



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Agenda Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;  
Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,  
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Councilmember Zahilay*
4. **Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2025**  
*Councilmember Perry*
5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

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*Councilmember von Reichbauer*



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6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0085](#) **Pg. 30**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the personnel system; amending Ordinance 9088, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.12.005, Ordinance 12014, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.12.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.040, Ordinance 12014, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.042, Ordinance 12014, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.044, Ordinance 12014, Section 10, and K.C.C. 3.12.050, Ordinance 12014, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.060, Ordinance 4324, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 12, and K.C.C. 3.12.090, Ordinance 12014, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.100, Ordinance 12014, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.123, Ordinance 12077, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.125, Ordinance 4324, Section 38, and K.C.C. 3.12.140, Ordinance 12014, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.180, Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.184, Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188, Ordinance 12014, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.190, Ordinance 12052, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.210, Ordinance 12014, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.215, Ordinance 18408, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.219, Ordinance 12014, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.220, Ordinance 18191, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.221, Ordinance 15558, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.222, Ordinance 12014, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.223, Ordinance 13743, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.224, Ordinance 7956, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.225, Ordinance 19563, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.227, Ordinance 12014, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.230, Ordinance 12077, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.240, Ordinance 12014, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.250, Ordinance 12014, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.260, Ordinance 9967, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.262, Ordinance 12014, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.270, Ordinance 12014, Section 28, and K.C.C. 3.12.280, Ordinance 12014, Section 29, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.290, Ordinance 12014, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.300, Ordinance 4324, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.12.310, Ordinance 12014, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.330, Ordinance 12498, Sections 1, 4-7, and K.C.C. 3.12.335, Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350, Ordinance 12014, Section 33, and K.C.C. 3.12.360, Ordinance 16640, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.400, Ordinance 12943, Section 13, and K.C.C. 3.12A.010, Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020, Ordinance 12943, Section 15, and K.C.C. 3.12A.030, Ordinance 12943, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12A.040, Ordinance 12943, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.050, Ordinance 12943, Section 18, and K.C.C. 3.12A.060, Ordinance 18696, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.12S.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.010, Ordinance 8179, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.14.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 47, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.060, Ordinance 12014, Section 50, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 54, and K.C.C. 3.15.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 51, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.025, Ordinance 14233, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.030, Ordinance 14233, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.130, Ordinance 14233, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.140, Ordinance 1780, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.050, Ordinance 197, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.010, Ordinance 11480, Section 5, and K.C.C. 3.16.012, Ordinance 10631, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.015, Ordinance 197, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.020, Ordinance 11480, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.025,



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**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

***On 5/6/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.***

***On 5/13/2025, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Deferred.***

***On 6/10/2025, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Recommended Do Pass.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Deferred.***

**Public Hearing Required**



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## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

### Consent Items 7-11

*Councilmember Perry*

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0154](#) **Pg. 197**

A MOTION approving the job description for the position of hearing examiner.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***On 5/27/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Employment and Administration Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Employment and Administration Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0178](#) **Pg. 203**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mike Flood to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***On 7/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Employment and Administration Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Employment and Administration Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0179](#) **Pg. 211**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Christopher Hays to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a registered King County voter.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***On 7/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Employment and Administration Committee.***

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10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0180](#)**Pg. 219**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***On 7/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Employment and Administration Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Employment and Administration Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***

11. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0181.2](#)**Pg. 227**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Latasha Mae to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***On 7/1/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Employment and Administration Committee.***

***On 7/1/2025, the Employment and Administration Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent.***

## First Reading of and Action on Motions without Referral to Committee

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0211](#)**Pg. 236**

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to serve as hearing examiner pro tempore.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**SUBJECT TO A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE ACTION WITHOUT REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO K.C.C. 1.24.085**

## Reappointment Consent Agenda

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13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0126](#)**Pg. 238**

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Fartun Mohamed, who resides in council district seven, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative of a grassroots organization serving a cultural population or cultural populations.



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## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0182](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities, at the Cedar Hills regional landfill, and for construction and demolition waste disposed at landfills by construction and demolition receiving facilities; and amending Ordinance 19805, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021 and establishing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***First Reading and Referral to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee***

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0208](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreements for salmon conservation efforts in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watershed within Water Resource Inventory Area 7, the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 8, and the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 9.

**Sponsors:** Perry

***First Reading and Referral to the Local Services and Land Use Committee***

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0145](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Peter Lewis, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

***First Reading and Referral to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee***

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0189](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Emily Huynh, who resides in council district two, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has familiarity with King County government, systems, or agencies.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***



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18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0194](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Mona Jaber, who resides in council district seven, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0201](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the results of an analysis of racial disparities in response to infractions as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Barón

***First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee***

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0205](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program plan, in response to the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 16, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Perry

***First Reading and Referral to the Local Services and Land Use Committee***

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0209](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on streamlining food business permitting process, in accordance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 104, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

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**22. Reports on Special and Outside Committees****Other Business**

Required notification pursuant to K.C.C. 4A.100.080

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June 20, 2025, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from Emergent Need Contingency to the Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital (TDC FAC SECURITY IMPRVMT BUDG).

**Adjournment**

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:33 P.M.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Dunn led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2025**

*Councilmember Dembowski moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**5. Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There we no additions to the agenda.*

**6. Public Comment**

*The following people spoke:*

*Mathew Renner  
Jack Whisner  
Alex Tsimerman  
Marsha Botzer  
Harold D. Scoggins  
Joe Kunzler  
Mayor Curtis, City of Kirkland  
Yvonne Clement-Smith  
Loreen Keller  
Matt Cowan  
Suzette Dickerson  
Lisa Wray  
Lynne Robinson  
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Brad Thompson*

## Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

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### Consent Items 7-10

**7. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0090**

AN ORDINANCE relating to privacy rights, limiting the collection of gender information; and amending Ordinance 12550, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.14.030.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski, Barón, Mosqueda, Zahilay and Balducci

*The enacted number is 19947.*

*Councilmember Dembowski requested that Item 7 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion purposes. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

*Councilmember Balducci requested that her name be added as a sponsor.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0134**

AN ORDINANCE approving City of Auburn 2024 Comprehensive Sewer Plan dated November 2024.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 19944.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**9. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0135**

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Enumclaw 2016 Comprehensive General Sewer Plan with Amendments 1-3.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

*The enacted number is 19945.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0153**

AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

**Sponsors:** Perry

*The enacted number is 19946.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed On The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**Budget and Fiscal Management****11. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0132**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of the property, the Village at Overlake Station, located at 2578 152nd Ave NE, Redmond, Washington, in council district six.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

*The enacted number is 19948.*

*Mary Bourguignon, Policy staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry



**Government Accountability and Oversight**

**12. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0085**

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**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

**Councilmember Dunn announced that Proposed Motion 2025-0085 was deferred one week to the July 8, 2025 Council meeting for action.**

**This matter was Deferred**

**Regional Policy****13. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0118.3**

AN ORDINANCE accepting and approving the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services 2026-2031 Strategic Plan submitted by the executive.

**Sponsors:** Dunn, Dembowski, Quinn and Balducci

*The enacted number is 19949.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**14. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0119.2**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the funding and provision of Medic One emergency medical services; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County, at special election on November 4, 2025, of a proposition to fund the countywide Medic One emergency medical services by authorizing the continuation of a regular property tax levy for a consecutive six year period, for collection beginning in 2026, at a rate of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide for Medic One emergency medical services.

