



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the rural forest commission, adding two nonvoting ex officio positions; and amending Ordinance 12901, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.41.030.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 12901, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.41.030 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The commission shall consist of thirteen voting members; the members shall serve terms of three years as specified in K.C.C. chapter 2.28.
- B. The voting members of the commission shall serve without compensation. The members shall represent the diversity of rural forestry interests and the different geographic regions of rural King County.
- C. Commission membership shall include an equitable representation of the following interests:
 1. At least five members representing private rural forest landowners, with at least one from each of the following ownership categories:
 - a. forest landowners with greater than five hundred acres of rural forest land in King County;
 - b. forest landowners with forty to five hundred acres of rural forest land in King County, and for whom income from forestry is an important component of total income;
 - c. residential forest landowners with greater than twenty acres of rural forest land enrolled in the Forest Land Designation (chapter 84.33 RCW) program((+)); and
 - d. residential forest landowners with less than twenty acres of rural forest land;

2. Advocates of nontimber values of forest land, such as environmental protection, recreation and open space;

3. The Washington Department of Natural Resources;

4. Affected Indian tribes;

5. Consumers or users of local forest products, such as mills, lumber suppliers, craftsmen, florist suppliers or users of other alternative forest products;

6. Academic or professional foresters, or forestry associations; and

7. Rural cities.

D. The directors of the departments of natural resources and parks, development and environmental services, executive services, the office of budget, a representative of the King County council natural resources, parks and open space committee, or its successor, a representative of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, a representative of the Washington State University Extension and the director of the King ((e))C onservation ((d))District may serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the commission.

E. All appointees should have a working knowledge of King County forestry, a strong commitment to promote forestry in the rural area, the ability to work with differing viewpoints to find solutions to complex problems and a willingness to commit the time necessary to attend commission meetings and activities.