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ORDINANCE NO. **13239**

AN ORDINANCE related to council rules of procedure governing the consideration and adoption of ordinances and motions and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 7 and K.C.C. 1.24.065.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 7 and K.C.C. 1.24.065 are hereby amended to read as follows:

1.24.065 Rule 7: Regional committees.

A. Membership.

1. Composition of committees. Each regional committee shall have twelve voting members. Six members, including the chair of each regional committee, shall be metropolitan county councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council, and shall include councilmembers from districts with unincorporated residents. The chair shall also appoint the chair and vice-chair of each regional committee. The remaining members of each regional committee (except the regional water quality committee) shall be local elected city officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative populations of the city of Seattle and the other cities and towns in the county. Currently this consists of three Seattle and three non-Seattle memberships. Non-Seattle cities and towns may appoint two persons for each of their allocated memberships, each with one-half ~~((1/2))~~ vote. The regional water quality committee shall have two members from the city of Seattle, two members from ~~((non-Seattle))~~ cities other than the city of Seattle, and two members from special purpose districts providing sewer service in King County.

1 2. Alternating memberships. Such appointing authority may alternate members
 2 in accordance with the procedures established by such authority. Such appointments shall be
 3 announced at the beginning of each regional committee meeting to the committee chair or
 4 vice-chair and committee secretary by a person authorized by the appointing authority. The
 5 appointing authority for members from the metropolitan county council shall be the chair of
 6 the council or his or her designee. Each appointing authority shall identify those members to
 7 receive mailings and notices of meetings.

8 B. Quorum, notice and voting. Members representing ~~((6-1/2))~~ six and one-half
 9 votes shall constitute a quorum of a regional committee. The transaction of committee
 10 business requires the presence of a quorum. Notice of all regular and special meetings shall
 11 be provided as specified in the Open Public Meetings Act, ~~((RCW ch.))~~ chapter 42.30
 12 RCW, and notice shall be given to members of the committees, including any members who
 13 at any time during the calendar year have served on the committee or have been designated
 14 by their appointing authority to receive notice. All recommendations of a regional committee
 15 must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting, and shall consist of at
 16 least three and one-half ~~((3-1/2))~~ affirmative votes. All recommendations shall be signed
 17 only by members who were present and voting on the matter and be made on a committee
 18 report form supplied by the council. There shall be no voting by proxy.

19 C. Referral. The chair of the council shall refer to the regional transit and water
 20 quality committees county~~((-))~~wide policies and plans related to the transit and water quality
 21 services, respectively, formerly provided by the ~~((M))~~municipality of ~~((M))~~metropolitan
 22 Seattle. If a standing committee of the council is considering an issue which upon its
 23 subsequent review believes should be considered as a county~~((-))~~wide policy or plan related
 24 to transit or water quality, then the committee shall so inform the chair of the council who
 25 may determine whether such policy or plan shall be referred to a regional committee.

26 The regional policies committee will establish its subject matter through a work
 27 program adopted by ordinance by the council. Once it is adopted, all regional policies and
 28 plans related to this subject matter will be referred to the committee by the council. Referrals
 29 by the chair or re-referrals shall be subject to the procedures, rights, and constraints of ~~((Rules~~
 30 ~~13, 17, and 26))~~ K.C.C. 1.24.125, 1.24.165, and 1.24.255.

1 If a regional committee develops a proposed county((-))wide policy or plan, or
2 amendment or repeal thereof, and adopts a recommendation with respect thereto, any
3 metropolitan county councilmember may introduce the appropriate motion or ordinance to
4 adopt the policy or plan so recommended.

5 D. Time for review. Each regional committee shall review legislation referred to it
6 within ((120)) one hundred twenty days of its referral, or such other time as is jointly
7 established between the council and the committee and is confirmed in the form of a council
8 motion. If the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or plan within the established
9 time limit, the metropolitan county council may adopt the proposed policy or plan upon eight
10 affirmative votes. The committee may request, by motion to the county council, additional
11 time for review.

12 E. Adoption of recommended legislation. A proposed policy or plan recommended
13 by a regional committee may be adopted, without amendment, by the metropolitan county
14 council by seven affirmative votes.

