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Introduced By: Cynthia Sullivan  
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Proposed No.: 96-818

ORDINANCE NO.

**12526**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public health, extending the expiration date for the King County Board of Health, providing for terms of certain members, travel and parking expense reimbursement and amending Ordinance 12098, Sections 2 and 6.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings. By Ordinance 12098, the council

created a federated governing body as the King County Board of Health and readopted and ratified existing rules and regulations of the Board of Health of the City of Seattle, pending amendment or repeal by the King county Board of Health. The council also provided that the provisions of Ordinance 12098 would expire on December 31, 1996. The process of such amendment or repeal has commenced, but is not completed. The council is satisfied that sufficient progress has been made to warrant extension of the expiration date to allow for the completion of the amendment and repeal process and to provide necessary continuity for the health department and the newly constituted Board of Health. Additionally, the council wishes to establish terms for the health professional members of the Board of Health and authorize travel and parking expense reimbursement for members of the Board of Health who would not otherwise have such expenses covered through their workplace.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 12098, Section 2, is hereby amended to read as follows: Board of Health: Membership. Pursuant to Chapter 70.05.030, as amended, the King County Board of Health shall consist of the following members:

1           1.     Twelve members, of the Metropolitan King County  
2 Council, not to include the chair of the council, to be  
3 appointed by the chair of the council;

4           2.     Four elected officials of the city of Seattle who  
5 shall be appointed by the city;

6           3.     Three elected officials from suburban cities of King  
7 County who shall be appointed in the manner agreed to by cities  
8 representing a majority of the number of cities and of the  
9 population in incorporated areas other than the city of Seattle;  
10 and

11          4.     Three health professionals, to be appointed by the  
12 other members of the Board of Health. One of the health  
13 professionals should have knowledge of environmental health,  
14 including knowledge of septic systems and groundwater quality.  
15 These members shall be from diverse backgrounds such as, for  
16 example, community health clinics, traditional medical practice,  
17 and alternative medicine or naturopathy. Terms of health  
18 professional members shall be staggered so that the term of one  
19 member ends at the end of each calendar year. The first three  
20 such members appointed to the board shall establish their terms,  
21 using a random process, as follows: one member shall serve a two  
22 year term, one member shall serve a three year term and one  
23 member shall serve a four year term. Thereafter, the term of  
24 all health professional members shall be three years. Health  
25 professional members may be reappointed once for a total of two  
26 successive terms, not to exceed a total of seven years;

27          5.     Nothing in this measure shall be taken to reduce or  
28 limit the budgetary authority or responsibility of the  
29 metropolitan county council. Any program initiatives undertaken  
30 pursuant to this measure which require funding support utilizing

county budget resources, shall be subject to the budgetary process established by the county council.

6. Any repeal or amendment of an existing rule or regulation which was effective prior to January 1, 1996, which applies outside of the limits of the city of Seattle shall be adopted only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the board as well as an affirmative vote collectively of a majority of the King County councilmembers and the suburban city members.

7. Official travel and parking expenses of board members who would not otherwise have these expenses covered through their workplace will be reimbursed by the county at the rates established for county employees and officials.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 12098, Section 6 is hereby amended to read as follows: The provisions of this ordinance shall expire (~~December 31, 1996~~) June 30, 1998.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 30th day of September, 1996.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 18th day of November, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jane Hogue  
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30th day of November, 1996.

Sam Lake  
King County Executive

Attachments: