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AN ORDINANCE relating to career service employees and benefits; establishing definitions; repealing Ordinance 1780, Section 5 and K.C.C. 3.15.010; amending Ordinance 4324, Sections 2, 3, 7, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, and 32; Ordinance 9257, Sections 1 - 6; Ordinance 422, Section 8; and K.C.C. 3.12.010, 3.12.030, 3.12.040, 3.12.120, 3.12.130, 3.12.190, 3.12.200, 3.12.210, 3.12.220, 3.12.223, 3.12.240 and 3.12.260; and adding new sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 4324, Sections 2 and 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. A. General definitions. 1. "Administrative guidelines" means only those operational procedures promulgated by the manager necessary to implement personnel policies or requirements previously stipulated by ordinance or the Charter.

- 2. "Administrative interns" are persons participating in employment sponsored, supported in whole or in part, or main tained in conjunction with, an educational institution in the State of Washington.
- ((2.)) 3. "Appointing authority" means the county council, county executive, department heads, or division managers having lawful authority to appoint or to remove persons from positions in the county service, or persons designated by such appointing authority to perform those duties which legally may be delegated.
- $((3\cdot))$ 4. "Basis of merit" means the value, excellence or superior quality of an individual's work performance, as determined by a structured process comparing the employee's performance against defined standards and, where possible, the performance of other employees of the same or similar class.
- ((4.)) 5. "Board" means the King County Personnel Board established by Section 540 of the Charter.

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3.12.090, and who has completed the probationary period.

((6-)) 7. "Career service position" means all positions in the county service except for those which are designated by Section 550 of the Charter as follows: All elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the county council; the county administrative officer, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office; the members of all boards and commissions; administrative assistants for the county executive and one administrative assistant each for the county administrative officer, the county auditor, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office and for each board and commission; a chief deputy for the county assessor; one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; all employees of those officers who are exempted from the provisions of this chapter by the state constitution; persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to conduct a special inquiry, investigation or examination; ((part-time and)) temporary employees; administrative interns; election precinct officials; all persons serving the county without compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; medical interns; and student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of the county.

A departmental division as determined by the county council shall be considered to be executive departments for the purpose of determining the applicability of Section 550 of the Charter.

All part-time employees shall be exempted from career service membership except, effective January 1, 1989, all part-time employees employed at least half time or more, shall be members of the career service.

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((7+)) 8. "Charter" means the King County Charter, as amended.

- ((8.)) 9. "Class" or "classification" means a position or group of positions, established under authority of this chapter, sufficiently similar in respect to the duties, responsibilities and authority thereof, that the same descriptive title may be used to designate each position allocated to the class; that essentially similar requirements as to education, experience, ability and other qualifications should be required of the incumbents; that similar tests of fitness may be used to choose qualified employees; and that similar schedules of compensation can be made to apply with equity.
- "Classification plan" means the arrangement of positions into classifications together with specifications describing each classification.
- ((9.)) 11. "Compensatory time" means time off granted with pay in lieu of pay for work performed either on an authorized overtime basis or work performed on a holiday which is normally scheduled as a day off. Such compensatory time shall be granted on the basis of time and one-half.
- ((10.)) 12. "Council" means the King County council as established by Article 2 of the Charter.
- ((11.)) 13. "County" means the county of King and any other organization that is legally governed by the county with respect, to personnel matters.
- "Employee" means any person who is employed $((\frac{12}{\cdot}))$ 14. in a career service position or exempt position. ((Employees may serve in a regular full-time, part-time, or temporary status.))
- "Employed at least half time" means employed in a permanent position which has an established work schedule of not less than seventy hours every four weeks, or of not less than eighty hours in those work units in which a forty-hour week is standard.

