.50.030.
1341	B. The shoreline management goals and policies constitute the official policy of
1342	King County regarding areas of the county subject to shoreline management jurisdiction
1343	under chapter 90.58 RCW. As provided by WAC 173-26-191(2)(a), King County's local
1344	administrative, enforcement, and permit review procedures shall conform to chapter 90.58
1345	RCW but shall not be a part of the master program.
1346	C. Amendments to the shoreline master program do not apply to the shoreline
1347	jurisdiction until approved by the Washington state Department of Ecology as provided in
1348	RCW 90.58.090. The department of local services, permitting division, shall, within ten

days after the date of the Department of Ecology's approval, file a copy of the Department
of Ecology's approval, in the form of ((a paper copy and)) an electronic copy, with the clerk
of the council, who shall retain the ((paper copy)) original and ((forward)) provide
electronic copies to all councilmembers, the chief of staff, ((policy staff director)) and the
lead staff of the ((mobility and environment)) local services and land use committee, or its
successor.
SECTION 52. The executive shall submit sections 26 and 51 of this ordinance to
the state Department of Ecology for its approval, as provided in RCW 90.58.090.
SECTION 53. Sections 26 and 51 of this ordinance takes effect within the
shoreline jurisdiction fourteen days after the state Department of Ecology provides
written notice of final action stating that the proposal is approved, in accordance with
RCW 90.58.090. The executive shall provide the written notice of final action to the
clerk of the council.
SECTION 54. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application

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- to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
- application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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

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