**Sponsors:** Dunn, Dembowski, Quinn and Balducci

*The enacted number is 19950.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**Transportation, Economy and Environment****15. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0147.2**

AN ORDINANCE establishing the Locally Preferred Alternative including the alignment and station locations of the RapidRide K Line.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

*The enacted number is 19951.*

*Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Balducci requested that her name be added as a sponsor.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

**First Reading of and Action on Emergency Ordinances  
Without Referral to Committee****16. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0185**

AN ORDINANCE relating to appointing qualified persons to serve as examiners pro tempore; amending Ordinance 263, Article 5, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22020, establishing an expiration date, and declaring an emergency.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 19952.*

*Councilmember Zahilay made a motion to suspend the rules to hold a Public Hearing less than seven days after First Reading pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.095, and to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

## **Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**

### **Consent Items 17-18**

**17. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0102**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Library System board of trustees.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 16835.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0168**

A MOTION relating to public transportation, approving the 2025 King County Metro Transit Title VI Program Report.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

*The enacted number is 16836.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Passed On The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

## First reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

### 19. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0183

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*The enacted number is 16837.*

*Councilmember Zahilay made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

### 20. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0187

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to a vacant position on the fire district No. 10 board of commissioners.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

*The enacted number is 16838.*

*Councilmember Zahilay made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085.*

*Di Irons made remarks and answered questions of the Council.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Perry

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 21. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0171

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute interlocal agreements with school districts for continued collection of school impact fees.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

### 22. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0174

AN ORDINANCE relating to implementation of the 2025 Strategic Climate Action Plan; and amending Ordinance 17096, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.700, Ordinance 16147, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 18.17.010, Ordinance 19402, Section 8 as amended, and K.C.C. 18.17.050, Ordinance 19052, Section 2, and K.C.C. 18.22.010, Ordinance 17270, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 18.25.010, Ordinance 17166, Section 2, as amended and K.C.C. 18.50.010, Ordinance 17971, Section 3, as amended and K.C.C. 28.30.020, and Ordinance 17971, Section 4, as amended and K.C.C. 28.30.030.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

### 23. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0176

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into an agreement with respect to the purchase of the landfill gas processing plant located at the Cedar Hills regional landfill.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

### 24. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0186

AN ORDINANCE relating to the creation of housing court commissioner positions of the King County superior court.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**



## First Reading and Referral of Motions

### 25. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0148

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Marsha Matsumoto, who resides in council district four, to the King County board of ethics.

**Sponsors:** Barón

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.**

### 26. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0167

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Lane Loland, who resides in council district one, to the King County community advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, as a representative from King County sheriff contract cities.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

### 27. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0172

A MOTION relating to the 2025 Strategic Climate Action Plan, submitted in compliance with K.C.C 18.25.010.

**Sponsors:** Quinn

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

### 28. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0175

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the 2024 health through housing annual report, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 24.30.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda and Balducci

*This is a dual referral first to the Regional Policy Committee and then to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.*

*This is a nonmandatory referral to the Regional Policy Committee under KCC 1.24.065.I as an issue that is not a countywide policy or plan but would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion.*

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Regional Policy Committee.**

**29. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0178**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mike Flood to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

**30. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0179**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Christopher Hays to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a registered King County voter.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

**31. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0180**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

**32. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0181**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Latasha Mae to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

**33. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0184**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Preston Anderson, who resides in council district eight, to the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board's veterans committee, as the district eight representative.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

**34. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0188**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Betelhem Michael, who resides in council district one, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

**35. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0190**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Allison Hastings, who resides in council district three, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

**36. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0193**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jennifer Karls, who resides in council district six, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member with professional or lived experience in the disability community.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

**37. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0198**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Juanita Pettersen, who resides in council district three, to the King County veterans advisory board.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.**

**38. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0200**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Douglas Hollingsworth, who resides in council district eight, to the King County veterans advisory board.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.**

**39. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0202**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Regional Workforce Housing Initiative Implementation Plan in compliance with Motion 16690.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.**

**40. Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

*No reports were given.*

**Other Business**

*Councilmember Zahilay announced the following:*

*"I'd like to add these comments about the EMS levy as part of the record for today's Council meeting:*

*When you or a loved one calls 9-1-1 in a medical emergency, you expect and deserve immediate, expert care. The Medic One/EMS system delivers exactly that, saving lives every day across King County. This levy isn't just about funding ambulances; it's about ensuring that no matter where you are or what time it is, help is on the way. I believe it's vital that voters have the opportunity to renew their support for this world-class emergency response system."*

*Councilmember Dembowski announced the following:*

*"King County leads the world with our Medic One program. I'm proud to cosponsor this legislation to make sure we continue our leading role in emergency medical response. I thank our first responders for their dedication, professionalism, and service to our county, and am honored to support legislation that ensures we deliver the resources they need to continue saving lives."*

**41. June 20, 2025, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from Emergent Need Contingency to the Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital (TDC FAC SECURITY IMPRVMT BUDG).**

*In accordance with K.C.C. 4A.100.080, the Chair announced the Council received notification regarding a capital project exception notification. On June 20, 2025, the Clerk distributed a copy to all councilmembers. Under the code, a transfer from an emergency fund exceeding 15% shall be noticed on two council agendas to give councilmembers an opportunity to object at either of these meetings. In addition to inclusion on today's Council agenda, this notification will be included on the July 8, 2025, Council agenda.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk's Signature



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0085.1

**Sponsors** von Reichbauer

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62 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.040, Ordinance 1282,  
63 Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.060, Ordinance  
64 12014, Section 50, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.020,  
65 Ordinance 12014, Section 54, and K.C.C. 3.15.110,  
66 Ordinance 12014, Section 51, as amended, and K.C.C.



67 3.15.025, Ordinance 14233, Section 5, as amended, and  
68 K.C.C. 3.15.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 52, as  
69 amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.030, Ordinance 14233, Section  
70 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.130, Ordinance 14233,  
71 Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.140, Ordinance  
72 1780, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.050,  
73 Ordinance 197, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
74 3.16.010, Ordinance 11480, Section 5, and K.C.C.  
75 3.16.012, Ordinance 10631, Section 2, as amended, and  
76 K.C.C. 3.16.015, Ordinance 197, Section 2, as amended,  
77 and K.C.C. 3.16.020, Ordinance 11480, Section 7, as  
78 amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.025, Ordinance 8658, Section 1,  
79 as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040, Ordinance 12014,  
80 Section 55, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050, Ordinance  
81 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055,  
82 Ordinance 13000, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
83 3.16.060, Ordinance 1902, Section 1, as amended, and  
84 K.C.C. 3.28.010, Ordinance 12077, Section 12, as  
85 amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.010, Ordinance 11183, Section  
86 1, and K.C.C. 3.30.020, Ordinance 10930, Sections 3-4, as  
87 amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.030, Ordinance 12077, Section  
88 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.050, Ordinance 12077,  
89 Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.060, Ordinance

90 10930, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.070,  
91 Ordinance 8575, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C.  
92 3.36.010, Ordinance 8575, Section 2, as amended, and  
93 K.C.C. 3.36.020, Ordinance 8575, Section 3, as amended,  
94 and K.C.C. 3.36.030, Ordinance 17332, Section 4, and  
95 K.C.C. 3.36.035, Ordinance 16035, Section 5, as amended,  
96 and K.C.C. 3.36.045, Ordinance 16035, Section 6, as  
97 amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.055, Ordinance 16035, Section  
98 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.065, Ordinance 16035,  
99 Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.075, adding new  
100 sections to K.C.C. chapter 3.15, adding a new section to  
101 K.C.C. chapter 3.30, recodifying K.C.C. 3.15.060, K.C.C.  
102 3.15.110, K.C.C. 3.15.120, K.C.C. 3.15.130, K.C.C.  
103 3.15.140, K.C.C. 3.15.145, and K.C.C. 3.15.135, repealing  
104 Ordinance 4324, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C.  
105 3.12.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 16, and K.C.C.  
106 3.12.130, Ordinance 4324, Section 37, and K.C.C.  
107 3.12.150, Ordinance 4324, Section 34, and K.C.C.  
108 3.12.160, Ordinance 12014, Section 17, as amended, and  
109 K.C.C. 3.12.170, Ordinance 11149, Sections 1-4, as  
110 amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.187, Ordinance 14591, Section  
111 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.218, Ordinance 12014,  
112 Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.247, Ordinance

4324, Section 33, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.320,  
Ordinance 4324, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.340,  
Ordinance 9498, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.365,  
Ordinance 1282, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C.  
3.15.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 7, as amended, and  
K.C.C. 3.15.070, Ordinance 8299, Section 1, and K.C.C.  
3.15.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 53, as amended, and  
K.C.C. 3.15.100, Ordinance 16818, Section 1, and K.C.C.  
3.15.150, Ordinance 16818, Section 2, as amended, and  
K.C.C. 3.15.160, Ordinance 16818, Section 3, and K.C.C.  
3.15.170, and Ordinance 16818, Section 4, as amended, and  
K.C.C. 3.15.180, and establishing an expiration date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 9088, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.12.005 are hereby

amended to read as follows:

King County (~~recognizes that, in the past, employment and contracting practices~~  
~~did not afford equal opportunities for women, minorities and persons with disabilities,~~  
~~and that such practices have resulted in the underrepresentation of such persons in county~~  
~~employment, in employment by county contractors, and in the utilization of minority-~~  
~~owned and women-owned businesses in county contracts.~~ King County also recognizes  
that many of the causes of this underrepresentation are societal in nature, and beyond the  
scope and power of the county to remedy on its own. Nevertheless, King County is  
determined to be a leader in the implementation of civil rights and compliance policies

136 ~~and programs which will remedy the effects of past discrimination and set the county on~~  
137 ~~an affirmative action path))~~ is an equal opportunity employer committed to establishing  
138 and nurturing a workforce that prioritizes equitable treatment for all employees and  
139 residents. King County is determined to be a leader in the implementation of equitable,  
140 and racially and socially just employment programs and policies. K.C.C. chapter 3.12  
141 provides a framework for building such a workforce.