- identified within a budgetary unit's authorized full-time equivalent (FTE) level and set out by position description in the budgetary unit's organizational budget detail report as amended in the adopted budget.
- ((13.)) 17. "Executive" means the King County executive, as established by Article 3 of the Charter, or his designee.
- ((14.)) 18. "Exempt employee" means an employee employed in an exempt position. Exempt employees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
- ((15.)) 19. "Exempt position" means any position not included in the career service. Exempt positions are positions to which appointment may be made directly.
- on probation and is employed in a full-time position.
- 21. "Full-time position" means a permanent position
 which has an established work schedule of not less than
 thirty-five hours per week, or of not less than forty hours per
 week in those work units where a forty-hour week is standard.
- ((16.)) 22. "Grievance" means an issue raised by an employee relating to the interpretation of rights, benefits, or conditions of employment as contained in the administrative rules and/or procedures for the career service.
- 23. "Incentive increase" means an increase to an employee's base salary within the assigned pay range, based on demonstrated performance.
- ((17.)) 24. "Manager" means the manager of the personnel division of King County or his designee.
- ((18.)) 25. "Part-time employee" means an individual employed in a part-time position. ((Individuals employed in a part-time status for 910 or more hours within any consecutive 12-month period (or 1040 or more hours in those departments in which a 40-hour week is standard) shall, for that period and thereafter until at least a one-month break in service occurs,

receive either compensation in lieu of all benefits except

medical, dental, life, and vision for each hour worked, or with

departmental approval, prorated paid benefits with the

exception of those set forth above based upon the ratio of

hours worked to the full time schedule in their work unit)).

((19:)) 26. "Part-time position" means a <u>permanent</u> position established for a portion of or throughout a calendar year <u>and</u> which ((requires less than 848 hours of service in a six consecutive month period (less than 969 hours in those departments in which a 40 hour week is standard))) <u>has an established work schedule of less than thirty-five hours per week, or of less than forty hours per week in those work units where a forty-hour week is standard.</u>

((20. "Position" means a group of current duties and responsibilities assigned by competent authority requiring the employment of one person.

21. "Probationary employee" means a potential career service employee who is serving a probationary period.

22. "Probationary period" means a period of time constituting the final step in the competitive screening process for career service. An appointment to the career service as a regular employee is not final unless the employee successfully completes this period.

in the absence of a list of candidates certified as qualified by the manager. Only the manager may authorize a provisional appointment. An appointment to this status is limited to thirty days after the manager certifies qualified candidates, or a maximum of six months, whichever occurs sooner.

24. "Provisional employee" means an employee holding a position under provisional appointment.

25. "Recruiting step" means the first step of the salary range allocated to a class unless otherwise authorized by the executive.

26. "Regular employee" means an employee who is not on probation and is employed in a regular full time position.

27. "Regular full-time position" means a position established on a year-round basis requiring work on a regular schedule of not less than thirty-five hours per week with not less than 1820 hours of service throughout the calendar year (or not less than 2080 hours in those departments in which a 40-hour week is standard).

28. "Temporary employee" means an individual employed for a short term (179 consecutive days or less in any twelve (12) month period).

29. "Temporary position" means employment which requires 179 consecutive days or less of service in any twelve (12) month period.))

- 27. "Pay plan" means a systematic schedule of numbered pay ranges with minimum, maximum and intermediate steps for each pay range, a schedule of assignment of each classification to a numbered pay range and rules for administration.
- 28. "Pay range" means one or more pay rates
 representing the minimum, maximum and intermediate steps
 assigned to a classification.
- 29. "Pay range adjustment" means the adjustment of the numbered pay range of a classification to another numbered pay range in the schedule based on a classification change, competitive pay data or other significant factors.
- in the county budget and which will require at least twenty-six weeks of service per year at the work schedule established for the position. A position shall be permanent if the position is established to begin after January 1 of any year, and would have required at least twenty-six weeks of service per year had the position been established on January 1.
- 31. "Position" means a group of current duties and responsibilities assigned by competent authority requiring the employment of one person.

context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms have

the following meanings:

