

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County veterans' advisory board; and amending Ordinance 18785, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2A.300.530.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 18785, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2A.300.530 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. As required by ((Section 6.B. of Attachment A to Ordinance 18722, the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan)) chapter 73.08 RCW, the King County veterans' advisory board is created.

B. The <u>King County veterans'</u> advisory board shall be composed ((solely of the appointed members of the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board. A person's appointment to the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall constitute that person's appointment to King County veterans advisory board. A person's resignation, removal or completion of service from the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board. A person's resignation, removal or completion of service from the veterans committee of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall constitute that person's resignation, removal or completion of service from the King County veterans advisory board of service from the King County veterans advisory board of service from the King County veterans advisory board of service from the King County veterans advisory board of service from the King County veterans advisory board) of nine members to be appointed by the executive, in accordance with this section and RCW 73.08.035 solicitation requirements. In accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.002, appointments are subject to confirmation by the council.

C. ((If the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board expires or changes such that subsection B. of this section becomes impracticable, the executive shall within one

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hundred twenty days from the date of the expiration or change transmit to the council a proposed ordinance to provide for the continuation of the King County veterans advisory board. Until the effective date of the ordinance to provide for the continuation of the King County veterans advisory board, the members of the veterans committee of the veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board at the time of the expiration or change shall remain the members of the King County veterans advisory board until removed, replaced, reappointed or otherwise continued under the provisions of the new ordinance to continue the King County veterans advisory board.)) Board members must reside in King County and be veterans as defined in RCW 73.08.005. No fewer than a majority of the board members shall be members from nationally recognized veterans' service organizations. Members shall be appointed to four-year terms, except as provided in subsection E. of this section.

D. ((The board shall annually elect from its membership a chair. In accordance with the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Governance Plan, the board member elected as either the chair or a vice chair of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall be the vice chair of the board. The chair and vice chair of the board shall act in those capacities only when the board is acting in its capacity as the veterans advisory board.

 \underline{E} .)) The board shall:

1. Annually elect from its membership a chair;

<u>2.</u> Advise the executive and the county council on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families;

((2.)) <u>3.</u> Advise the department of community and human services, or its successor, on the administration of the King County veterans' program. For the purposes of this subsection ((E.2.)) <u>D.3.</u>, "King County veterans' program" means King County's chapter 73.08 RCW-required veterans' assistance program; and

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4. Meet at least four times per year to conduct the business of the board. ((Meetings of the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall not count towards the fulfillment of the requirement in this subsection.))

E. The executive shall establish initial terms of appointment, with one-third of positions having an initial term of two years, one-third of positions having an initial term of three years and the remainder of the positions having an initial term of four years. If a member vacates the member's position before the expiration of the member's term, the executive shall appoint an eligible replacement to serve out the balance of the vacated term, subject to confirmation by council. A person shall not serve on the board for more than four consecutive years.

<u>F.</u> The department of community and human services shall provide ongoing administrative support to the board.