142       SECTION 2. Ordinance 12014, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.010 are  
143 each hereby amended to read as follows:

144       For the purposes of this chapter, all words shall have their ordinary and usual  
145 meanings except those defined in this section which shall have, in addition, the following  
146 meanings. In the event of conflict, the specific definitions set forth in this section shall  
147 presumptively, but not conclusively, prevail.

148       A.1. "Administrative interns" means employees who are:

- 149           a. enrolled during the regular school year in a program of education,  
150 internship, or apprenticeship;
- 151           b. legal interns who have graduated from law school but have not yet been  
152 admitted to the Washington State Bar Association; ~~((or))~~
- 153           c. veterans temporarily working to gain practical workforce experience; or  
154           d. participants in the Lift Every Youth program.

155       2. All administrative internships in executive departments shall be approved by  
156 the director. Administrative interns are exempt from the career service under Section 550  
157 of the charter.

158           B. "AmeriCorps" means those who apply for and are selected to serve in  
159 positions at King County government through either AmeriCorps or Washington Service  
160 Corps programs, or both.

161           C. "Appointing authority" means (~~((the county council, the county auditor,))~~) the  
162 executive, chief officers of executive departments and administrative offices, or division  
163 managers having authority to appoint or to remove persons from positions in the (~~((county~~  
164 ~~service))~~) executive branch.

165           D. "Base rate of pay" means an employee's hourly rate of pay, which includes  
166 longevity and merit pay, but does not include other premiums, special duty, or overtime  
167 pay.

168           E. "Basis of merit" means the value, excellence, or superior quality of an  
169 individual's work performance, as determined by a structured process comparing the  
170 employee's performance against defined standards and, where possible, the performance  
171 of other employees of the same or similar class.

172           (~~((F.))~~) F. "Board" means the county personnel board established by Section 540 of  
173 the charter.

174           (~~((F.))~~) G. "Budgetary furlough" means a circumstance in which projected county  
175 revenues are determined to be insufficient to fully fund county agency operations and, in  
176 order either to achieve budget savings or to meet unallocated budget reductions, which  
177 are commonly known as contras, or both, cost savings may be achieved through  
178 reduction in days or hours of service, resulting in placing an employee for one or more  
179 days in a temporary furlough status without duties and without pay.

180           ~~((G.))~~ H. "Career service employee" means an ~~((county))~~ employee in the  
181 executive branch who is appointed to a career service position as a result of the selection  
182 procedure provided for in this chapter, and who has completed the probationary period in  
183 the employee's current position.

184           I. "Career service exempt employee" means an employee employed in the  
185 executive's office or in an executive department in a position that is not a career service  
186 position under Section 550 of the charter. Career service exempt employees serve at the  
187 pleasure of the appointing authority.

188           J. "Career service exempt position" means any position excluded as a career  
189 service position by Section 550 of the charter. Career service exempt positions are  
190 positions to which appointments may be made directly without a competitive hiring  
191 process.

192           ~~((H.))~~ K. "Career service position" means all positions in the ~~((county service~~  
193 ~~except for))~~ executive branch except those that are designated as exempt from career  
194 service by Section 550 of the charter as follows: all elected officers; the county auditor,  
195 the clerk, and all other employees of the county council; the county administrative  
196 officer; the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office; the  
197 members of all boards and commissions; ~~((the chief economist and other employees of~~  
198 ~~the office economic and financial analysis;))~~ the chief economist and other employees of  
199 the office of economic and financial analysis; administrative assistants for the executive  
200 and one administrative assistant each for the county administrative officer, the county  
201 auditor, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and  
202 administrative office, and for each board and commission; a chief deputy for the county

203 assessor; one confidential secretary each for the executive, the chief officer of each  
204 executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant  
205 specified in this section; all employees of those officers who are exempted from the  
206 provisions of this chapter by the state constitution; persons employed in a professional or  
207 scientific capacity to conduct a special inquiry, investigation, or examination; ~~((part-time~~  
208 ~~and))~~ temporary employees; administrative interns; election precinct officials; all persons  
209 serving the county without compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; medical interns;  
210 and student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums  
211 and health departments of the county. All part-time employees shall be exempted from  
212 career service membership except, all part-time employees employed at least half time or  
213 more, as defined by ordinance, shall be members of the career service.

214 For purposes of interpreting Section 550 of the charter, ((D))divisions in  
215 executive departments and administrative offices as determined by the county council  
216 shall be considered to be executive departments ~~((for the purpose of determining the~~  
217 ~~applicability of Section 550 of the charter.~~

218 ~~All part-time employees shall be exempted from career service membership~~  
219 ~~except, all part time employees employed at least half time or more, as defined by~~  
220 ~~ordinance, shall be members of the career service)).~~

221 ~~((F))~~ L. "Charter" means the King County Charter, as amended.

222 ~~((F))~~ M. "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal  
223 ward, or a child ~~((of an))~~ to whom the employee ((standing)) stands in loco parentis ~~((to~~  
224 ~~the child, who is:~~

225 ~~1. Under eighteen years of age; or~~

226           ~~2. Eighteen years of age or older and incapable of self care because of a mental~~  
227 ~~or physical disability)), is a legal guardian or is a de facto parent, regardless of age or~~  
228 dependency status, unless otherwise specified herein.

229           ~~((K.))~~ N. "Class" or "classification" means a position or group of positions,  
230 established under authority of this chapter and chapter 3.15, sufficiently similar in respect  
231 to the duties, responsibilities, and authority thereof, that the same descriptive title may be  
232 used to designate each position allocated to the class.

233           ~~((L.))~~ O. "Classification plan" means the arrangement of positions into  
234 classifications together with specifications describing each classification.

235           ~~((M.))~~ P. "Compensatory time" means time off granted with pay in lieu of pay for  
236 work performed ~~((either))~~ on an authorized overtime basis ~~((or work performed on a~~  
237 ~~holiday that is normally scheduled as a day off. Such e))~~Compensatory time shall be  
238 granted on the basis of time and one-half.

239           ~~((N. "Competitive employment" means a position established in the county~~  
240 ~~budget and that requires at least twenty six weeks of service per year as the work~~  
241 ~~schedule established for the position.~~

242           ~~Θ.))~~ Q. "Comprehensive leave benefits" means ~~((those))~~ all the leave benefits  
243 described in and subject to this chapter, including leaves for vacations, promotional or  
244 qualifying examinations, bereavement, life-giving or life-saving procedures, sickness,  
245 volunteer service, parental leave, donated leave, and leaves of absence without pay.

246           ~~((P.))~~ R. "Council" means the county council as established by Article 2 of the  
247 charter.



248           ((Q-)) S. "County" means King County and any other organization that is legally  
249 governed by the county with respect to personnel matters.

250           ((R-)) T. "Demotion" means the voluntary or involuntary movement of an  
251 employee from a position having a higher maximum pay step to a position having a lower  
252 maximum pay step.

253           U. "Department" means the department of human resources or its successor  
254 agency.

255           ((S-)) V. "Developmental disability" means a ~~((developmental))~~ disability, as  
256 defined in RCW 71A.10.020~~((2))~~(6), as amended ~~((, attributable to mental retardation,~~  
257 ~~cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological or other condition of an individual~~  
258 ~~found by the secretary of the Washington state Department of Social and Health Services~~  
259 ~~or the secretary's designee to be closely related to mental retardation or to require~~  
260 ~~treatment similar to that required for individuals with mental retardation, which disability~~  
261 ~~originates before the individual attains age eighteen, that has continued or can be~~  
262 ~~expected to continue indefinitely and that constitutes a substantial handicap for the~~  
263 ~~individual)).~~

264           ((T-)) W. "Direct cost" means the cost aggregate of the actual weighted average  
265 cost of insured benefits, less any administrative cost therefor. Any payments to ~~((part-~~  
266 ~~time and))~~ short-term temporary employees under this chapter shall not include any  
267 administrative overhead charges applicable to administrative offices and executive  
268 departments.

269           ((U-)) X. "Director" means the ~~((manager))~~ director of the department human  
270 resources or its successor agency.

271           (~~(V-)~~) Y. "Domestic partners" are two people in a domestic partnership, one of  
272 whom is a county employee.

