



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 15977**

**Proposed No.** 2021-0287.2

**Sponsors** Dunn

1           A MOTION requesting the executive review home  
2           occupation and home industry regulations and update as  
3           necessary to account for workforce and business operation  
4           changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and requiring  
5           a report.

6           WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed how  
7 businesses in King County operate, and

8           WHEREAS, over one-third of households nationwide reported working from  
9 home more frequently than before the COVID-19 pandemic, and

10           WHEREAS, the existing home occupation regulations do not contemplate  
11 changes in the work environment including remote work, changing consumer preferences  
12 and technological shifts; and

13           WHEREAS, many businesses continue to have work from home policies, citing  
14 changes in employee preferences and the resurgence of positive COVID-19 cases due to  
15 the Delta variant;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

17           A. The council requests that the executive conduct a review of the county's home  
18 occupation and home industry regulations in K.C.C. Chapter 21A.30 and update the code  
19 as necessary to account for workforce and business operation changes related to the  
20 COVID-19 pandemic.

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21 B. The study should include the following:

22 1. An analysis of uses that are permitted and prohibited under a home occupation

23 and home industry permit, and how current business practices fit within those uses;

24 2. An analysis of whether changes are necessary to address employer work from

25 home policies;

26 3. An analysis of home occupation and home industry standards related to

27 number of employees, customer and client visits, and traffic, and whether existing

28 standards are appropriate under current conditions; and

29 4. Any other issues identified by the executive as a result of the large number of

30 people shifting to work from home permanently.

31 C. The executive shall prepare a report summarizing the completed review

32 described in this motion and any code changes necessary to implement the

33 recommendations in the report. The executive should electronically file the report and

34 any necessary code changes by October 31, 2022, to be considered as part of the 2024

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- 35 update to the King County Comprehensive Plan, with the clerk of the council, who shall  
36 retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

Motion 15977 was introduced on 8/17/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/9/2021, by the following vote:

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

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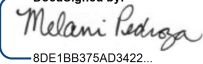
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