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AN ORDINANCE relating to the council's rules, providing for referral of motions confirming board and commission reappointments directly to the council's consent agenda; **and** amending Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045, Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085, and Ordinance 11683, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.135.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 5: Agenda.

A. Council business must be disposed of in the following order, or in an order the chair deems appropriate, subject to appeal as provided in Rule 5C, K.C.C. 1.24.045C:

1. Roll call;
2. Flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance, the leading of which must be offered by a member of the council and which must rotate among all members of the council;
3. Approval of minutes;
4. Reports from members serving on special and outside committees;
5. Plat tracings;

6. Special items;
7. Hearings and second reading of ordinances from standing committees and regional committees;
8. Introduction of and action on emergency ordinances;
9. Motions, from standing committees and regional committees, for council action;
10. Introduction of and action on motions;
11. Consent agenda on reappointments to boards and commissions;
12. Consent agenda on reports and recommended actions from employment committee;
- ~~((12.))~~ 13. Other reports and recommended actions from the employment committee;
- ~~((13.))~~ 14. Consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations;
- ~~((14.))~~ 1615. Introduction of ordinances for first reading and referrals;
- ~~((15.))~~ 1716. Introduction of motions and referrals;
- ~~((16.))~~ 17. Extra items;
- ~~((17.))~~ 18. Messages from the county executive and other county officials, the judiciary, the regional committees and other agencies;
- ~~((18.))~~ 19. Other business; and
- ~~((19.))~~ 20. Adjournment.

B. Legislation or other items for placement on the council meeting agenda must be submitted to the clerk of the council by 10:00 a.m. Thursday of the week before the next scheduled meeting, except that:

1. If directed by the chair, the clerk may place an item on the council agenda with a note that the item is contingent on being voted out of committee before the council meeting;
2. Legislation or other items for referral to committee may be added at committee-of-the-whole or regularly scheduled council meetings at the discretion of the chair of the council; and
3. Legislation or other items needing action by the full council may be added at the discretion of the

chair of the council at committee-of-the whole or regularly scheduled council meetings. The chair shall apply the following criteria for the additions:

a. the legislation is particularly time-sensitive and delay in action either:

(1) might impair the effectiveness of the county's responses to emergencies such as natural or human-made disasters, or other circumstances seriously affecting the public health, safety or welfare or the support of county government and its existing public institutions; or

(2) might impair timely performance under deadlines of a statute, ordinance, contract, interlocal agreement, real property instrument or other provision requiring immediate action;

b. legislation should be delivered to the chair and the clerk before the beginning of the committee-of-the-whole meeting. An original and twenty copies should be provided to the clerk, together with an introduction slip from the sponsor; and

c. the sponsor should provide a brief written description to the chair of the reason for the need to expedite the legislation without regular committee review.

C. The chair shall notify the members present of proposed changes to the agenda. If two members object to a change, a majority of the members present shall decide whether to change the agenda.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 9: Introduction and initial consideration of proposed legislation.

A. Upon receipt of proposed legislation from the executive, the sheriff, the assessor, the presiding judge, the prosecuting attorney or a councilmember, the clerk of the council shall assign a proposed number to the legislation. The clerk may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form and style to proposed legislation before first reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation that the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

B. Upon signature of at least one member of the council and filing with the clerk of the council, or

upon receipt by the council of a proposed ordinance submitted as an institutional initiative under Section 230.50.10 of the King County Charter, the proposed legislation is introduced and must be placed on the agenda for first reading. Legislation may be introduced with the title only, but the legislation must be filed with the clerk by first reading. The chair of the council shall refer both the title and the subsequently filed legislation to committee if the legislation was introduced with the title only. If the legislation is not timely filed, the legislation is to be removed from the agenda and is not to be referred to committee.

C. A member may add his or her name to sponsorship of legislation at any time before passage of the legislation by informing the clerk of the council in writing. The first member listed on the first introduction slip filed for legislation may not remove his or her name from sponsorship of the legislation. However, any other sponsor of legislation may remove his or her own name from sponsorship of the legislation by informing the clerk of the council in writing.

D. First reading of legislation shall consist of either:

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

E. After the first reading, proposed legislation must be referred to an appropriate committee or committees by the chair of the council, except for motions confirming executive reappointments to boards or commissions, which may be referred directly to the council consent agenda. Proposed legislation referred to more than one committee must be considered consecutively by the committees in the order set forth on the marked published agenda or as specified by the chair during the meeting and reflected in the council's minutes.

F. Upon being reported out of committee with a recommendation signed by a majority of the committee, proposed legislation must be placed upon an agenda after consideration of public hearing notice requirements for appropriate action. The clerk of the council may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form to proposed legislation after the legislation is reported out of the committee and before the legislation is

placed on the agenda for second reading and shall indicate on the revised legislation that the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.135 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 14: Adoption by consent.

A. A consent agenda may be established by the chair of the council. A proposed ordinance may be placed on the consent agenda if a committee or council hearing was previously held on the measure and if a council member does not object to the placement. If a member objects to the placement of a proposed ordinance on the consent agenda, the proposed ordinance must be removed from the consent agenda. A proposed motion may be placed on the consent agenda upon recommendation by the committee. Proposed legislation on the consent agenda is not subject to amendment except as recommended in the committee report. All items on the consent agenda may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call vote.

B. Employment committee recommendations shall be contained in a written recommendation report that shall be sent to the full council in the manner set forth in the council's organizational motion. The council shall consider the recommendation reports from the committee on an employment committee consent agenda. However, in the event the employment committee forwards two recommendations to the council on the same matter, the two recommendations shall be considered separately from the consent agenda. Upon the request of any member present before the full council, any specific recommendation from the employment committee shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately by the council after adoption of the employment consent agenda.

C. A consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations may be established by the chair of the council. A hearing examiner recommendation may be placed on the agenda on hearing examiner recommendations if a hearing was previously held on the measure and if a council member does not object to the placement. If a member objects to the placement of a hearing examiner recommendation on the consent

agenda on hearing examiner recommendations, the recommendation must be removed from the consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations. All items on the consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call vote.

D. A consent agenda on motions confirming reappointments to boards and commissions may be established by the chair of the council. If a member objects to the placement of a confirmation motion on the consent agenda, the motion must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately prior to [before](#) adoption of the confirmation

consent agenda. Confirmation motions referred to the consent agenda may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call vote.

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