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- 1. "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is:
 - a. Under eighteen years of age, or
- b. Eighteen years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of mental or physical disability.
- 2. "Employee" means a person employed in a permanent position on a full-time or part-time basis and who is not on an initial period of probation. The term "employee" shall not include part-time workers employed less than twenty hours per week, or intermittent, seasonal, or temporary workers.
- 3. "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition, whether or not preexisting, which requires:
- a. Inpatient care in a hospice or residential medical care facility, or
- b. Continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider.
- 4. "Health care provider" means a person whose services are of a type which are compensated under any county health care plan.
- 5. "Reduced leave schedule" means leave scheduled for fewer than an employee's usual number of hours per workweek or hours per workday.
- SECTION 2. Ordinance 1780, Section 5 and K.C.C. 3.15.010 is repealed.
- SECTION 3. Ordinance 4324, Section 7, and K.C.C. 3.12.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Classes of employees. County employees shall either be members of the career service or be exempt from the career service. ((All employees shall serve in a regular full-time, regular part time, or extra help status. Potential career service employees shall serve a probationary period.))

NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. Ordinance 4324, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.040 are hereby repealed, and the following is substituted: Benefits.

- A. All employees of the county except temporary employees and administrative interns shall receive the leave benefits provided in this chapter, except temporary employees employed in a position for 910 or more hours within any consecutive 12-month period (or 1040 or more hours in those work units in which a 40-hour week is standard) shall receive either compensation in lieu of the leave benefits provided in this chapter for each hour worked or, at the discretion of the manager, pro-rated leave benefits based upon the ratio of hours worked to the full-time schedule in their work unit.
- B. The manager shall establish provisions governing eligibility for medical, dental, life insurance and vision benefits as part of the administrative guidelines and consistent with budget requirements.

SECTION 5. Ordinance 4324, Section 25 and K.C.C. 3.12.190 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Vacations. A. All ((regular full time and part time))
employees except temporary employees and administrative interns
shall accrue vacation benefits according to the following table
on the basis that one "day" equals .00384615 times the normally
scheduled annual hours of the employee's position.

Examples of conversions from yearly hours to hours per day are as follows:

- 40.0 hours/week, 2080 hours/year .00384615 x 2080 = 8.0 hours/day
- 37.5 hours/week, 1950 hours/year .00384615 x 1950 = 7.5 hours/day
- 35.0 hours/week, 1820 hours/year .00384615 x 1820 = 7.0 hours/day

1 2 3 4	Years of Service	Monthly Vacation Credit	Equivalent Annual Vacation Credit	Maximum Vacation Accumulation Allowed
5 6	Upon completion of one year service		10 days (80 hours)	
.7 8 9	More than one but less than three years service	.833 days (6.66 hours)*	10 days (80 hours)	20 days (160 hours)
10 11 12	More than three but less than twelve years of service	1.25 days (10 hours)	15 days (120 hours)	
13 14 15	More than twelve years service	1.66 days (13.33 hours)		

*The table includes examples in parentheses of hours accrued for an employee working 2080 hours per year. In the first "Monthly Vacation Credit" example,

.833 days x 8 hours/day = 6.66 hours.

- B. Employees with one or more years of continuous service shall accrue vacation benefits monthly. Employees shall be granted vacation credit for one year of service at the end of their first year of continuous service. For purposes of this section, employees who leave county employment in good standing and are rehired within two years shall have their service date adjusted to reflect previous county service.
- C. No employee shall work for compensation for the county in any capacity during the time that the employee is on vacation.
- D. Vacation may be used in one-half hour increments, at the discretion of the department director or division manager.
- E. Upon termination for any reason, an employee shall be paid for unused vacation up to the maximum allowed accumulation.
- F. No employee shall earn the equivalent of a month's vacation credit during a month when the employee is absent without pay more than three working days. An employee shall not be granted vacation benefits if not previously accrued.

G. In cases of separation by death, payment of unused vacation benefits shall be made to the employee's estate, or, in applicable cases, as provided for by state law, RCW Title 11.

