



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
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## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19048

**Proposed No.** 2020-0038.2

**Sponsors** Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of  
2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 1, as  
3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.005, Ordinance 11683, Section  
4 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025, Ordinance 11683,  
5 Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance  
6 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055,  
7 Ordinance 11683, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C.  
8 1.24.095, Ordinance 11683, Section 15, as amended, and  
9 K.C.C. 1.24.145, Ordinance 11683, Section 16, as  
10 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.155 and Ordinance 11683,  
11 Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.265; and  
12 declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

14 SECTION 1. Findings:

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

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

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

23 D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and its committees by Motion  
24 xxxx (Proposed Motion 2020-0039), effective January 8, 2020, including modifying  
25 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions and duties, this ordinance must be  
26 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective and ensure that the regular  
27 meeting times of the council's committees are effective contemporaneously with the  
28 reorganization of the council.

29 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.005 are  
30 hereby amended to read as follows:

31 **Rule 1: Definitions.** The definitions in this rule apply throughout this chapter  
32 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

33 A. "Administrative committee" means a committee, other than a special or  
34 standing committee, established in the organization motion to act and make  
35 recommendations to the council on matters assigned to the committee.

36 B. "Committee" means a standing, special or administrative committee of the  
37 council as so designated by rule, motion or appointment by the chair of the council.

38 C. "Legislation" means a "motion" or "ordinance" as those terms are used in  
39 Section 230 and 240 of the King County Charter.

40 D. "Regional committee" means a regional committee established under Section 270  
41 of the King County Charter.

42 E. "Special committee" means a committee that goes out of existence as soon as it

43 has completed a specified task.

44 F. "Standing committee" means a committee, excluding regional committees,  
45 composed exclusively of councilmembers created by the council and given the task of  
46 reviewing legislation.

47 G. "Work session" means a committee of the whole assembly held for the purposes  
48 of engaging in deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews and evaluations of issues  
49 of interest to the entire council. A final action, meaning the collective decision of the  
50 committee or an actual vote by the committee on a motion, proposal, order or ordinance,  
51 shall not take place in a work session.

52 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025 are  
53 hereby amended to read as follows: meeting

54 **Rule 3: Powers and duties of the vice-chair - acting chair in absence of chair**  
55 **and vice-chair.**

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

58 B. If the chair and ((the)) vice-chair are ((both)) absent at a meeting of the council,  
59 the remaining councilmember present with the greatest seniority of service in county  
60 elective office shall preside as acting chair. In the event more than one member has equal  
61 greatest seniority based on service in county elective office, the member with the greatest  
62 cumulative seniority in county elective office and state legislative office shall preside as  
63 acting chair.

64 C. If, after recommendation by the employment and administration committee, the  
65 chair is the subject of a motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the

66 council's antiharassment policy, the vice-chair shall introduce the motion.

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

69         **Rule 4: Meetings.**

70         A.1.a. (~~Except for a regular meeting of the council on Monday, April 1, 2019, at~~  
71 ~~10:30 a.m., t))~~The time of regular meetings of the council is ~~((9:30 a.m.))~~ 1:00 p.m. on  
72 ~~((Wednesday))~~ Tuesday of each week. However, the regular meetings of the council shall  
73 not take place: from ~~((April 2 through April 12, 2019, from August 1 through August 16,~~  
74 ~~2019, and from December 19, 2019, through January 3, 2020))~~ March 30, 2020, through  
75 April 11, 2020; from August 1, 2020, through August 14, 2020; and from December 16,  
76 2020, through January 3 2021. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall  
77 be regular or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

78         b. Each fifth Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall be  
79 reserved for special regional committee meetings as needed. Each ~~((fourth))~~ first and third  
80 Wednesday from ~~((1:30 p.m.))~~ 1:00 p.m. until ~~((3:30 p.m.))~~ 3:00 p.m. is reserved for  
81 meetings of the flood control district executive committee. Each Monday at 9:30 a.m.  
82 ~~((and the second and fourth Monday at 3:00 p.m. are))~~ is reserved for special meetings of  
83 standing committees. Each fifth Monday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. is  
84 reserved for special regional and standing committee meetings. If a special meeting for  
85 more than one committee is called for the same time and location, the meeting for which  
86 the council clerk first receives written notice shall take precedence for use of the meeting  
87 location. In order to allow each member sufficient time to review legislation and to meet  
88 with constituents, staff and officials of other jurisdictions, no special committee meeting

89 may be called for any other time than the days and times specified in this subsection for the  
90 respective committees without the prior written consent of the council chair or the consent  
91 of a majority of the members of the committee. ~~((If a special meeting for more than one~~  
92 ~~standing committee is called for the same time and location, the meeting for which the~~  
93 ~~agenda was first filed with the council clerk shall have precedence for use of the meeting~~  
94 ~~location.))~~ This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and  
95 fiscal management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's biennial  
96 budget proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management  
97 committee.

