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Introduced By: Cynthia Sullivan

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ORDINANCE NO. **12098**

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health,
3 establishing the membership of the King
4 County Board of Health, readopting and
5 ratifying rules and regulations
6 previously adopted by the Seattle Board
7 of Health, requesting the executive to
8 identify appropriate amendments to the
9 interlocal agreement between King County
10 and Seattle regarding the provision of
11 public health services, and amending
12 K.C.C. 1.24.040 and Ordinance 11683,
13 Section 4, and Ordinance 11178, Section
14 2.

15 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

16 SECTION 1. Findings. RCW 70.05.035 requires that the
17 county legislative authority establish a local board of
18 health, and provides that the legislative authority may
19 prescribe the membership and selection process. That
20 provision also requires that jurisdiction of the local board
21 of health must be coextensive with the boundaries of the
22 county: The council finds that to ensure the maximum extent
23 of coordination of public health programs between the county
24 and the cities within the county it is appropriate to
25 consider a federated governing body for the board of health.
26 The council recognizes that further discussions and analysis
27 of the appropriate structure for public health governance
28 will be necessary and that at least as an interim measure
29 there is a need for immediate implementation of such a
30 federated structure. The council further finds that it is
31 important that the health regulations of the City of Seattle
32 be adopted by the board on a temporary basis, pending review
33 by the Board of Health and the Seattle-King County Department
34 of Public Health.

1 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11178, Section 2 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows: **Board of Health: Membership.** Pursuant
3 to Chapter 70.05.030, as amended, the ~~((legislative authority~~
4 ~~of King County shall constitute))~~ King County Board of
5 Health ~~shall consist of the following members: ((The rules~~
6 ~~and regulations of the board shall be adopted by ordinance.))~~
7 1. Twelve members, of the Metropolitan King County Council,
8 not to include the chair of the council, to be appointed by
9 the chair of the council;
10 2. Four elected officials of the city of Seattle who shall
11 be appointed by the city;
12 3. Three elected officials from suburban cities of King
13 County who shall be appointed in the manner agreed to by
14 cities representing a majority of the number of cities and of
15 the population in incorporated areas other than the city of
16 Seattle; and
17 4. Three health professionals, to be appointed by the other
18 members of the board of health. One of the health
19 professionals should have knowledge of environmental health,
20 including knowledge of septic systems and groundwater
21 quality. These members shall be from diverse backgrounds
22 such as, for example, community health clinics, traditional
23 medical practice, and alternative medicine or naturopathy;
24 5. Nothing in this measure shall be taken to reduce or limit
25 the budgetary authority or responsibility of the metropolitan
26 county council. Any program initiatives undertaken pursuant
27 to this measure which require funding support utilizing
28 county budget resources, shall be subject to the budgetary
29 process established by the county council.
30 6. Any repeal or amendment of an existing rule or regulation
31 which was effective prior to January 1, 1996, which applies
32 outside of the limits of the city of Seattle shall be adopted
33 only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the board as

1 well as an affirmative vote collectively of a majority of the
2 King County councilmembers and the suburban city members.

3 SECTION 3. Continuation of Seattle Board of Health
4 Rules and Regulations. Existing rules and regulations
5 adopted by the Board of Health of the City of Seattle
6 effective prior to January 1, 1996 are hereby readopted and
7 ratified by reference herein and shall continue in full force
8 and effect within the corporate limits of the city of Seattle
9 until such time as they are amended or repealed by the King
10 County Board of Health. Any such amendment or repeal shall
11 be adopted only by an affirmative vote of the majority of the
12 board as well as an affirmative vote of the majority of the
13 members appointed by the city of Seattle.

14 SECTION 4. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, and K.C.C.
15 1.24.035 are hereby amended to read as follows:

16 Meetings. The time of regular meetings of the council
17 shall be at nine-thirty a.m. on Monday of each week, or
18 Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday, unless
19 otherwise ordered by the council.

20 ~~((The council shall convene as the Board of Health at~~
21 ~~least once per month, either during the regular council~~
22 ~~meeting, in the afternoon of the day of a regular council~~
23 ~~meeting, or during the regular committee of the whole~~
24 ~~meeting, to receive reports and testimony, and to take action~~
25 ~~on health related matters.))~~

26 SECTION 5. The county council requests the executive to
27 identify appropriate amendments to the interlocal agreement
28 between Seattle and King County to address policy and budget
29 issues. Such amendments should include a recognition of the
30 importance of the continuing partnership between the City of
31 Seattle and King County in the provision of public health
32 services, and an ability for the City of Seattle to exercise
33 policy and expenditure control over its financial

1 contribution to the health department over and above the City
2 of Seattle Motor Vehicle Excise Tax dollars contributed
3 pursuant to state law.

4 SECTION 6. The provisions of this ordinance shall
5 expire December 31, 1996.

6 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11th
7 day of December, 1995.

8 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 1 this 19th day of
9 December, 1995.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Kent Pullen
13 Chair

14 ATTEST:

15 Gerald A. Peterson
16 Clerk of the Council

17 APPROVED this 28th day of December, 1995.

18 Doug Loh
19 King County Executive

20 Attachments: None