15 F. Amendments and re((-))referral. If the metropolitan county council votes prior to
16 the final passage thereof to amend a proposed policy or plan that has been reviewed or
17 recommended by a regional committee, the proposed policy or plan, as amended, shall be
18 referred back to the appropriate committee for further review and recommendation. The
19 timeline for this review shall be no greater than ((60))sixty days or such other time as is
20 jointly established by the council and the committee. The committee may concur in, dissent
21 from((,)) or recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan. After the regional
22 committee has had the opportunity to review all metropolitan county council amendments,
23 final action to adopt any proposed policy or plan which differs from the committee
24 recommendation shall require eight affirmative votes of the metropolitan county council. The
25 council shall amend or, after a motion for final passage, adopt or defeat the legislation
26 which is the subject of a regional committee recommendation within ninety days after
27 receipt of an initial regional committee recommendation and within thirty days after receipt
28 of a regional committee recommendation following any rereferrals by the council.

29 G. Regional committee consideration of other regional issues. The chair of the
30 council may from time to time request that one or more regional committees examine and

1 comment upon other pending issues which are not county((-))wide policies or plans but
2 which would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion. Such issues may include, but are not
3 necessarily limited to, operational, organizational((+)) or implementation measures for
4 county((-))wide plans and policies. This type of regional committee analysis and comment is
5 not subject to the mandatory procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County
6 Charter, such as the ((120-))one hundred twenty day time limit for review, super majority
7 requirements((,)) and repeated regional committee review of all final council amendments.

8 H. The regional committee shall be governed by the provisions of the King County
9 Charter, the King County Code((+)) and, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise,
10 the rules and procedures established for standing and special committees in this chapter.

11 I. Role of regional committees. Regional committees shall focus on planning and
12 policy setting in program areas where it has been determined that regional service or facility
13 planning is required and in areas where it is agreed the opportunity and need for such
14 planning exist. Regional committees shall not be responsible for routine review and
15 recommendation on operational and administrative matters which in the past went to the
16 ((Metro)) ((C))council of metropolitan Seattle, such as contracts, budgets, appropriations, and
17 fares and rates. Regional committees may, however, deal with policies to develop fares and
18 rates within their subject matter area.

19 The regional transit committee is responsible for developing, reviewing and
20 recommending county((-))wide policies and plans related to the transportation services
21 formerly provided by the ((M))municipality of ((M))metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies
22 to be assigned to the committee shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the long
23 range transit system and capital improvement plans, service design, development and
24 allocation policies, financial policies, fare policies, facility siting policy and major facilities
25 siting process, and review and comment upon Regional Transit Authority plans.

26 The regional water quality committee is responsible for developing, reviewing and
27 recommending county((-))wide policies and plans related to the water pollution control
28 functions formerly provided by the ((M))municipality of ((M))metropolitan Seattle. Plans
29 and policies to be assigned to the committee shall include, but are not necessarily limited to,
30 water quality comprehensive and long range capital improvement plans, service area and

1 extension policies, rate policies, and, the facility siting policy and major facilities siting
2 process.

3 The regional policies committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending
4 regional policies and plans, other than transit and water quality ones, which are within the
5 subject matter area for the committee as established by its work program adopted by
6 ordinance of the council. The committee also may develop proposed policies and plans on
7 issues of county((-))wide significance, but unless referred to it by the council these are not
8 subject to the procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County Charter. Issues
9 which may be referred to the committee or be the subject of its policy development include
10 but are not necessarily limited to public health, human services, open space, housing, solid
11 waste management, regional services financial policies, criminal justice, jails and district
12 court services, and regional facilities siting. In addition, the regional policies committee may
13 consider major regional governance transition and consolidation issues, particularly those
14 involving potential changes in organization and responsibilities with other county, city((,)) or
15 regional organizations.
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Each regional committee has the authority to conduct public meetings and hearings((,)) and to request briefings and other information from citizens, county, state, and local agencies, ((and)) business entities and other organizations, to assist the committee in evaluating county((-))wide policies and plans.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 15th day of June, 1998.

PASSED by a vote of 8 to 2 this 13th day of July

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Janet Masuo
Deputy Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 21 day of July, 1998

Paul Smith
King County Executive

Attachments: None