



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE making a technical correction to the process for appointing members of the citizens' committee on independent oversight; and amending Ordinance 15611, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.050.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Through Ordinance 15611, the metropolitan King County council established a system of civilian oversight to monitor ongoing investigations of misconduct, help resolve cases, implement methods for increasing the level of public trust and transparency, and identify systemic issues within sheriff's office and offer recommendations for reform.
2. This system of civilian oversight was subsequently modified through Ordinance 16511.
3. Through the establishment and initial staffing of the office of law enforcement oversight and specifically related to the appointment process for members of the citizens' committee on independent oversight, a technical issue in the form of an extraneous reference has been identified for correction.

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 15611, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.050 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. ~~((Using the process prescribed in K.C.C. 2.28.0015, t))~~The executive shall appoint, subject to council confirmation, a citizens' committee on independent oversight to advise the director of the office of law enforcement oversight, which is created under K.C.C. chapter 2.75, on policies, procedures and practices relating to officer misconduct, discipline and other responsibilities of the director of the office of law

enforcement oversight.

B. The committee shall include eleven members of the public who represent the geographic, ethnic and economic diversity of the sheriff's service area. The committee shall consist of three members representing cities that contract with the sheriff for law enforcement services, four members shall represent unincorporated King County and four members shall be selected at-large. The committee members shall be appointed for three-year terms, subject to reappointment for additional terms.

C. The committee shall make recommendations to the director regarding:

1. Misconduct and discipline policies, procedures and practices of the sheriff's office;
2. Policies, procedures and practices related to other responsibilities of the director of the office of law enforcement oversight; and
3. Public perceptions of the sheriff, the sheriff's deputies and their roles and functions in the community.

D. The committee shall also serve as a means for the director of the office of law enforcement oversight to communicate with King County's diverse communities. The communication should increase accountability and public understanding of the misconduct and discipline policies, procedures and practices of the sheriff's office and other issues related to the director of the office of law enforcement oversight's responsibilities.

E. The committee shall not review or advise the director of the office of law enforcement oversight on individual complaints, investigations or disciplinary actions.