273           (~~(W-)~~) Z. "Domestic partnership" is a relationship whereby two people:

- 274           1. Have a close personal relationship;
- 275           2. Are each other's sole domestic partner and are responsible for each other's  
276 common welfare;
- 277           3. Share the same regular and permanent residence;
- 278           4. Are jointly responsible for basic living expenses which means the cost of  
279 basic food, shelter, and any other expenses of a domestic partner that are paid at least in  
280 part by a program or benefit for which the partner qualified because of the domestic  
281 partnership. The individuals need not contribute equally or jointly to the cost of these  
282 expenses as long as they agree that both are responsible for the cost;
- 283           5. Are not married to anyone;
- 284           6. Are each eighteen years of age or older;
- 285           7. Are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the state of  
286 Washington;
- 287           8. Were mentally competent to consent to contract when the domestic  
288 partnership began.

289           (~~(X-)~~) AA. "Employed at least half time or more" means employed in a regular  
290 position that has an established work schedule of not less than one-half the number of  
291 hours of the full-time positions in the work unit in which the employee is assigned, or  
292 when viewed on a (~~(calendar year)~~) rolling twelve-month basis, nine hundred ten hours or  
293 more in a work unit in which a work week of more than thirty-five but less than forty

hours is standard or one thousand forty hours or more in a work unit in which a forty hour work week is standard. If the standard work week hours within a work unit varies (employees working both thirty-five and forty hours) the director, in consultation with the department, is responsible for determining what hour threshold applies.

~~((Y.))~~ BB. "Employee" means any person who is employed in an executive-branch career service position or career service exempt position.

~~((Z.))~~ CC. "Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits" means full-time regular, part-time regular, provisional, probationary, and term-limited temporary employees.

~~((AA.))~~ DD. "Executive" means the county executive, as established by Article 3 of the charter.

~~((BB. "Exempt employee" means an employee employed in a position that is not a career service position under Section 550 of the charter. Exempt employees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.~~

~~CC. "Exempt position" means any position excluded as a career service position by Section 550 of the charter. Exempt positions are positions to which appointments may be made directly without a competitive hiring process.~~

~~DD.))~~ EE. "Full-time regular employee" means an employee employed in a full-time regular position and, for full-time career service positions, is not serving a probationary period.

~~((EE.))~~ FF. "Full-time regular position" means a regular position that has an established work schedule of not less than thirty-five hours per week in those work units

316 in which a thirty-five-hour week is standard, or of not less than forty hours per week in  
317 those work units in which a forty-hour week is standard.

318       ~~((FF.))~~ GG. "Furlough day" means a day for which an employee shall perform no  
319 work and shall receive no pay due to an emergency budget crisis necessitating emergency  
320 budget furloughs.

321       ~~((GG.))~~ HH. "Furloughed employee" means an employee who is placed in a  
322 temporary status without duties and without pay due to a financial emergency  
323 necessitating budget reductions.

324       ~~((HH.))~~ II. "Grievance" means an issue raised by an employee relating to the  
325 interpretation of rights, benefits, or condition of employment as contained in either the  
326 administrative rules or procedures, or both, for the career service.

327       ~~((II. "Immediate family" means spouse, child, parent, son-in-law, daughter in-~~  
328 ~~law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, domestic partner and the child, parent, sibling,~~  
329 ~~grandparent or grandchild of the spouse or domestic partner.~~

330       ~~JJ. "Incentive increase" means an increase to an employee's base salary within the~~  
331 ~~assigned pay range, based on demonstrated performance.~~

332       ~~KK.))~~ JJ. "Insured benefits" means those insurance benefits described in and  
333 subject to this chapter, including medical, dental, life, disability, and vision benefits.

334       ~~((LL.))~~ KK. "Integrated work setting" means a work setting in which the majority  
335 of people employed are individuals without disabilities and wages are paid at minimum  
336 wage or better.

337       ~~((MM.))~~ LL. "King County family and medical leave" means a leave of absence  
338 taken under K.C.C. 3.12.221.

339           ~~((NN-))~~ MM. "Life-giving and life-saving procedures" means a medically-  
340 supervised procedure involving the testing, sampling, or donation of blood, organs,  
341 fluids, tissues and other human body components for the purposes of donation without  
342 compensation to a person for a medically necessary treatment.

343           ~~((OO-))~~ NN. "Marital status" means the presence or absence of a marital  
344 relationship and includes the status of being married, separated, divorced, ~~((engaged,))~~  
345 widowed, or single ~~((or cohabiting))~~.

346           OO. "Merit increase" means an increase to an employee's base salary supported  
347 by demonstrated performance.

348           PP. "Part-time employee" means an employee employed in a part-time position.  
349 Under Section 550 of the charter, part-time employees are not members of the career  
350 service.

351           QQ. "Part-time position" means ~~((an))~~ a position other than a regular position in  
352 which the part-time employee is employed less than half time, that is less than nine  
353 hundred ten hours in a ~~((calendar year))~~ rolling twelve-month period in a work unit in  
354 which a thirty-five hour work week is standard or less than one thousand forty hours in a  
355 ~~((calendar year))~~ rolling twelve-month period in a work unit in which a forty-hour work  
356 week is standard, except as provided elsewhere in this chapter. Where the standard work  
357 week falls between thirty-five and forty hours, the director, in consultation with the  
358 department, is responsible for determining what hour threshold will apply. Part-time  
359 position excludes administrative intern.

360           RR. "Part-time regular employee" means an employee employed in a part-time  
361 regular position and, for part-time career service positions, is not serving a probationary

362 period. Under Section 550 of the charter, ~~((such))~~ part-time regular employees are  
363 members of the career service.

364 SS. "Part-time regular position" means a regular position in which the part-time  
365 regular employee is employed for at least nine hundred ten hours but less than a full-time  
366 basis in a ~~((calendar year))~~ rolling twelve-month period in a work unit in which a thirty-  
367 five hour work week is standard or for at least one thousand forty hours but less than a  
368 full-time basis in a ~~((calendar year))~~ rolling twelve-month period in a work unit in which  
369 a forty-hour work week is standard. Where the standard work week falls between thirty-  
370 five and forty hours, the director, in consultation with the department, is responsible for  
371 determining what hour threshold will apply.

372 TT. "Pay grade" means the numeric value assigned to each pay range in the pay  
373 plan.

374 UU. "Pay plan" means a systematic schedule of ~~((numbered))~~ pay ranges ~~((with~~  
375 ~~minimum, maximum and intermediate steps for each pay range, a schedule of assignment~~  
376 ~~of each classification to a numbered pay range))~~ assigned to pay grades and rules for  
377 administration.

378 ~~((UU.))~~ VV. "Pay range" means ~~((one or more pay rates representing the~~  
379 ~~minimum, maximum and intermediate steps assigned to a classification))~~ the range of pay  
380 rates consisting of minimum, maximum, and intermediate steps, established for each pay  
381 grade.

382 ~~((VV.))~~ WW. "Pay range adjustment" means the adjustment ~~((of the numbered~~  
383 ~~pay range of a classification to another numbered pay range in the schedule based on a~~  
384 ~~classification change, competitive pay data or other significant factors))~~ to the pay range

385 of a classification to a higher or lower pay range, typically to appropriately reflect  
386 changes in classification content, internal equity considerations, or competitive market  
387 pay data, or any combination thereof.

388 ~~((WW.))~~ XX. "Pay rate" means an individual dollar amount that is one of the  
389 steps in a pay range paid to an employee based on the classification of the position  
390 occupied.

391 YY. "Personnel guidelines" means ~~((only those))~~ operational procedures  
392 promulgated by the director ~~((necessary))~~ to implement personnel policies ~~((or  
393 requirements previously stipulated by ordinance or the charter))~~. ~~((Such))~~ The personnel  
394 guidelines shall be applicable only to employees assigned to executive departments and  
395 administrative agencies.

396 ~~((XX.))~~ ZZ. "Position" means a group of current duties and responsibilities  
397 assigned by competent authority requiring the employment of one person.

398 ~~((YY.))~~ AAA. "Probationary employee" means an employee serving a  
399 probationary period in a regular career service position. Probationary employees are  
400 temporary employees and excluded from career service under Section 550 of the charter.

401 ~~((ZZ.))~~ BBB. "Probationary period" means a period of time, as determined by the  
402 director, for assessing whether an individual is qualified for a career service position to  
403 which the employee has been newly appointed or has moved from another position,  
404 whether through promotion, demotion or transfer, except as provided in K.C.C. 3.12.100  
405 and 3.15.140.

406           ~~((AAA-))~~ CCC. "Probationary period salary increase" means a within-range  
407 salary increase from one step to the next ~~((highest))~~ higher step upon satisfactory  
408 completion of the probationary period.