98           2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's  
99 committees, except for the ~~((employment and administration))~~ committee of the whole  
100 work sessions, shall be held in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County  
101 Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. All regular meetings of the ~~((employment and~~  
102 ~~administration))~~ committee of the whole work sessions shall be held in the southwest  
103 conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,  
104 Washington.

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

111           B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and

112 special committee meetings are as follows:

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

115 b. Committee of the whole(:), except for ~~((April 1, 2019,))~~ work sessions, which  
116 are the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m: the ~~((first))~~ second and  
117 ~~((third))~~ fourth Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m;

118 ~~((b. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth Tuesdays of~~  
119 ~~each month at 9:30 a.m.;))~~

120 c. Community, health and housing services committee: the first and third  
121 Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

122 d. Employment and administration committee: the ~~((first and))~~ third ~~((Mondays))~~  
123 Tuesday of each month at ~~((3:00 p.m.))~~ 1:30 p.m.

124 ~~((d.))~~ e. Government accountability and oversight committee: the ~~((second))~~ first  
125 and ~~((fourth))~~ third Tuesdays of each month at ~~((3:00 p.m.))~~ 9:30 a.m.;

126 ~~((e. Health, housing and human services committee: the first and third Tuesday of~~  
127 ~~each month at 9:30 a.m.;))~~

128 f. Law and justice committee: the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at  
129 ~~((1:00 p.m.))~~ 9:30 a.m.;

130 g. Local services~~((, regional roads and bridges))~~ committee: the ~~((second))~~ first  
131 and ~~((fourth))~~ third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

132 h. Mobility and environment committee: the ~~((first))~~ second and ~~((third))~~  
133 ~~((Tuesdays))~~ fourth Wednesdays of each month at ~~((1:30 p.m.))~~ 1:00 p.m.;

134 i. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

135 j. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

136 and

137 k. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00

138 p.m.;

139 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during ~~((the))~~ the  
140 times when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this  
141 rule.

142 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open Public  
143 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

144 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to another  
145 date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

146 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if  
147 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

148 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee  
149 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and  
150 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be  
151 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

152 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those  
153 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are  
154 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the  
155 confidentiality of the proceedings.

156 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney  
157 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a

158 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also  
159 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings, including work sessions,  
160 of council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings  
161 whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

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

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

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

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

172           SECTION 5. Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 are  
173 hereby amended to read as follows:

174           **Rule 6: Standing committees.** The standing committees shall operate as follows:

175           A. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum. A committee is considered to  
176 have a quorum present unless the question is raised by a member of the committee. If a  
177 member objects to proceeding because of the lack of a quorum, the committee may not  
178 conduct official business, except to conduct a hearing. The appointment or use of alternate  
179 members is not allowed for a standing committee. Any member of the council may attend  
180 and participate in any committee meeting by asking questions and offering comments on



181 any matter before the committee. Only members of the committee may exercise  
182 parliamentary rights in the committee, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,  
183 making motions and voting.

184 B. During its consideration of a vote on legislation, the deliberations of a  
185 committee must be open to the public.

186 C. A vote to report legislation out of committee must be taken by the "ayes" and  
187 "nos," with the committee clerk recording the names of the members voting for and against,  
188 as well as the names of the members absent. On any matter, including but not limited to an  
189 amendment, a vote must be taken by oral roll call if requested by a member of the  
190 committee. A standing committee may not vote by secret ballot on an issue. Except for a  
191 regional committee, legislation may be reported out of committee by less than a quorum of  
192 the committee, subject to signature by a majority of the members of the committee, unless a  
193 member present requests a vote on the recommendation by a quorum of the committee. If  
194 a member so requests, the legislation may not be reported out of the committee at that  
195 meeting without an affirmative vote by a majority of the quorum of the committee. The  
196 committee's recommendation on legislation reported out of committee subject to signature  
197 by a majority of the members of the committee is not effective unless signed by a majority  
198 of the committee and delivered to the clerk by the close of the second business day after the  
199 committee action. A vote in a committee must be recorded and the vote must be preserved  
200 as prescribed by the clerk of the council.