H. Employees may accrue additional vacation beyond the maximum specified herein when, as a result of cyclical workloads or work assignments, accrued vacation will be lost. Otherwise employees shall use or forfeit the excess accrual prior to December 31st of the year in which the excess was accrued.

SECTION 6. Ordinance 4324, Section 30 and K.C.C. 3.12.200 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Leave - Examinations. All ((career service)) employees except temporary employees and administrative interns shall be entitled to necessary time off with pay for the purpose of taking county qualifying or promotional examinations. This shall include time required to complete any required interviews.

SECTION 7. Ordinance 4324, Section 27, as amended and K.C.C. 3.12.210 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Leave - Bereavement. A. ((Regular full-time)) All employees except temporary employees and administrative interns shall be entitled to three working days of bereavement leave a year due to death of members of their immediate family. For purposes of this section, "immediate family" shall be limited to the children, parents, siblings and spouse of the employee.

- B. ((Regular full-time e)) Employees who have exhausted their bereavement leave shall be entitled to use sick leave in the amount of three days for each instance when death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family.
- C. In cases of family death where no sick leave benefit is authorized or exists, an employee may be granted leave without pay.

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D. In the application of any of the foregoing provisions, holidays or regular days off falling within the prescribed period of absence shall not be charged.

SECTION 8. Ordinance 4324, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.220 are hereby amended to read as follows: Sick leave. A. Every employee ((in a regular full-time or regular part time position)) except temporary employees and administrative interns and those covered by subsection L. of this section, shall accrue sick leave benefits at a monthly rate equal to .00384615 times the normally scheduled annual hours of the employee's position; except that sick leave shall not begin to accrue until the first of the month following the month in which the employee commenced employment. The employee is not entitled to sick leave if not previously earned.

As an example of the above formula, an employee whose annual work schedule is 2080 hours shall accrue sick leave monthly at the rate of .00384615 times 2080, or 8 hours per month.

- No employee shall earn sick leave credit during a month in which the employee is absent without authorization or absent without pay more than three days.
- After the first six months of full-time service, an ((regular)) employee may, at the division manager's discretion, be permitted to use up to five days of vacation as an essential extension of used sick leave. If an employee does not work a full twelve months, any vacation credit used for sick leave must be reimbursed to the county upon termination.
- D. Sick leave may be used in one-half hour increments, at the discretion of the division manager or department director.
- E. There shall be no limit to the hours of sick leave benefits accrued by an employee.
- F. Department management is responsible for the proper administration of the sick leave benefit. Verification of illness from a licensed physician may be required for any requested sick leave absence.

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G. Separation from county employment except by reason of
retirement or layoff due to lack of work or funds or efficiency
reasons, shall cancel all sick leave currently accrued to the
employee. Should the employee resign in good standing or be
laid off and return to the county within two years, accrued
sick leave shall be restored.

- H. Accrued sick leave may be used for absence due to temporary disability caused by pregnancy.
- I. Sick leave because of an employee's physical incapacity shall not be approved where the injury is directly traceable to employment other than with the county.
- J. County employees who have at least five years county service and who retire as a result of length of service or who terminate by reason of death shall be paid an amount equal to twenty-five percent of their unused, accumulated sick leave, to a maximum of thirty days. All payments shall be based on the employee's base rate.
- K. Employees injured on the job may not simultaneously collect sick leave and workers' compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee.
- L. Uniformed employees covered under the LEOFF Retirement System-Plan I shall apply for disability retirement under the provisions of RCW 41.26.120.
- M. Employees are eligible for payment on account of their own illness for the following reasons:
 - 1. Personal illness;
- 2. Noncompensable injury (e.g., those injuries generally not eligible for worker's compensation payments);
 - 3. Disability due to pregnancy or childbirth;
- 4. Exposure to contagious diseases and resulting quarantine;
 - 5. Keeping medical, dental, or optical appointments.
- N. Employees may use accrued sick leave to care for their child under the age of 18 who suffers from a health condition that requires medical treatment or supervision. For purposes

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of this section, "child" means the natural or adoptive child of the employee or the employee's spouse, or any child under the employee's legal guardianship, legal custody or foster care. Employees are eligible to use sick leave on account of their child's suffering any of the conditions listed in subsection M of this section. Verification of the child's health condition from a licensed physician may be required for any requested sick leave absence used to care for a child.

