



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Signature Report

September 7, 2016

Ordinance 18356

Proposed No. 2016-0445.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to committee meeting times;
2 and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended,
3 and K.C.C. 1.24.035; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

6 A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by
7 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

8 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of
9 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the
10 organization and administration of the council.

11 C. The rules ordinance and the organizational motion have been amended from
12 time to time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure and
13 organization.

14 D. In order for the council to focus its deliberations on the executive proposed
15 budget, all standing committees, except the committee of the whole, generally cancel
16 meetings so that members may attend special meetings of various budget review panels.
17 To accommodate this budget review process, the meeting times of the committee of the
18 whole need to be adjusted because the regular meeting times of the committee of the
19 whole otherwise will conflict with budget panel meeting times. In accordance with

20 Section 230.30 of the King County Charter, this ordinance is necessary for the support of
21 county government and its existing public institutions because this ordinance must be
22 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective immediately to ensure that the
23 regular meeting times of the committee of the whole are revised for the period of budget
24 consideration and effective contemporaneously with the council beginning deliberations
25 on the executive proposed budget, which will be transmitted September 26, 2016.

26 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are
27 each hereby amended to read as follows:

28 A.1.a. The time of regular meetings of the council is 1:30 p.m. on Monday of
29 each week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday or is a legislative branch
30 furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise ordered by the
31 chair or a majority of the council. However, the regular meetings of the council shall not
32 take place from August 1 through August 12, 2016, and from December 19 through
33 December 30, 2016. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be
34 regular or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

35 b. Each Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. shall be reserved for special
36 standing committee meetings except when the health, housing and human services
37 committee or the law and justice committee regular meeting is rescheduled in accordance
38 with subsection B.1.e. and f. of this section and each fourth and fifth Wednesday of each
39 month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall be reserved for special regional committee
40 meetings as needed. In order to allow each member sufficient time to review legislation
41 and to meet with constituents, staff and officials of other jurisdictions, no special
42 committee meeting may be called for any other time without the prior written consent of

43 the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of the committee. If a
44 special meeting for more than one committee is called for the same time and location, the
45 meeting for which the agenda was first filed with the council clerk shall have precedence
46 for use of the meeting location. This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings
47 of the budget and fiscal management committee for purposes of considering the county
48 executive's biennial budget proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and
49 fiscal management committee.

50 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
51 committees, except for the employment and administration committee, shall be held in
52 the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
53 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee shall
54 be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County
55 Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

56 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
57 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular
58 or usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the
59 territorial limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council.
60 After an emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at
61 the emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

62 B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular
63 committee meetings are as follows, unless the council is meeting at that time because the
64 preceding Monday was a state or county holiday:

65 a. Committee of the whole: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at
66 9:30 a.m. However, from October 3, 2016, through November 23, 2016, the regular
67 meeting of the committee of the whole shall occur on the first and third Mondays of each
68 month at 9:30 a.m.;

69 b. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth
70 Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

71 c. Employment and administration committee: the second and fourth Mondays
72 of each month at 10:00 a.m.;

73 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second and fourth
74 Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

75 e. Health, housing and human services committee: the first and third Tuesday
76 of each month at 1:30 p.m. or the next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. if the council's regular
77 meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday because Monday is a state or county holiday or is a
78 legislative branch furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise
79 ordered by the chair or a majority of the council;

80 f. Law and justice committee: the second and fourth, and fifth if one occurs,
81 Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. or the next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. if the council's
82 regular meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday because Monday is a state or county holiday or
83 is a legislative branch furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless
84 otherwise ordered by the chair or a majority of the council;

85 g. Transportation, economy and environment committee: the first and third,
86 and fifth if one occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

87 h. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00

88 p.m.;

89 i. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00

90 p.m.; and

91 j. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at

92 3:00 p.m.

93 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the first

94 and second weeks in August and the third and fourth weeks in December.

95 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open

96 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

97 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to

98 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

99 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if

100 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

101 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee

102 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and

103 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be

104 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

105 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those

106 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are

107 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the

108 confidentiality of the proceedings.

109 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the
110 Attorney General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is
111 attended by a quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee
112 meeting but also as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of
113 council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings
114 whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

115 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with
116 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,
117 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but
118 is not limited to:

119 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise
120 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
121 making motions and voting;

122 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee,
123 and the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and

124 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.

125 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency

126 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the support of county government and its
127 existing public institutions.
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Ordinance 18356 was introduced on 9/6/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/6/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None