201 D. Legislation reported to the council from a standing committee must have a  
202 majority recommendation report, which must be prepared upon a printed standing  
203 committee report form and must be signed by a majority of the committee with one of the

204 following recommendations:

- 205 1. Do pass;
- 206 2. Do pass -- consent;
- 207 3. Do pass substitute;
- 208 4. Do pass substitute -- consent;
- 209 5. Do not pass;
- 210 6. Postpone indefinitely;
- 211 7. Pass out of committee with no recommendation; or
- 212 8. Refer to another committee.

213 E. The rules and procedures contained in this chapter must be observed, when  
214 applicable, in all proceedings of a standing or special committee of the council.

215 F. The chair of the committee shall set the agenda for the committee, including  
216 whether and when to include on a specific agenda for action proposed legislation referred  
217 to the committee by the council chair. A change to the last distributed and posted agenda  
218 made at a meeting must be announced by the chair and is subject to appeal to the full  
219 committee present by any two members of the committee. A majority of the members  
220 present shall decide an appeal under this subsection.

221 G. Notice of a special meeting must be made in compliance with the Open Public  
222 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW. The committee chair may call up to six special  
223 meetings per calendar year. An additional special meeting may be called only upon the  
224 request of the chair and the written consent of either the vice-chair of the committee or the  
225 chair of the council before the meeting. A special meeting may be called only when:

- 226 1. There is time-sensitive legislation or information that cannot be presented and

227 considered in the ordinary committee meeting schedule;

228           2. A joint meeting of two or more committees is necessary to consider a matter; or

229           3. An unusual and extreme workload of a committee does not allow its full  
230 consideration during the ordinary committee meeting schedule.

231           H. A committee may not recess a meeting for longer than eight hours unless  
232 consent is given consistent with Rule 6.G, K.C.C. 1.24.055.G. Such a recess constitutes a  
233 special meeting solely for the purpose of counting the six discretionary special meetings  
234 provided for in this rule. If recess is until the next day but less than twenty-four hours, then  
235 the maximum possible notice must be given. If recess is for greater than twenty-four hours,  
236 then at least twenty-four hours' notice must be given.

237           ~~((I. For the special committee on alternatives to incarceration:~~

238           ~~1. The cochairs shall jointly share the agenda setting responsibilities; and~~

239           ~~2. The cochairs shall alternate presiding responsibilities at regular and special~~  
240 ~~meetings of the committee as mutually agreed upon by the cochairs.))~~

241           SECTION 6. Ordinance 11683, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.095 are  
242 hereby amended to read as follows:

243           **Rule 10: Public hearing and second reading.**

244           A. The council encourages public participation in the legislative process. To  
245 preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency, the council or committee chair  
246 may impose time and subject matter limits on public comment or testimony. The following  
247 rules shall apply at any meeting of the council and its standing committees, regional  
248 committees or special committees at which public comment or testimony is taken:

249           1. It shall be at the discretion of the committee chair whether to allow either

250 public comment or testimony at a committee meeting;

251           2. At least seven days must elapse after introduction of a proposed ordinance,  
252 other than an emergency ordinance, before the council may conduct the required public  
253 hearing on the proposed ordinance. The council must conduct a public hearing before  
254 adopting an ordinance. Public testimony at the hearing must be germane to the proposed  
255 ordinance and must be made in such a manner as to comply with the requirements imposed  
256 by the chair under Rule 2.B, K.C.C. 1.24.015.B; and

257           3. The council shall allow general public comment on matters relating to county  
258 government at its meeting on the fourth (~~Wednesday~~) Tuesday of each month. If the  
259 fourth (~~Wednesday~~) Tuesday is a state or county holiday and the council does not meet,  
260 the general public comment shall occur at the next regular meeting of the council. General  
261 public comment is limited to fifteen minutes and each person making general public  
262 comment may speak for two minutes. General public comment may not be used for the  
263 purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the  
264 promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. General public comment may not  
265 address any ordinance that is on that day's council agenda for public hearing. General  
266 public comment must be made in such a manner as to comply with the requirements  
267 imposed by the chair under Rule 2.B, K.C.C. 1.24.015.B.

