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AN ORDINANCE related to council rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances and amending Ordinance 11683, "Sections 2 and 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 and K.C.C. 1.24.025 and repealing Ordinance 11683, Sections 28, 29, as amended, and 30, as amended, and K.C.C 1.24.275, K.C.C. 1.24.285 and K.C.C. 1.24.295".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Repealed sections. Ordinance 11683, sections 28, 29, as amended, and 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.275, K.C.C. 1.24.285, and K.C.C. 1.24.295 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, § 2, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**1.24.015 Rule 2: Powers and duties of the chair.** The chair shall have the following powers and duties:

A. The chair shall call the council to order at the hour appointed for meeting and if a quorum be present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved, shall proceed with the order of business and adjourn the council upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of members present.

1 B. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency may  
2 impose time limits for testimony and comment given by the public and members of the  
3 council;

4 C. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the council, which shall include  
5 setting the agenda and expediting parliamentary debate, or if there is no objection from any  
6 other member, expediting the passage of routine motions. The chair's act of adding to,  
7 removing from, or taking out of order any item on a distributed and posted agenda may be  
8 appealed to the full body by any two members under the provisions of Rule 5(C). The chair  
9 shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The chair shall endeavor to facilitate  
10 the will of the majority of members present at all times;

11 D. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to  
12 other members and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the council by  
13 any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the  
14 council;

15 E. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any three  
16 members to immediately request that the decision be placed before the body. If a majority of  
17 members present agree to the ruling of the chair, the business of the council shall proceed  
18 without further debate. If a majority of the members present do not support the ruling of the  
19 chair, the chair shall immediately allow a procedural motion to dispense with the issue in  
20 question, proceeding until a decision of the council is secured and the business of the council  
21 is allowed to proceed;

22 F. ~~((The chair shall appoint the membership to standing committees, special~~  
23 ~~committees, and outside committees as required or as deemed necessary to efficiently~~

1 ~~conduct the business of the council. The council recognizes that its committee structure,~~  
 2 ~~membership, and chairs and vice chairs reflect the council's will. Any changes thereto shall~~  
 3 ~~be made only by formal legislative motion adopted by a majority of the members at a council~~  
 4 ~~meeting;~~

5 ~~G. The chair shall have the responsibility and general direction for the council's~~  
 6 ~~resources, budget, operations, and organizational structure. The chair shall be responsible for~~  
 7 ~~the overall supervision of legislative branch employees, except personal staff of~~  
 8 ~~councilmembers, through the general oversight of the council administrator. The council~~  
 9 ~~administrator shall report to the chair or the chair's staff designee;~~

10 ~~H.)) The chair shall introduce all motions and ordinances relating to land use appeals~~  
 11 ~~and road vacations;~~

12 ~~G. ((L)) The chair shall preside over the committee-of-the-whole ((; and~~

13 ~~J. The chair shall serve as a member of the employment committee)).~~

14 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, § 3, and K.C.C. 1.24.025 are hereby amended to read  
 15 as follows:

16 **1.24.025 Rule 3: Powers and duties of the vice-chair.** The vice-chair shall have the  
 17 following powers and duties:

18 A. The vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council  
 19 chair in the event of the chair's absence;

20 B. In the event the chair and the vice-chair are both absent at any meeting of the  
 21 council, the immediate past chair shall preside as acting chair. (( ~~The vice chair shall serve as~~  
 22 ~~the chairperson of the employment committee; and~~

1 ~~C. The vice chair shall issue, upon recommendation of the employment committee~~  
2 ~~and with the approval of a majority of the full council, all employment decisions for~~  
3 ~~legislative branch employees except the councilmembers' personal staff. The vice chair shall~~  
4 ~~convene the employment committee as needed to prepare recommendations to the full~~  
5 ~~council to hire and terminate staff, to fill vacancies, to assign or reassign staff, to adjust staff~~  
6 ~~pay, to make staffing adjustments, to analyze future hiring needs and to make other necessary~~  
7 ~~employment decisions)).~~

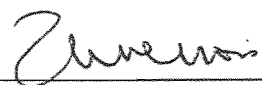
8 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
9 February, 1998

10 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
11 1998

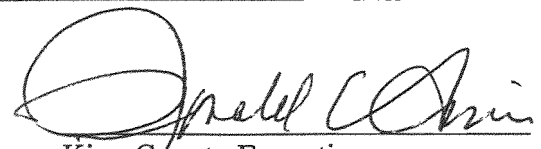
12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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15 Chair

16 ATTEST:

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18 Clerk of the Council

19 APPROVED this 18 day of March, 1998

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21 King County Executive

22 Attachments: None