



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 19073

Proposed No. 2020-0155.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to service of process on the
2 county during an emergency; amending Ordinance 13,
3 Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.04.010; and declaring an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. On February 29, 2020, public health - Seattle & King County confirmed the
8 first cases of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including one death, in the county.

9 B. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death
10 and can easily spread from person to person.

11 C. On March 1, 2020, King County executive Dow Constantine signed a
12 proclamation of emergency in response to COVID-19, enabling "extraordinary measures"
13 to fight the outbreak.

14 D. On March 16, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee ordered the statewide closure of food
15 establishments to sit in serve and the prohibition of gatherings of more than fifty people.

16 E. Dr. Jeff Duchin, health officer for public health - Seattle & King County
17 issued a parallel local Health Officer Order in King County stating "These orders are
18 essential to protect our whole community from an unprecedented outbreak, especially the
19 most vulnerable people and our health care system."

20 F. On March 16, 2020, public health - Seattle & King County reported 488
21 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and a total of forty-three reported deaths from COVID-19.

22 G. The council has authority to delegate the agent upon with a summons may be
23 served and during this emergency proclamation it is necessary to allow for alternative
24 means for serving the clerk of the council.

25 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.04.010 are hereby amended
26 to read as follows:

27 A. For the purpose of service of summons on King County under provisions of
28 RCW 4.28.080, the person to be served is the clerk of the county council.

29 B.1. During a period of an emergency proclaimed by the executive, and as
30 directed by the chair of the council in writing and until the emergency provisions for
31 acceptance of service are ended in accordance with subsection B.4. of this section, the
32 clerk of the council shall accept service by:

33 a. email to clerkemergencyprocess@kingcounty.gov; or

34 b. the U.S. postal service.

35 2. The clerk of the council shall post the email address in subsection B.1.a. of
36 this section on the county council's home web page during the period described in
37 subsection B.1. of this section.

38 3. If directed by the chair of the council to accept service in accordance with
39 this subsection B.1. of this section, the clerk of the council shall notify in writing, by
40 email and letter, the Washington State Bar Association and the King County Bar
41 Association of activation of the emergency service of process provisions described in
42 subsection B.1 of this section.

43 4. The clerk of the council shall accept service by email or the U.S. postal
44 service in accordance with this subsection until either the executive terminates the
45 proclamation of the emergency or the chair of the council rescinds the direction.

46 SECTION 3. All actions up to the effective date of this ordinance taken by
47 county officials, agents and employees, consistent with the terms and purposes of the
48 ordinance are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

49 SECTION 4. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists
50 and the enactment of this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary for the

51 immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county
52 government and its existing public institutions.
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Ordinance 19073 was introduced on 3/24/2020 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/24/2020, by the following vote:

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



KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None