268           B. Disruptions of council and committee meetings are prohibited. Engaging in  
269 speech or conduct that interrupts, delays or otherwise disrupts the orderly conduct of any  
270 meeting is prohibited. Disruptions include, but are not limited to:

271           1. Speech by an individual after expiration of the time allotted for the speaker's  
272 public comment or testimony;

273           2. Speech by an individual who has not been recognized by the chair for public  
274 comment or testimony, who is speaking in a volume louder than a low, conversational level  
275 appropriate for communication between persons seated next to each other in the council  
276 chambers, or whose speech is audible by others;

277           3. Comments or testimony that does not comply with subsection A<sub>2</sub> of this  
278 section;

279           4. Standing, except when: entering or leaving the chambers, providing comment  
280 or public testimony after being called on by the chair, or as necessary to obtain a copy of  
281 meeting materials from staff; ~~((or))~~

282           5. Holding or placing a banner or sign during a meeting in a way that may  
283 endanger other individuals or that obstructs the free passage or view of others attending or  
284 viewing the meeting;

285           6. Whistling, handclapping, stamping of feet, making noise or waving of arms; or

286           7. Activities by an individual that, in the reasonable determination of the chair,  
287 disrupt the meeting.

288           C. If an individual engages in disruption of the meeting, including but not limited  
289 to any of the actions described in subsection B. of this section, the chair may ~~((rule the~~  
290 ~~individual out of order, direct)) order the individual:~~

291           1. ~~((to)) To leave the chambers; or~~

292           2. To cease the activity and impose other reasonable conditions for the  
293 individual's continued presence at the meeting.

294           D. If the individual does not immediately comply with the chair's order under  
295 subsection C.2. of this section, the chair may direct the removal of the individual from the

296 meeting.

297 E. Unless otherwise ordered by the chair, any individual ordered to be removed  
298 from a meeting is excluded from returning to that meeting, unless the decision of the chair  
299 is overruled by a majority vote of those members in attendance. Any two members may  
300 place before the body the question of whether to permit the individual to return to the same  
301 meeting.

302 F.1. If, within a fifteen-day period, an individual is removed ~~((either))~~ from two or  
303 more committee meetings ~~((within a fifteen-day period or)),~~ from two or more consecutive  
304 meetings of the council or from one committee meeting and a council meeting, the chair of  
305 the council may exclude the individual from participation in public comment or testimony  
306 periods at future council or committee meetings or both and may impose other conditions  
307 as the disruptive conduct warrants.

308 2. The chair shall notify the individual in writing of the type of exclusion, the  
309 specific reasons for the exclusion and the specific terms and length of the exclusion.

310 3. The notice of exclusion shall advise that the individual may submit written  
311 comments to the clerk for distribution to the councilmembers at future public comment or  
312 testimony periods.

313 4. The notice of exclusion shall be filed with the clerk, who shall post it on the  
314 door to the council chambers and on the council's web page, provide a copy of the notice to  
315 members and mail the notice to the individual's last known address, if any. The notice is  
316 effective when posted. The exclusion order shall remain posted on the door to the  
317 chambers for the duration of the exclusion period.

318 G.1. In determining the scope and length of an individual's exclusion allowed

319 under subsection F. of this section, the chair may consider the seriousness of the disruptions  
320 to the orderly conduct of the meeting, the number of disruptions in which the individual  
321 participated and other reasons deemed relevant by the chair.

322 2. The chair may issue an exclusion from future participation ~~((in))~~ at council and  
323 committee meetings, including public comment or testimony periods for up to ~~((twenty-~~  
324 ~~eight))~~ sixty calendar days.

325 3. At the next regular meeting of the council, following the filing and posting of  
326 the exclusion notice, the exclusion order may be overruled or modified by a majority vote  
327 of those councilmembers in attendance. Any two members may place before the body the  
328 question of whether to overrule or modify the exclusion decision.

329 H. Any individual excluded from participation ~~((in future public comment or~~  
330 ~~testimony periods))~~ at council and committee meetings may appeal the exclusion by  
331 submitting a written appeal to the clerk of the council within five calendar days after the  
332 exclusion notice is posted. The clerk shall distribute copies of the appeal to all  
333 councilmembers. The council shall consider the appeal at the next regularly scheduled  
334 council meeting if any two members place it before the body. The individual's exclusion  
335 from public comment or testimony periods shall remain in effect during the council's  
336 consideration of the appeal.

337 SECTION 7. Ordinance 11683, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.145 are  
338 hereby amended to read as follows:

339 **Rule 15: Quorum and voting - standard, emergencies.**

340 A. The requirements for a quorum of a standing committee are prescribed in Rule  
341 6A, K.C.C. 1.24.055.A. The requirements for a quorum of a regional committee are

342 prescribed in Rule 7, K.C.C. 1.24.065. (~~Three members constitute a quorum of the~~  
343 ~~employment and administration committee.~~)

344 B.1. Five members constitute a quorum of the county council, except as provided  
345 in subsection B.2. of this section. If there is a lack of a quorum, the chair shall request the  
346 clerk of the council to call members so as to constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise  
347 required by the King County Charter, a vote of the majority of those present is necessary  
348 for the conduct of council business.

349 2. In the event that an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, reduces the  
350 number of members, then those members available and present for duty have full authority  
351 to act in all matters as the county council. Quorum requirements for the council shall be  
352 suspended for the period of the emergency, and where the affirmative vote of a specified  
353 proportion of the council is required for approval of an ordinance or other action, the same  
354 proportion of those members available shall be sufficient. As soon as practicable  
355 thereafter, the available members shall act in accordance with the charter and state law to  
356 fill existing vacancies on the council.

357 3. Members participating by telephone or other electronic means as allowed under  
358 subsection C. of this section are present for quorum purposes. The clerk of the council, in  
359 consultation with the chair, shall establish authentication and operating procedures, which  
360 must comply with all state and county laws regarding open public meetings. It shall be  
361 noted in the minutes when members participate by telephone or other electronic means.

362 C.1. Members may participate and vote in meetings of standing committees of  
363 which they are members and in meetings of the full council by telephone or other electronic  
364 means under the following circumstances:



365           a. any regular meeting convened during the time period specified by the chair for  
366 the council's annual trip to Washington, D.C., to confer with federal officials and members  
367 of Congress on matters affecting the county;

368           b. under any circumstances up to five times per calendar year per  
369 councilmember; and

370           c. under circumstances constituting good cause, which include:

371           i. an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010;

372           ii. special meetings convened during the dates in ((~~¶~~))Rule 4.A., K.C.C.  
373 1.24.035.A., when the regular meetings of the council shall not take place; or

374           iii. urgent circumstances as defined in subsection C.5. of this section, if the  
375 member's attendance is approved in accordance with subsection C.2. of this section.

376           2. A member wishing to participate and vote in a full council or standing  
377 committee meeting by telephone or other electronic means under subsection C.1.b.iii. of  
378 this section shall use the following process:

379           a. The member shall declare orally or in writing to the chair of the meeting that  
380 the member requests to participate and vote by telephone or other electronic means because  
381 of urgent circumstances;

382           b. After receiving the request from the member, the chair shall promptly approve  
383 or deny the request and so inform the member, who may accept the chair's ruling or appeal  
384 the chair's ruling to the members present at the meeting; and

385           c. Reversal of the chair's ruling requires an affirmative vote of a two-thirds  
386 majority of the members present at the meeting. For a full council meeting, reversal of the  
387 chair's ruling also requires that a quorum be present.

388           3. In notifying the meeting chair of the member's intent or request to participate  
389 and vote by telephone or other electronic means under this subsection C., the member shall  
390 specify the specific provision of this subsection C. on which the member is relying.

391           4. To facilitate connection to the broadcasting system, notices or requests for  
392 participation by telephone or other electronic means should be made half an hour in  
393 advance of the meeting when possible, and the member should promptly inform the clerk  
394 of the meeting of the notice or request. When participating by telephone or other electronic  
395 means, the member shall speak audibly so that the public can hear the discussion and  
396 voting process.

397           5. For the purposes of this subsection C., "urgent circumstances" means when a  
398 member experiences one or more of the following:

399           a. inclement weather, such as a flood alert or snow in the member's district, that  
400 results in circumstances that make it unsafe for the member to attend the meeting; and

401           b. the member or an immediate family member, as "immediate family" is  
402 defined in K.C.C. 3.12.010, has a medically-related issue or other urgent need for  
403 assistance, including without limitation the death of an immediate family member, that  
404 makes it difficult for the member to attend the meeting.

