



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

Ordinance 19582

Proposed No. 2023-0102.1

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1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
 2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as
 3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 and declaring an
 4 emergency.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

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

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

12 C. The rules of procedure and the organizational motion have been amended
 13 from time to time to reflect changes desired by the council.

14 D. Because the council is changing the meeting times of council meetings
 15 effective immediately, this ordinance must be enacted as an emergency ordinance to be
 16 effective and ensure that the regular meeting times of the council's meetings are effective
 17 at the same time.

18 **SECTION 2.** Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are
 19 hereby amended as follows:

20 **1.24.035 Rule 4: Meetings.**

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21 A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings
22 of the council is (~~(1:00 p.m.)~~) 1:30 p.m. on the first, second, third and fourth Tuesdays of
23 each month. However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: from
24 December 14, 2022, through January 2, 2023; from April 10, 2023, through April 14, 2023;
25 from July 31, 2023, through August 11, 2023; and from December 13, 2023, through
26 January 2, 2024. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular or
27 special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

28 b. A special committee meeting may not be called without the prior written
29 consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of the committee.
30 This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and fiscal
31 management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's biennial budget
32 proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management
33 committee.

34 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
35 committees, except for employment and administration committee meetings, shall be held
36 in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
37 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee
38 meetings shall be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King
39 County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

40 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
41 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or
42 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial
43 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an

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44 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the
45 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

46 B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and
47 special committee meetings are as follows:

48 a. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth Wednesday
49 of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

50 b. Committee of the whole: the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

51 c. Employment and administration committee: the third Tuesday of each month
52 at ~~((1:30 p.m.))~~ 2:00 p.m.;

53 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second Tuesday of
54 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

55 e. Law, justice, health and human services committee: the first Tuesdays of each
56 month at 9:30 a.m.;

57 f. Local services and land use committee: the fourth Tuesday of each month at
58 9:30 a.m.;

59 g. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
60 p.m.;

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

62 i. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00
63 p.m.; and

64 j. Transportation, economy and environment committee: the third Tuesday of
65 each month at 9:30 a.m.

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66 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the times
67 when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

98 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
99 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,


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- 100 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.
- 101 This ordinance takes effect immediately.


Ordinance 19582 was introduced on 3/14/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/14/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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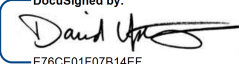
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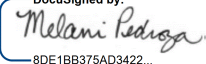
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