

ORDINANCE NO. **11172**

1
2 AN ORDINANCE establishing three regional
3 committees of the Metropolitan King
4 County Council and amending procedural
5 rules of the council as required by King
6 County Charter Amendment 1 (1992), and
7 amending Ordinance 1373, Sections 1, 5 and
8 13, as amended and K.C.C. 1.24.010,
9 1.24.040 and 1.24.120.

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. Findings: The council finds that
12 implementation of the 1992 amendments to the King County
13 Charter consolidating the governments of King County and the
14 Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle and creating the
15 Metropolitan King County council requires amendments to its
16 rules and order of business specified in Chapter 1.24 of the
17 King County Code.

18 SECTION 2. There is added to K.C.C. 1.24 a new section to
19 read as follows:

20 Regional Committees. Three regional, standing committees
21 are established to develop, recommend and review regional
22 policies and plans for consideration by the council: The
23 regional transit committee, the regional water quality
24 committee and the regional policies committee. The specific
25 subject matter area or areas for the regional transit and
26 regional water quality committees shall be established by
27 motion by the Metropolitan King County council after January 1,
28 1994. The regional policies committee may, by majority vote,
29 request that the Metropolitan King County council assign to the
30 committee specific proposed regional policies and plans
31 concerning subject areas not assigned to the regional transit
32 and water quality committees. If the council concurs in such
33 request, or without any such request, it may assign by motion
34 to the regional policy committee specific proposed regional
35 policies or plans concerning subject areas not assigned to the

1 regional transit and water quality committees including but not
2 limited to public health, human services, regional services
3 financial policies, criminal justice and jails, and regional
4 facilities siting.

5 SECTION 3. There is added to K.C.C. 1.24 a new section to
6 read as follows:

7 **Regional committees--composition.** The regional committees
8 shall be composed as follows.

9 **A. Provisions affecting all committees.** Each regional
10 committee shall consist of twelve voting members. Six members
11 shall be Metropolitan King County councilmembers appointed by
12 the chair of the council, and shall include councilmembers from
13 districts with unincorporated residents. The chair and vice-
14 chair of each committee shall be appointed by the chair of the
15 council. The remaining six members of each committee except
16 the water quality committee shall be local elected city
17 officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative
18 populations of: (i) the city with the largest population in
19 the county and (ii) the other cities and towns in the county.
20 Committee members from the city with the largest population in
21 the county shall be appointed by the legislative authority of
22 that city. Committee members from the other cities and towns
23 in the county shall be appointed in a manner agreed to by and
24 among those cities and towns representing a majority of the
25 populations of such cities and towns, provided, however, that
26 such cities and towns may appoint two representatives for each
27 allocated committee membership, each with fractional (1/2)
28 voting rights.

29 Allocation of membership of each committee's members who
30 are city and town representatives shall be adjusted January 1
31 of each even-numbered year beginning in 1996 based upon current
32 census information or, if more recent, official state office of
33 financial management population statistics.

1 **B. Provisions only affecting regional water quality**
2 **committee.** The special purpose districts providing sewer
3 service in the county shall appoint two members to serve on the
4 water quality committee in a manner agreed to by districts
5 representing a majority of the population within the county
6 served by such districts. The remaining four local government
7 members of the water quality committee shall be appointed in
8 the manner set forth in Section 2 (A) above for the regional
9 transit and regional policy committees.

10 SECTION 4. There is added to K.C.C. 1.24 a new section to
11 read as follows:

12 **Review by regional committees.**

13 **A. Time limit for review.** When a proposed policy or plan
14 is referred by the Metropolitan King County council to a
15 regional committee for review, a time limit for such review
16 shall be 120 days or such other time as is jointly established
17 by the metropolitan county council and the committee, which
18 shall be confirmed in the form of a motion by the metropolitan
19 county council. If the committee fails to act upon the
20 proposed policy or plan within the established time limit, the
21 metropolitan county council may adopt the proposed policy or
22 plan upon eight affirmative votes. The committee may request,
23 by motion to the county council, additional time for review.

24 **B. Adoption by council after recommendation.** A proposed
25 policy or plan recommended by a regional committee may be
26 adopted, without amendment, by the Metropolitan King County
27 council by seven affirmative votes. If the Metropolitan King
28 County council votes prior to final passage thereof to amend a
29 proposed policy or plan that has been reviewed or recommended
30 by a regional committee, the proposed policy or plan, as
31 amended, shall be referred back to the appropriate committee
32 for further review and recommendation. The committee may
33 concur in, dissent from, or recommend additional amendments to
34 the policy or plan. After the regional committee has had the
35 opportunity to review all Metropolitan King County council

1 amendments, final action to adopt any proposed policy or plan
2 which differs from the committee recommendation shall require
3 eight affirmative votes of the Metropolitan King County
4 council.

5 SECTION ((3))5. Ordinance No. 1373, Section 1, as amended
6 and K.C.C. 1.24.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

7 Organization. The organization of the Metropolitan King
8 County council, and such rules and procedures as are deemed
9 appropriate, shall be prescribed by motion, duly adopted by the
10 council. Any standing rule or order of the council may be
11 rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the members elected;
12 provided, that the proposed change or changes be submitted in
13 writing to the members together with notice of the
14 consideration thereof at least one week in advance.

15 SECTION ((4))6. Ordinance No. 1373, Section 5 and K.C.C.
16 1.24.040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

17 Quorum. ((Five)) Seven members shall constitute a quorum
18 of the county council. Unless otherwise specified by the
19 Charter, a vote of the majority of those present will be
20 necessary for the conduct of the council business. ((Five))
21 Seven members shall be authorized to call the council upon due
22 notice of the meeting to all members of the council.

23 SECTION ((5))7. Ordinance No. 1373, Section 13, and
24 K.C.C. 1.24.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 Passage of ordinances and motions. ((Five))
26 Seven affirmative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance
27 unless otherwise specified in the Charter. ((Seven)) Nine
28 affirmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency

1 ordinance. An emergency ordinance shall not be subject to
2 veto by the county executive except an appropriation ordinance.

3 A majority vote of the members present at a regular
4 council meeting shall be required to approve a motion.

5 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 8th day
6 of November, 1993

7 PASSED this 13th day of December, 1993

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Audrey Luger
11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Gerald A. Peterson
14 Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this 27th day of DECEMBER, 1993.

16 [Signature]
17 King County Executive

18 Attachments: