



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to updating the Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee to expand the diversity of the committee members; and amending Ordinance 14214, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 9.14.070 and Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 9.14.100, and reaffirming the composition of the Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee was established in 2001 to implement the Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Management plan.
2. The committee ceased to exist on December 31, 2022. The effect of this ordinance will be to reconstitute and continue the responsibilities of the committee consistent with K.C.C. 9.14.100.
3. The effect of this ordinance will be to have committee members who were serving on the committee as of December 30, 2022, to serve out their terms for the positions to which they were appointed.

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance 14214, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 9.14.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee is hereby created and shall continue in existence until December 31, (~~2022~~) 2027.
- B. The committee members shall be selected from within the Vashon-Maury (†)Island groundwater

management plan area and shall consist of the following:

1. Three representatives who are Vashon-Maury ((~~†~~))Island residents;
  2. One representative from ((~~water purveyors~~)) Group A water systems;
  3. One representative from ((~~interests representing water supply or wastewater management~~)) septic system owners;
  4. ((~~One~~)) Two representatives from residential exempt well owners;
  5. One representative from ((~~island commercial and industrial interests~~)) Vashon-Maury Island business entities;
  6. One representative from ((~~commercial agriculturists~~)) the farming community; and
  7. One ((~~livestock owner~~); and
  8. ~~One representative from local environmental organizations~~) representative from a local nonprofit organization.
- C. The county shall invite ((~~each of the tribal nations with federal recognized rights within the Vashon-Maury island groundwater management area~~)) the Puyallup Tribe to recommend a candidate((s)) for membership on the committee. ((~~The committee shall include a representative from each tribal nation with federally recognized rights within the Vashon-Maury island groundwater management area, if the tribal nation provides to the county a candidate for appointment to the committee.~~)) If the Puyallup Tribe accepts the county's invitation by recommending a candidate, then the committee shall accept the tribe's recommended candidate as a member of the committee.
- D. Each county abutting the Vashon-Maury ((~~†~~))Island groundwater management plan area boundary shall be requested to provide to the county a candidate for appointment to the committee on an advisory, nonvoting basis.
- E. ((~~The Seattle-King County department of p~~))Public health - Seattle & King County and the Washington state departments of Ecology and Health shall be requested to provide to the county a candidate for

appointment to the committee on an advisory, nonvoting basis.

F. Each member of the committee shall coordinate internally with the ~~((entity))~~ interests the member represents.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 14214, Section 12, as amended and K.C.C. 9.14.100 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, ~~((F))~~ the executive shall make the initial appointment~~((s))~~ for each representative to a groundwater protection committee, subject to confirmation by the King County council by motion, with members serving staggered terms of not more than three years. The executive shall appoint members from candidates recommended by the council member or members representing the council district or districts in which the groundwater management planning area is located.

B. Except as otherwise provided in ~~((subsection C. of this section))~~ this chapter, the executive shall appoint any member filling a vacancy on a groundwater protection committee, subject to confirmation by the King County council by motion, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 2.28.

C. The representatives for each city on the Redmond-Bear Creek groundwater protection committee shall be nominated and confirmed by the respective city.

D. The members of the Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee who were serving on that committee as of December 30, 2022, shall serve out their terms for the position to which they were appointed and, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.003 until a successor is appointed for the position. In instances where the membership positions in K.C.C. 9.14.070.B.3., 5., 6. and 7. have been changed by this ordinance, the existing members shall serve out their terms until a candidate is appointed.

SECTION 3. Attachment A to this ordinance identifies members of the reconstituted the Vashon-Maury Island groundwater protection committee, the membership positions, the term expiration for each serving member and whether the position at the end of the term is eliminated or replaced as a result of this ordinance. Appointments to new positions created by

this ordinance shall be made in accordance with K.C.C. 9.14.100.A.