409           ~~((BBB-))~~ DDD. "Promotion" means the movement of an employee to a position  
410 in a classification having a pay range with a higher maximum salary.

411           ~~((CCC-))~~ EEE. "Provisional appointment" means an appointment made in the  
412 absence of a list of candidates certified as qualified by the director. Only the director  
413 may authorize a provisional appointment. An appointment to this status is limited to six  
414 months.

415           ~~((DDD-))~~ FFF. "Provisional employee" means an employee serving by  
416 provisional appointment in a regular career service position. Provisional employees are  
417 temporary employees and excluded from career service under Section 550 of the charter.

418           ~~((EEE-))~~ GGG. "Qualifying event" means the birth of the employee's child, the  
419 employee's adoption of a minor child, or the foster-to-adopt placement of a minor child  
420 with the employee.

421           ~~((FFF. "Recruiting step" means the first step of the salary range allocated to a  
422 class unless otherwise authorized by the executive.))~~

423           HHH. "Reclassification" means a change in the classification of a position  
424 resulting from a review by the department of human resources where it is found that the  
425 duties and responsibilities of the position have been changed permanently and  
426 significantly over time or have changed due to a reorganization or council action. A  
427 reclassification may result in the position being placed in a higher, lower, or the same pay  
428 range.



429           ~~((GGG.))~~ III. "Regular position" means a position established in the county  
430 budget and identified within a budgetary unit's authorized full time equivalent (FTE)  
431 level as set out in the budget detail report.

432           ~~((HHH.))~~ JJJ. "Salary ~~((or pay rate))~~" means an individual dollar amount that is  
433 one of the steps in a pay range paid to an employee based on the classification of the  
434 employee's position ~~((occupied))~~.

435           ~~((HH.))~~ KKK. "Section" means an agency's budget unit comprised of a particular  
436 project program or line of business as described in the budget detail plan for the previous  
437 fiscal period as attached to the adopted appropriation ordinance or as modified by the  
438 most recent supplemental appropriations ordinance. This definition is not intended to  
439 create an organization structure for any agency.

440           ~~((JJJ.))~~ LLL. "Serious health condition" ~~((means an illness or injury, impairment  
441 or physical or mental condition that involves one or more of the following:~~

442               ~~1. An acute episode that requires more than three consecutive calendar days of  
443 incapacity and either multiple treatments by a licensed health care provider or at least one  
444 treatment plus follow-up care such as a course of prescription medication; and any  
445 subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition;~~

446               ~~2. A chronic ailment continuing over an extended period of time that requires  
447 periodic visits for treatment by a health care provider and that has the ability to cause  
448 either continuous or intermittent episodes of incapacity;~~

449               ~~3. In-patient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility or  
450 related out-patient follow-up care;~~

451           4. ~~An ailment requiring multiple medical interventions or treatments by a health~~  
452 ~~care provider that, if not provided, would likely result in a period of incapacity for more~~  
453 ~~than three consecutive calendar days;~~

454           5. ~~A permanent or long term ailment for which treatment might not be effective~~  
455 ~~but that requires medical supervision by a health care provider; or~~

456           6. ~~Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or prenatal care.))~~ has the same  
457 meaning as under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 C.F.R. Sec. 825.113.

458           ~~((KKK.))~~ MMM. "Short-term temporary employee" means a temporary  
459 employee who is employed in a short-term temporary position.

460           ~~((LLL.))~~ NNN. "Short-term temporary position" means a type of position in  
461 which a temporary employee works less than nine hundred ten hours in a ~~((calendar~~  
462 ~~year))~~ rolling twelve-month period in a work unit in which a thirty-five-hour work week  
463 is standard or less than one thousand forty hours in a ~~((calendar year))~~ rolling twelve-  
464 month period in a work unit in which a forty-hour work week is standard. Where the  
465 standard work week falls between thirty-five and forty hours, the director, in consultation  
466 with the department, is responsible for determining what hour threshold will apply. The  
467 relevant measurement period shall begin anew for a short-term temporary employee after  
468 twenty-six consecutive weeks in an unpaid status.

469           ~~((MMM.))~~ OOO. "Temporary employee" means an employee employed in a  
470 temporary position and in addition, includes an employee serving a probationary period  
471 or under provisional appointment. Under Section 550 of the charter, temporary  
472 employees shall not be members of the career service.

473           (~~(NNN-))~~ PPP. "Temporary position" means a position that is not a regular  
474 position as defined in this chapter and excludes administrative intern. Temporary  
475 positions include both term-limited temporary and short-term temporary positions.

476           (~~(OOO-))~~ QQQ. "Term-limited temporary employee" means a temporary  
477 employee who is employed in a term-limited temporary position. Term-limited  
478 temporary employees are not members of the career service. Term-limited temporary  
479 employees may not be employed in term-limited temporary positions longer than three  
480 years beyond the date of hire, except that for grant-funded projects capital improvement  
481 projects and information systems technology projects the maximum period may be  
482 extended up to five years upon approval of the director. The director shall maintain a  
483 current list of all term-limited temporary employees by department.

484           (~~(PPP-))~~ RRR. "Term-limited temporary position" means a temporary position  
485 with work related to a specific grant, capital improvement project, information systems  
486 technology project or other nonroutine, substantial body of work, for a period greater  
487 than six months. In determining whether a body of work is appropriate for a term-limited  
488 temporary position, the appointing authority (~~(will)~~) shall consider the following:

489           1. Grant-funded projects: These positions will involve projects or activities that  
490 are funded by special grants for a specific time or activity. These grants are not regularly  
491 available to or their receipt predictable by the county;

492           2. Information systems technology projects: These positions will be needed to  
493 plan and implement new information systems projects for the county. Term-limited  
494 temporary positions may not be used for ongoing maintenance of systems that have been  
495 implemented;

496           3. Capital improvement projects: These positions will involve the management  
497 of major capital improvement projects. Term-limited temporary positions may not be  
498 used for ongoing management of buildings or facilities once they have been built;

499           4. Miscellaneous projects: Other significant and substantial bodies of work may  
500 be appropriate for term-limited temporary positions. These bodies of work must be either  
501 nonroutine projects for the department or related to the initiation or cessation of a county  
502 function, project, or department;

503           5. Seasonal positions: These are positions with work for more than six  
504 consecutive months, half-time or more, with total hours of at least nine hundred ten in a  
505 calendar year in a work unit in which a thirty-five hour work week is standard or at least  
506 one thousand forty hours in a calendar year in a work unit in which a forty hour work  
507 week is standard, that due to the nature of the work have predictable periods of inactivity  
508 exceeding one month. Where the standard work week falls between thirty-five and forty  
509 hours, the director, in consultation with the department, is responsible for determining  
510 what hour threshold will apply; and

511           6. Temporary placement in regular positions: These are positions used to back  
512 fill regular positions for six months or more due to a career service employee's absence  
513 such as extended leave or assignment on any of the foregoing time-limited projects.

514           ~~((All appointments to term-limited temporary positions will be made by the~~  
515 ~~appointing authority in consultation with the director before the appointment of term-~~  
516 ~~limited temporary employees.~~

517           ~~QQQ-))~~ SSS. "Volunteer for the county" means an individual who performs  
518 service for the county for civic, charitable, or humanitarian reasons, without promise,

519 expectation, or receipt of compensation from the county for services rendered and who is  
520 accepted as a volunteer by the county, except emergency service worker volunteers as  
521 described by chapter 38.52 RCW. A "volunteer for the county" may receive reasonable  
522 reimbursement of expenses or an allowance for expenses actually incurred without losing  
523 status as a volunteer. "Volunteer for the county" includes, but is not limited to, a  
524 volunteer serving as a board member, officer, commission member, volunteer intern, or  
525 direct service volunteer.

526 ~~((PPP))~~ TTT. "Volunteer intern" means volunteers who are either:

527 1. Enrolled during the regular school year in a program of education, internship,  
528 or apprenticeship and receiving scholastic credit or scholastic recognition for  
529 participating in the internship; or

530 2. Legal interns who have graduated from law school but have not yet been  
531 admitted to the Washington State Bar Association.

532 ~~((SSS))~~ UUU. "Washington state registered domestic partner" means persons  
533 who have met the requirements for a valid state-registered domestic partnership as  
534 established by RCW 26.60.030 and who have been issued a certificate of state-registered  
535 domestic partnership by the Secretary of State's office.

