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AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County Non-Motorized Vehicle Program and the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee, defining the duties and responsibilities of each, and adding a new chapter to KCC 14.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is added to Title 14, K.C.C., a new chapter entitled non-motorized vehicle program.

SECTION 2. Findings and declaration of purpose. Non-motorized transportation, in the form of pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian travel in King County, should be safe. The prevention of accidents is a paramount element in the design and operation of all county transportation facilities as well as in developed and newly developing communities in the county. This policy is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and the plans and programs for county parks and recreation. Therefore, it is the intent of the King County council to seek a coordinated administration of these non-motorized transportation goals and policies through the development of a functional plan which defines service levels, facility standards, funding mechanisms, project engineering, and design and operation to be conducted through a public review process.

SECTION 3. Program established. There is established a non-motorized vehicle program to meet the following goals and objectives:

A. To identify and document the needs of non-motorized transportation in King County, including bicyclists, equestrians, pedestrians, and special populations;

1 B. To determine ways that the existing county transportation  
2 network can be made more responsive to the needs of non-motorized  
3 users;

4 C. To inform and educate the public on issues relating to  
5 non-motorized transportation;

6 D. To institute the consideration of non-motorized  
7 transportation in all related county-funded programs, and to  
8 encourage the same consideration on an interlocal and regional  
9 basis;

10 E. To improve non-motorized transport users and motorists  
11 compliance with traffic laws; and

12 F. To guide development of a county functional plan for  
13 non-motorized transportation, to implement the adopted policies  
14 established in the county comprehensive plan, the county  
15 transportation plan, and current programs within county  
16 government.

17 SECTION 4. Coordinator - duties and responsibilities. There  
18 shall be assigned within the department of public works, a  
19 coordinator who shall be accountable to the public works director  
20 or designee for carrying out the following duties and  
21 responsibilities.

22 A. To coordinate the development and implementation of the  
23 non-motorized vehicle program;

24 B. To provide staff support to the non-motorized advisory  
25 committee; to include attending all regular meetings of the  
26 advisory committee, consulting with and reporting regularly to  
27 said committee on the workings and activities of the  
28 non-motorized program;

29 C. To work with governmental agencies to identify, develop,  
30 and promote programs that encourage the use of non-motorized  
31 modes of transportation;  
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1 D. To make recommendations to the director of public works  
2 through the non-motorized advisory committee on legislation,  
3 policies, programs and funding necessary to carry out the  
4 purposes of this chapter.

5 SECTION 5. Non-motorized vehicle advisory committee.

6 A. Establishment and composition.

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8 1. There is established a King County Non-Motorized  
9 Vehicle Advisory Committee to be composed of thirteen members,  
10 who shall represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of  
11 communities in King County. No more than four members shall  
12 reside within any one municipal jurisdiction.

13 2. The committee members shall be appointed by the county  
14 executive, subject to confirmation by the county council.  
15 Adequate representation from all council districts shall be  
16 considered by the executive in making committee appointments. To  
17 accomplish this, the executive shall request from councilmembers  
18 nominations of residents from their respective districts.

19 3. Committee members shall represent the bicycling  
20 community, the equestrian community, and parties interested in  
21 pedestrian facility improvement. Additionally, the executive may  
22 appoint members who represent industries, organizations, and  
23 outside government agencies who have a knowledge of, and interest  
24 in, non-motorized vehicle issues.

25 4. Once constituted, the committee shall establish terms  
26 of appointment by lot. Six members shall serve one year; and  
27 seven members shall serve two years. After the initial term, all  
28 appointments shall be for two year terms. Committee members may  
29 serve two terms or a maximum of five consecutive years. Any  
30 vacancies occurring in the membership of the committee during an  
31 appointed term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired  
32 term in the same manner as the original appointments.

1 B. Duties and responsibilities.

2 1. The King County Non-Motorized Vehicle Advisory  
3 Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the director of  
4 public works, county executive, county council, and other county  
5 agencies in matters related to non-motorized transportation, with  
6 a focus on the promotion of non-motorized transportation as a  
7 convenient, healthy, and energy-efficient means of transportation.

8 2. The committee shall examine and define issues  
9 pertaining to the provision of safe and convenient non-motorized  
10 access to the transportation system of King County, including but  
11 not limited to: the design of commercial and industrial areas  
12 (including the development of design guidelines for non-motorized  
13 facilities in such area); providing safe and convenient  
14 non-motorized access to schools, parks, and shopping; the  
15 development and implementation of equitable and consistent  
16 standards for non-motorized transportation in residential areas.

17 3. The committee shall also serve to enhance citizen input  
18 into the King County planning process, particularly in the  
19 development and review of the King County Functional Plan for  
20 non-motorized transportation, including gathering data and  
21 disseminating information to the public in order to implement the  
22 purposes of this chapter.

23 C. Organization and Meetings.

24 1. The King County non-motorized advisory committee shall  
25 elect its officers, including a chair, vice-chair, and such other  
26 officers as it may deem necessary. Such officers shall occupy  
27 their respective offices for a period of one year.  
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