405           D. There may not be voting by proxy on a question before the council. A member  
406 who is in the council chambers or present via telephone or other electronic means when the  
407 question is put shall vote unless excused by the council for special reasons. A motion to  
408 excuse a member must be made before the call for "ayes" and "nos" is commenced.

409           E. A vote before the council must be recorded as to the "ayes" and "nos." Upon the  
410 final passage of legislation before the council, the vote must be taken by oral roll call. On

411 any other matter, the vote must be taken by oral roll call if requested by at least one  
412 member. When once begun, the roll call may not be interrupted. The order of names on  
413 the roll call must be alphabetical by last name except for the chair, who votes last when the  
414 "ayes" and "nos" are called.

415 SECTION 8. Ordinance 11683, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.265 are  
416 hereby amended to read as follows:

417 **Rule 16: Amendments.** A member may (~~offer~~) sponsor amendments to  
418 proposed legislation for consideration by the council or a standing committee, in  
419 accordance with the following:

420 A. The clerk of the council shall establish the proper form for an amendment.

421 Except as provided in subsection F. of this rule, an amendment must:

422 1. Be in writing;

423 2. Bear the name of the member who (~~offers~~) sponsors it as well as the page and  
424 line number of the proposed legislation to be amended; and

425 3. Be distributed to each member at the time the legislation is before the council  
426 or standing committee.

427 B. As a courtesy to the clerk, amendments should be filed one-half hour before the  
428 beginning of the council meeting.

429 C. An amendment to proposed legislation may not change the scope and object of  
430 the proposed legislation. An amendment must be germane and must embrace the single  
431 subject contained within the proposed legislation.

432 D.1. For the purposes of this subsection D:

433 a. "line amendment" means an amendment that either adds or deletes, or both,

434 material in a specified portion of legislation. A "specified portion of legislation" includes  
435 either or both the legislation's body and any substantive attachment incorporated as part of  
436 the legislation; and

437           b. "striking amendment" means an amendment that deletes the entire text of  
438 legislation and inserts new language.

439           2. Striking amendments should be considered before any line amendments. If a  
440 striking amendment is moved, all line amendments to the striking amendment, including  
441 amendments to the attachment, must be approved or rejected before the striking  
442 amendment is approved or rejected.

443           3. Line amendments should be considered section by section with perfecting  
444 amendments considered first.

445           4. Only one amendment and one amendment to the amendment are permitted at a  
446 time, but any number of each may be (~~offered~~) moved in succession if a question already  
447 decided is not raised again.

448           5. Title amendments must be considered after the amendments to the proposed  
449 legislation.

450           E.1. Substitute legislation may only come before the council after consideration by  
451 a standing committee. A member may demand a vote on the question of whether the  
452 committee substitute is to be substituted for the original proposed legislation. A substitute  
453 ordinance must be within the scope and object of the original proposed ordinance.

454           2. A member may (~~offer~~) move proposed substitute legislation for a standing  
455 committee's consideration, but a member may demand a vote on the question of whether  
456 the standing committee is to consider the original legislation rather than the proposed

457 substitute legislation. A proposed substitute ordinance must be within the scope and object  
458 of the original proposed ordinance.

459 F. In accordance with Rule 14.A, K.C.C. 1.24.135.A, proposed legislation on the  
460 consent agenda is not subject to amendment except as recommended in the committee  
461 report.

462 G. To promote efficiency, the council chair, or the chair of a standing committee at  
463 the committee's meeting, may accept for consideration an oral amendment that is easily  
464 understood.

465 SECTION 9. Ordinance 11683, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.265 are  
466 hereby amended to read as follows:

467 **Rule 27: Parliamentary rules.** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in  
468 the ~~((most-recent))~~ eleventh edition of ~~((the Scott, Foresman))~~ Robert's Rules of Order  
469 Newly Revised, published by Da Capo Press, must be used as a guide to address procedural  
470 questions to the extent consistent with the standing rules in this chapter.

471 SECTION 10. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency  
472 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,

473 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public  
474 institutions.  
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Ordinance 19048 was introduced on 1/8/2020 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/8/2020, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski,  
Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Balducci and Mr. Zahilay  
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer



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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None