536 ~~((TTT))~~ VVV. "Work study student" means a student enrolled or accepted for  
537 enrollment at a post-secondary institution who, according to a system of need analysis  
538 approved by the ~~((higher education coordinating board))~~ Washington student  
539 achievement council, demonstrates a financial inability ~~((, either parental, familial or~~  
540 ~~personal,))~~ to bear the total cost of education for any semester or quarter.

541           SECTION 3. Ordinance 12014, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.12.020 are each hereby  
542 amended to read as follows:

543           A. All employees shall hold their positions subject to the conditions stated in the  
544 charter, this chapter, department of human resources policies, other applicable  
545 ordinances, and the personnel guidelines.

546           B. No employee may engage in any occupation or outside activity which is  
547 incompatible with the proper discharge of official county duties, or which would impair  
548 independence of judgment or action in the performance of ~~((such))~~ official duties. All  
549 employees are specifically referred to the conflict of interest provisions contained in  
550 K.C.C. 3.04.

551           C. ~~((The employment of members of the same family or other close relatives of  
552 employees shall not be limited except where required by business or job-related  
553 necessity. For purposes of this section, "business or job-related necessity" includes those  
554 circumstances where the county's actions are based upon a compelling and essential need  
555 to avoid business or job-related conflicts of interest, or to avoid the reality or appearance  
556 of improper influence or favor.))~~ An employee may not supervise a family member or  
557 other close relative or make or influence employment-related decisions about a family  
558 member or other close relative, including a hiring decision. For purposes of this section,  
559 "~~((same))~~ family member or other close relative~~((s))~~" means the mother, father, child,  
560 sister, brother, wife, husband, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, in-  
561 laws, domestic partner, ~~((children))~~ child of a domestic partner, and relatives of a  
562 domestic partner to the same extent such relatives would be included in this paragraph if  
563 the employee and the domestic partner were married. ~~((Nothing in this subsection shall~~

564 ~~be construed to prevent or impede the advancement or promotion of any person~~  
565 ~~employed by the county prior to January 1, 1996.))~~

566       SECTION 4. Ordinance 4324, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.030 are  
567 hereby repealed.

568       SECTION 5. Ordinance 12014, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.040 are  
569 each hereby amended to read as follows:

570           A. Full-time regular, part-time regular, provisional, probationary, and term-  
571 limited temporary employees shall receive the comprehensive leave benefits provided in  
572 this chapter. Short-term temporary employees and administrative interns do not receive  
573 comprehensive leave benefits and are only eligible for the sick leave benefits outlined in  
574 K.C.C. 3.12.220.

575           B. Full-time regular, part-time regular, provisional, probationary, term-limited  
576 temporary employees, and those employees who meet the definition of full time  
577 employee under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended, and  
578 including applicable regulations promulgated under the Patient Protection and Affordable  
579 Care Act of 2010, as amended, and their spouses or Washington state registered domestic  
580 partners, each of their dependent children under age twenty-six and each of the dependent  
581 children under age twenty-six of their spouses or Washington state registered domestic  
582 partners shall be eligible for medical, dental, life, disability, and vision benefits, except in  
583 those instances where contrary provisions have been agreed to in the collective  
584 bargaining process and to the extent such benefits are available through insurers selected  
585 by the county. The director shall establish specific provisions governing eligibility for  
586 these benefits as part of the personnel guidelines and consistent with budget

requirements. The provisions may include waiting periods for employees newly (-)  
hired to the county.

C. (~~(Part-time and)~~) Short-term temporary employees (~~(, other than probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees,))~~ who in a rolling twelve-month period  
exceed the (~~(calendar year)~~) working hours threshold (~~((defined in this chapter))~~) shall  
receive compensation in lieu of leave benefits at the rate of (~~((fifteen))~~) twelve and one-half  
percent of gross pay for all hours worked (~~((less the value of any sick leave benefits provided under K.C.C. 3.12.220.A.2))~~), paid retroactive (~~((to the first hour of employment and for each hour worked thereafter))~~) back three years. If during that three-year period  
there has been at least a twenty-six consecutive week period in unpaid status, the payment  
is made retroactive to the most recent hire date after that break in service. If an employee  
has not previously received insured benefits provided under K.C.C. 3.12.040.B, the  
employee shall also receive a one-time only payment in an amount equal to the direct cost  
of three months of insured benefits, as determined by the director, and, in lieu of insured  
benefits, in an amount equal to the direct cost to the county for each employee for whom  
insured benefits are provided, prorated to reflect the affected employee's normal work  
week, for each hour worked thereafter. The additional compensation shall continue until  
termination of employment or hire into a full-time regular, part-time regular, or term-  
limited position. (~~((Further, employees receiving pay in lieu of insured benefits may elect to receive the medical component of the insured benefit plan, with the cost to be deducted from their gross pay, but an employee who so elects shall remain in the selected plan until: termination of employment; hire into a full-time regular, part-time regular or term-limited~~



609 ~~position; or service of an appropriate notice of change or cancellation during the employee~~  
610 ~~benefits annual open enrollment.~~

611 ~~Part-time and~~) Short-term temporary employees (~~(, other than probationary,~~  
612 ~~provisional and term limited temporary employees,))~~ who exceed the applicable threshold  
613 are also eligible for cash in lieu of the bus pass benefit provided to regular employees. The  
614 value shall be determined based on the average annual cost per employee as determined in  
615 the adopted budget, prorated to an hourly equivalent based on the employee's normal work  
616 week, and shall be paid retroactive to the first hour worked and for each hour worked  
617 thereafter until termination of employment or hire into a full-time regular, part-time  
618 regular, or term limited position.

619 SECTION 6. Ordinance 12014, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.042 are  
620 each hereby amended to read as follows:

621 A. The county shall offer to those employees who are qualified to receive medical  
622 benefits the opportunity to participate in ~~((a))~~ qualifying Internal Revenue Code Sections  
623 125 and 129 dependent care assistance programs. The department of human resources  
624 shall incorporate the dependent care assistance program in its employee flexible benefit  
625 program.

626 B. The costs of administering the dependent care assistance program shall be fully  
627 borne by the county and existing and future employee benefits shall not be reduced as a  
628 result of the cost of administering the program. Savings in county paid payroll taxes, if any,  
629 resulting from this program shall accrue to the county.

630 C. Non-represented employees who are qualified to receive medical benefits shall  
631 be offered the dependent care assistance program whether or not represented employee  
632 groups choose to participate in the program.

633 SECTION 7. Ordinance 12014, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.044 are  
634 each hereby amended to read as follows:

635 A. ~~((Employees))~~ An employee who receives medical, dental, life and disability  
636 insurance, and vision benefits shall ~~((designate their))~~ show proof of the employee's spouse,  
637 ~~((their))~~ the employee's Washington state registered domestic partner, ((their)) the  
638 employee's dependent children under age twenty-six, and the dependent children under age  
639 twenty-six of ((their)) the employee's spouse or Washington state registered domestic  
640 partner ((in an Affidavit of Marriage/Domestic Partnership)) with a copy of a marriage  
641 certificate or a certification of state-registered domestic partnership by the Washington  
642 Secretary of State's Office in order for ((such)) the spouse, Washington state registered  
643 domestic partner, ((and/)) or children to receive ((such)) the benefits, to the extent ((such))  
644 the benefits are available to ((them)) the spouse, Washington state registered domestic  
645 partner, or children. ((The director shall prescribe the form of the affidavit. In the  
646 affidavit, the employee shall:

647 1. ~~Attest to the following:~~

648 a. ~~if married, that the employee is currently married to the individual identified~~  
649 ~~by name on the affidavit, or~~

650 b. ~~if participating in a domestic partnership, that:~~

651 (1) ~~the employee is currently in a domestic partnership with the individual~~  
652 ~~identified by name on the affidavit;~~

653           ~~(2) the employee meets all the qualifications of a domestic partnership, as~~  
654 ~~defined by this chapter; and~~

655           ~~(3) any prior domestic partnership in which the employee or the employee's~~  
656 ~~domestic partner participated with a third party was terminated at least ninety days prior to~~  
657 ~~the date of said affidavit or by the death of that third party, and if such prior domestic~~  
658 ~~partnership had been acknowledged pursuant to this chapter, that notice of the termination~~  
659 ~~of the prior domestic partnership, whether by death of the domestic partner or otherwise,~~  
660 ~~was provided to the county at least ninety days prior to the date of said affidavit;~~

661           ~~2. Agree to notify the county if there is a change of the circumstances attested to~~  
662 ~~in the affidavit; and~~

663           ~~3. Affirm, under penalty of law, that the assertions in the affidavit are true.))~~

664           B. The employee shall provide the county with a notice of termination of marriage  
665 or Washington state registered domestic partnership, on a form prescribed by the director,  
666 upon dissolution of a marriage or termination of a Washington state registered domestic  
667 partnership, within thirty days of termination of the marriage or domestic partnership. A  
668 marriage or Washington state registered domestic partnership shall be deemed terminated  
669 as provided under state law. ~~((A domestic partnership shall be deemed terminated:~~

670           ~~1. When the domestic partners no longer meet one or more of the qualifications of~~  
671 ~~a domestic partnership, as defined by this chapter; or~~

672           ~~2. Upon the death of a domestic partner.))~~

673           C. ~~((All affidavits of marriage/domestic partnership;))~~ All marriage certificates,  
674 certifications of Washington state registered domestic partnerships, and notices of  
675 termination of marriage ~~((/))~~ or state-registered domestic partnership ~~((, and any~~

676 ~~information contained in said affidavits~~ submitted to the county shall be confidential and  
677 subject to disclosure only upon express written authorization by the persons identified in  
678 the forms or if otherwise required by law.