- O. ((Regular full time and regular part time)) Employees shall be entitled to use sick leave in the maximum amount of three days for each instance where such employee is required to care for immediate family members who are seriously ill, except as provided for in subsection N.
- P. Up to one day of sick leave may be used by an ((regular full-time or regular part-time)) employee for the purpose of being present at the birth of his child.

SECTION 9. Ordinance 9257, Sections 1 through 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.223 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Transfer of vacation hours and donation of sick leave hours.

A. Vacation hours.

- 1. Any ((regular)) full-time or part-time employee ((in a position established in the county budget,)) who has completed at least one year of service, may transfer a portion of his or her accrued vacation to a ((regular)) full-time or ((regular)) part-time employee of an equal or lesser hourly rate of pay ((in a position established in the county budget,)) who has completed at least one year of service, upon written request to and approval of the transferring and receiving employees' department director(s). Vacation hour transfers are strictly voluntary. Employees are prohibited from offering or receiving monetary or any other compensation in exchange for transferring vacation hours.
- 2. Vacation hour transfers shall be in twenty-five (25)-hour increments. The number of hours transferred shall

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not exceed the transferring employee's accrued vacation credit as of the date of the request. No transfer of vacation hours shall be permitted where it would cause the employee receiving the transfer to exceed his or her maximum vacation accrual.

- 3. Transferred vacation hours must be used within ninety Transferred (90) calendar days following the date of transfer. vacation hours are excluded from vacation payoff provisions contained in K.C.C. 3.12.190 (E and G). For purposes of this section, the first hours used shall be accrued vacation hours.
 - B. Sick leave hours.
- 1. Any ((regular)) full-time or part-time employee ((in a position established in the county budget)) may donate a portion of his or her accrued sick leave to a ((regular)) full-time or part-time employee of an equal or lesser hourly rate of pay ((in a position established in the county budget)), who has completed at least six months of service, upon written notice to the transferring and receiving employees' department director(s). Sick leave hour donations are strictly voluntary. Employees are prohibited from offering or receiving monetary or any other compensation in exchange for donating sick leave hours.
- 2. Sick leave hour donations shall be in increments of five (5) hours. No donation shall be permitted unless the donating employee's sick leave accrual balance immediately subsequent to the donation is one hundred (100) hours or more. No employee may donate more than twenty-five (25) hours in a calendar year.
- 3. Donated sick leave hours must be used within ninety (90) calendar days. Donated sick leave hours are exempt from sick leave payoff provisions contained in K.C.C. 3.12.220 (J), and sick leave restoration provisions contained in K.C.C. 3.12.220 (G). For purposes of this section, the first hours used shall be accrued sick leave hours.

SECTION 10. Ordinance No. 4324, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C 3.12.240 are hereby amended as follows:

Leave - Jury duty. Any ((regular)) employee except temporary employees and administrative interns ordered on a jury shall be entitled to his or her regular county pay; provided, that fees for such jury duty are deposited, exclusive of mileage, with the county comptroller. Employees shall report back to their work supervisor when dismissed from jury service.

SECTION 11. Ordinance 4324, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.260 are hereby amended as follows:

Leave of absence - Military. A. The appointing authority, with the approval of the manager, shall grant, for a period not exceeding fifteen days during each calendar year, leaves of absence with pay to ((regular)) employees except temporary employees and administrative interns for the purpose of taking part in active military training duty as provided by state law, RCW 38.40.060; provided, that a request for such leave shall be submitted in writing by the employee and accompanied by a validated copy of military orders ordering such active training duty.

