



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE establishing a committee as a coordinating body for emergency management issues concerning the continued operation of King County government during disasters and other emergencies; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.310.

PREAMBLE:

Emergency management in King County is a process of preparing for, mitigating against, responding to and recovering from an emergency or disaster in our region. King County government recognizes the need to prepare for emergencies that can impact employees, constituents and operations.

Among the highest priorities is the continued delivery of critical government services during times of crisis. Toward that end, King County is seeking to strengthen its ability to prepare and respond in an effective, coordinated fashion, on behalf of the millions of people who live and work in King County.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2A.310 a new section to read as follows:

A. The King County emergency management coordinating committee is hereby established. Except as otherwise provided by state law, the committee shall be the coordinating body for emergency management issues concerning King County government. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the office of emergency management to promote, advise, assist and review emergency management issues and to enhance

preparedness for King County employees and the departments and other county entities that they serve, on behalf of the county's residents and other constituents.

B. The committee shall be composed of members drawn from within King County government and may include, but not be limited to, at least one representative from each county department and agency and the office of emergency management, as determined appropriate by the head of each department or agency.

C. The committee shall:

1. Address issues and concerns relating to emergency preparedness, planning and response brought forward by members on behalf of the department or agency they represent;

2. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of the King County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan;

3. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of department and agency continuity of operations plans;

4. Participate in regional strategic planning to identify and document objectives that will strengthen resilience;

5. Provide input to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's annual Core Capabilities assessment and the analysis and documentation of strategic planning accomplishments and gaps; and

6. Assist in the review, development and maintenance of any other plans, programs, rules and policies concerning emergency management, as requested by the office of emergency management and consistent with state law.

D. The office of emergency management shall provide staffing, develop work plans and provide other resources to effectively support the work of the committee and its activities.

E. The work of the committee shall be provided to the executive and the council annually, as part of the office of emergency management's annual report.