679       SECTION 8. Ordinance 12014, Section 10, and K.C.C. 3.12.050 are each hereby  
680 amended to read as follows:

681       All career service employees shall be members of the county career service  
682 mandated by Section 510 of the charter. The recruitment, selection, and promotion of  
683 ~~((such))~~ career service employees shall be competitive and shall be based on merit. Career  
684 service employees shall have ~~((such))~~ the rights, working conditions, and benefits as are  
685 specified by this chapter.

686       SECTION 9. Ordinance 12014, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.060 are  
687 each hereby amended to read as follows:

688       If the functions of another governmental entity are assumed by the county, and if  
689 former employees of that entity become county employees, then the director shall  
690 determine whether ~~((such))~~ the employees will be members of or exempt from the career  
691 service. In making this determination, the director shall apply the standards contained in  
692 Section 550 of the charter. The career service status of each employee shall be equivalent  
693 to that which the employee would have had, had the employee been a county employee  
694 during the term of the former employment. Nothing in this section shall derogate from the  
695 county's power to eliminate positions and lay off employees because of lack of work, lack  
696 of funds, or considerations of operational efficiency.

697       SECTION 10. Ordinance 4324, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.080 are each hereby  
698 amended to read as follows:

699 Appointment of ~~((county))~~ executive-branch employees ~~((within the executive~~  
700 ~~branch))~~ shall be accomplished by the executive, department directors, and division  
701 managers. In all cases, the appointing authority shall have the power to remove employees.  
702 The appointing authority shall be responsible for the merit evaluation of all employees  
703 under ~~((that))~~ their authority.

704 SECTION 11. Ordinance 12014, Section 12, and K.C.C. 3.12.090 are each  
705 hereby amended to read as follows:

706 A. The director shall establish ~~((examination))~~ selection procedures for filling  
707 existing and anticipated vacant career service positions ~~((in the career service))~~.  
708 ~~((Examinations))~~ Selection procedures may be open or promotional, depending upon which  
709 will best serve the interests of the county.

710 B. All ~~((examinations))~~ selection procedures for career service positions shall be  
711 competitive.

712 SECTION 12. Ordinance 12014, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.100  
713 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

714 A. ~~((There))~~ All employees in career service positions shall ~~((be))~~ serve a  
715 probationary period, during which time ~~((a))~~ the appointing authority shall evaluate the  
716 probationary employees ~~((shall be evaluated by the appointing authority))~~ to determine  
717 qualification for entry into the career service. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
718 an individual's appointment, promotion, demotion, or transfer by competitive process to a  
719 career service position is not final unless the employee successfully completes the  
720 probationary period. The probationary period shall be determined by the director, but shall  
721 be not less than six months or more than one year of actual service, and shall be served by

those employees who have been newly hired or reemployed or have moved from another ((career service)) position, whether through promotion, demotion, or transfer except:

1. There shall not be a probationary period following a reclassification;

2. If an employee is hired into a career service position and served in a special duty capacity in the same position or doing substantially similar work within one year of that hire, the employee shall receive credit towards the employee's probationary period for the time served in the special duty role;

3. An appointing authority who hires a temporary employee into a career service position, may count all prior continuous employment in the same position or time performing the same work toward satisfying the probationary period requirement;

4. A furloughed employee's probationary period shall not be extended as a result of a budgetary furlough; and

~~((2-))~~ 5. A career service employee who transfers to a position within the employee's same classification, pay range, and department or agency shall not be required to serve a probationary period unless the director of the department of human resources or its successor or the director's designee makes a written finding, in advance of the transfer, that the essential functions of the new position are substantially different from those of the employee's previous position, taking into consideration: the specific duties of the position; the work setting; the skills, training, and experience needed; the level of available support and supervision; and any other factors the director or designee deems relevant.

B. A probationary employee may be separated from county service at any time during the probationary period without right of appeal to the personnel board.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, an employee who does not

745 successfully complete the probationary period in a position to which the employee had  
746 been promoted or transferred may be restored to the employee's former position. Such  
747 restoration is not mandatory, but is optional at the discretion of the former appointing  
748 authority within the limits of available authorized positions. Such restoration shall include  
749 restoration of the employee's former salary and all other benefits to which the employee  
750 would have been entitled if the promotion or transfer had not occurred.

751 SECTION 13. Ordinance 12014, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.110  
752 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

753 A. It shall be the policy of the county to provide, within budgeted appropriations,  
754 training opportunities for employees. The objective of the training policy shall be guided  
755 by, but not limited to, the overall objectives of encouraging and motivating employees to  
756 improve their personal capabilities in performance of their assigned job duties.

757 B. ~~((The director shall be responsible for planning and executing an adequate~~  
758 ~~training program for employees.~~

759 ~~€))~~ The county shall pay for any training, certification, or license, except for a  
760 driver's license, that is required by the county for the employee's position. ~~((This includes))~~  
761 The county shall also provide necessary release time for training that is preapproved by the  
762 employee's supervisor.

763 ~~((D:))~~ C. The county shall reimburse an employee for the cost of maintaining their  
764 commercial driver's license endorsement or endorsements if they are required by the county  
765 for the employee's position.

766 ~~((E:))~~ D. The county shall not reimburse employees for unauthorized training.

767           ~~((F:))~~ E. Employees wishing to complete educational programs may request a leave  
768 of absence without pay for ~~((this))~~ that purpose.

769           SECTION 14. Ordinance 12014, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.120  
770 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

771           A. ~~((Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent, relieve or otherwise excuse~~  
772 ~~any county officer or employee from the performance of any duty imposed upon the officer~~  
773 ~~or employee by any other law of this county, or from the rendering of service at such times~~  
774 ~~and places as are necessary in order to properly perform the functions of the officer or~~  
775 ~~employee's office or employment.~~

776           ~~B. Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, t))~~The official workday shall  
777 consist of eight hours of work for all full-time ~~((regular and full-time probationary))~~  
778 employees. The ~~((lunch hour))~~ meal period shall not be considered ~~((as))~~ part of the  
779 workday. ~~((The official workday for other employees shall be determined))~~ Alternative  
780 workdays may be approved by the director. In the case of service reductions resulting in a  
781 budgetary furlough, departments may reduce work hours or county offices may be closed.

782           ~~((C:))~~ B. ~~((Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, t))~~The official  
783 ~~((workweek))~~ work week shall consist of five working days for all full-time ~~((regular and~~  
784 ~~full-time probationary))~~ employees. ~~((The official workweek))~~ Alternative work weeks for  
785 ~~((other))~~ employees ~~((shall))~~ may be determined by the director. In the case of service  
786 reductions resulting from a budgetary furlough, county offices may be closed, resulting in  
787 the reduction of the ~~((workweek))~~ work week.