B. The appointing authority and the manager shall abide by applicable federal law in granting any military leave of absence for a period in excess of fifteen consecutive calendar days.

SECTION 12. Ordinance 4324, Section 22, and K.C.C. 3.12.120 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Working conditions. A. General. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent, relieve, or otherwise excuse any county officer or employee from the performance of any duty imposed upon him or her by any other law of this county, or from the rendering of service at such times and places as are necessary in order to properly perform the functions of his or her office or employment.

B. Workday. Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, the official workday shall consist of eight hours of work for all ((regular and probationary)) full-time and full-time

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- Workweek. Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, the official workweek shall consist of five working days for all ((regular and probationary)) full-time and full-time probationary employees.
- Call Duty. The county recognizes that there is an occasional need for an employee to return to work outside his or her normal workday. The administrative guidelines shall contain procedures relating to call duty.
- On-the-Job Injury. The county recognizes a responsibility for action regarding on-the-job injuries. The administrative guidelines shall contain procedures relating to on-the-job injury.
- ((Discipline and Appeals. Discipline and appeals to F. the board shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.))
- ((G+)) Restoration to Career Service. Any career service employee who accepts a transfer or promotion to an exempt position prior to ((the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter)) December 1, 1979 shall, upon separation from the exempt position, be allowed to re-enter career service at a position comparable in terms of responsibilities and salary or wage (including normal cost-of-living increases) to the career service position formerly, held by the employee. Employees accepting such a transfer or promotion on or after ((the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter)) December 1, 1979 shall have such a right to restoration; provided, that:
- The right to restoration is exercised within four calendar years from the effective date of the transfer or promotion to an exempt position; and
- The former appointing authority, at his or her discretion, approves such restoration within the limits of available authorized positions; or

- 3. A different appointing authority, having jurisdiction over comparable authorized positions, at his or her discretion approves such restoration within the limits of available authorized positions.
- G. ((Hr)) Wages and Hours. Matters involving wages and hours, including but not limited to minimum wage and overtime compensation, shall be determined according to the State Minimum Wage Act, RCW Chapter 49.46.
 - H. $((\frac{1}{1}))$ Overtime.
- Overtime work may be authorized by the department director or division manager where necessary to maintain or perform vital county services;
- 2. Overtime accrued by employees on official holidays shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half the regular rate, in addition to the holiday pay normally due. Exceptions to this provision are those departments which normally work holidays, in which case compensatory time off shall be granted;
- 3. Off-duty time spent as a witness in court in connection with regular duties as a county employee shall be compensated as overtime;
- 4. Any employee separating from the county service shall be paid for any accumulated overtime at the time of such separation;
- 5. Time worked as overtime shall not be used to earn employee benefits or to serve out a probationary period. Compensatory time off may be used as part of the established work week to earn employee benefits and to serve out a probationary period;
- 6. ((Regular p)) Part-time employees and ((extra help))
 temporary employees shall be eligible for overtime on the same
 basis as ((regular)) full-time employees;
- 7. No appointing authority may employ a person from outside the department as a substitute for an employee who is on compensatory time off. No appointing authority shall assign

an employee who is on compensatory time off where such employee assigned receives an increase in pay as a result of such assignment.

SECTION 13. Ordinance 422, Section 8, and K.C.C. 3.12.130 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Salary Ordinance. The executive shall prepare and submit a recommended salary ordinance to the council, which shall adopt a salary ordinance. The salary ordinance shall establish a standardized salary schedule for all ((regular county)) employees, excluding temporary employees, administrative interns, elected officials and employees of the council.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 14. There is added to K.C.C. 3.12 a new section to read as follows:

Effect on Sheriff's Civil Service. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this chapter and any statute or regulation governing members of the Sheriff's civil service system, such statute or regulation shall take precedence.

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King County Executive