788           ~~((D. The county recognizes that there is an occasional need for an employee to~~  
789 ~~return to work outside of the employee's normal workday. The personnel guidelines shall~~  
790 ~~contain procedures relating to call duty.~~

791           ~~E. The county recognizes a responsibility for action regarding on the job injuries.~~  
792 ~~The personnel guidelines shall contain procedures relating to on the job injury.~~

793           ~~F. A career service employee who accepts an appointment to an exempt position~~  
794 ~~effective on or after January 1, 1996, and which position and appointment resulted from the~~  
795 ~~reorganization of the executive branch as reflected in the creation of certain new positions~~  
796 ~~contained in Attachment A to Ordinance 12013 shall retain the employee's career service~~  
797 ~~status and rights while holding such exempt position and have the restoration rights set~~  
798 ~~forth in this section. This provision is not intended to provide the career service employee~~  
799 ~~with a right to the exempt position. But, such employee, if selected for the exempt position,~~  
800 ~~could be terminated from the position only for just cause.~~

801           ~~G. A career service employee who accepts a transfer or promotion to an exempt~~  
802 ~~position before December 1, 1979, shall, upon separation from the exempt position, be~~  
803 ~~allowed to re-enter career service at a position comparable in terms of responsibilities and~~  
804 ~~salary or wage (including normal cost of living increases) to the career service position~~  
805 ~~formerly held by the employee.)) C. A career service employee accepting ((such)) a~~  
806 ~~transfer or promotion ((on or after December 1, 1979)) to a career service exempt position,~~  
807 ~~shall have ((such)) a right to ((restoration)) reenter career service, but only if:~~

808           1. The ~~((right to restoration))~~ reentry is exercised within four calendar years from  
809 the effective date of the transfer or promotion to a~~((n-exempt))~~ position exempt from career  
810 service; and

811           2.a. ~~((t))~~The former appointing authority, at the appointing authority's discretion,  
812 approves the restoration within the limits of available authorized positions; or

813           b. a different appointing authority, having jurisdiction over comparable authorized  
814 positions, and at the different appointing authority's discretion, approves the restoration  
815 within the limits of available authorized positions.

816           ~~((H. Matters involving wages and hours, including but not limited to minimum  
817 wage and overtime compensation, shall be determined in accordance with applicable state  
818 and federal laws and regulations.~~

819           ~~I.))~~ D. A career service employee who resigns in good standing or accepts another  
820 career service position may be rehired in the same classification or in a lower classification  
821 in the same classification series without a competitive hiring process, if the employee is  
822 rehired within two years after resignation and the employee meets the current education,  
823 experience, and physical qualifications for the position. The employee must serve a  
824 probationary period. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits who are rehired  
825 within two years may be eligible for restoration of their vacation accrual rate and previous  
826 sick leave balances in accordance with K.C.C. 3.12.190 and 3.12.220.

827           E. Overtime work may be authorized by the ~~((department director))~~ appointing  
828 authority where necessary to maintain or perform ~~((vital))~~ county services. ~~((and shall be~~  
829 ~~paid in accordance with appropriate state and federal law.~~

830           ~~I.))~~ F. If ~~((a))~~ the county ~~((agency or the benefits, payroll and retirement operations~~  
831 ~~section of the central employee services division))~~ has determined that an overpayment of  
832 wages to a nonrepresented employee has occurred, the ~~((agency or the benefits, payroll and~~  
833 ~~retirement operations section of the central employee services division))~~ county shall

834 provide written notice to the nonrepresented employee consistent with ~~((state law))~~ RCW  
835 49.48.210.

836 ~~((K.))~~ G. The following adjudicative process is available~~((, subject to subsection K.~~  
837 ~~1. through 12. of this section,))~~ after a decision regarding a nonrepresented employee's  
838 challenge to an initial determination of an overpayment of wages:

839 1. A nonrepresented county employee who is dissatisfied with the decision  
840 regarding the employee's challenge to the overpayment determination must submit to the  
841 manager ~~((of the benefits, payroll and retirement operations section))~~ of the central  
842 employee services division a written request for an adjudicative proceeding consistent with  
843 RCW 49.48.210;

844 2. The request must comply with RCW 49.48.210;

845 3. A county agency's determination concerning an overpayment to a  
846 nonrepresented employee shall be final if the nonrepresented employee fails to request an  
847 adjudicative proceeding in the manner prescribed by RCW 49.48.210;

848 4. The manager of benefits, payroll and retirement operations section of the  
849 central employee services division shall log the date and time of the request and forward  
850 the request to the agency and to the manager of the central employee services division, who  
851 shall be responsible for the adjudicative proceeding;

852 5. Within forty-five business days of receipt of the nonrepresented employee's  
853 written request for an adjudicative hearing, the manager of the central employee services  
854 division shall conduct an adjudicative hearing to review the decision regarding the  
855 challenge to the overpayment determination and to determine the final amount of the  
856 overpayment, if any, received by the nonrepresented employee. However, the manager of

the central employee services division may, under extenuating circumstances, schedule the adjudicative hearing at a time that is more than forty-five days after the receipt of the request for a hearing. The manager of the central employee services division shall set the time and place of the hearing and give not less than fifteen business days advance written notice to all parties; notice to the nonrepresented employee shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested;

6. At the hearing, evidence may be presented by the nonrepresented employee, the agency, and the benefits, payroll and retirement operations section of the central employee services division, but any documents must be provided to the other parties at least five business days before the hearing;

7. If the nonrepresented employee fails to attend or participate in the hearing, upon a showing of valid service, the manager of the central employee services division may enter an administrative order declaring the amount claimed, in the notice sent to the employee after the employer's review of the employee's challenge to the overpayment determination, to be assessed against the employee and subject to collection action by the employer as provided in RCW 49.48.200;

8. Within thirty business days after the hearing, the manager of the central employee services division shall issue an administrative order that determines the final amount of the overpayment, if any, received by the nonrepresented employee. The manager of the central employee services division shall send a copy of the administrative order, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the nonrepresented employee at the employee's last known address, to the agency, and to the manager of benefits, payroll and retirement operations section of the central employee services division; however, the

880 manager of the central employee services division may, under extenuating circumstances,  
881 issue an administrative order more than thirty days after the hearing;

882 9. The administrative order issued by the manager of the central employee  
883 services division shall be final;

884 10. Once a final administrative order determining the final overpayment amount  
885 owed by the nonrepresented employee has been entered, a payroll deduction to recover the  
886 overpayment may begin as authorized by state law;

887 11. Nothing in this section precludes an agency or the benefits, payroll and  
888 retirement operations section of the central employee services division from entering into a  
889 voluntary agreement with a nonrepresented employee to repay any overpayment of wages,  
890 consistent with state law; and

891 12. The manager of the central employee services division may be recused from  
892 conducting an adjudicative hearing, at the manager's discretion, to avoid any real conflict of  
893 interest. If this occurs, the director of the department of human resources or designee shall  
894 assume responsibility for the hearing.

895 SECTION 15. Ordinance 12014, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.123  
896 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

897 ~~((The council desires to continue the weapons policy established by the~~  
898 ~~Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle prior to assumption of metropolitan functions on~~  
899 ~~January 1, 1994, by the county and continued by the council during the 1994–1995~~  
900 ~~transition period.))~~ The council recognizes that employees in the Metro transit department  
901 interact daily with the public in providing public transportation services, are expected to  
902 avoid any potentially volatile situation or confrontation, and are required to contact the

appropriate authority for assistance when necessary. In conjunction with the behavior expected of such employees, it is also the policy that the use, threatened use, or possession of a weapon concealed, licensed or otherwise, by such an employee while in the performance of the employee's official duties or while on county property is strictly prohibited and ~~((will))~~ shall result in termination. This policy does not apply to commissioned police officers under contract with or employed by the county for investigatory, undercover or enforcement reasons.

SECTION 16. Ordinance 12077, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.125 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the event the number of hours in the standard work week of a position occupied by a full-time regular employee, part-time regular employee, or ~~((;))~~ term-limited temporary employee is increased, the sick leave and vacation leave accruals of such employee at the time of the increase shall be adjusted upward so as to insure that the equivalent number of sick leave and vacation leave days accrued does not change. For example, if the standard work week of such a position is increased from thirty-five to forty hours, and if at the time of such change the employee occupying the position had accrued seven hours of sick leave, the sick leave accrual of that employee would be adjusted upward to eight hours. ~~((This section shall apply to all employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits occupying positions where the standard work week of the position was increased on or after July 1, 1991.))~~ After such an increase, such employees shall accrue vacation and sick leave in accordance with the otherwise applicable provisions ~~((of K.C.C.))~~ this chapter ~~((3.12))~~.

925           B. Separate accounts shall be maintained for any vacation or sick leave accrued  
926 before an increase in the number of work-week hours. The "adjusted leave account" shall  
927 be used for leave accrued before an increase in the number of work-week hours. The  
928 "unadjusted leave account" shall be used for leave accrued subsequent to an increase in the  
929 number of work-week hours. Leave in the adjusted leave account shall be used first.

930           C. In the event the number of work-week hours is reduced for any employee whose  
931 vacation and sick leave accruals have been adjusted upward under the terms of this section,  
932 the remaining hours in the adjusted leave account shall be reduced in the same proportion  
933 as the work-week hours are reduced. Under no circumstances shall the adjusted leave  
934 account be reduced by a greater proportion than the proportion of the previous upward  
935 adjustment. Any leave accrued in the unadjusted leave account shall not be affected by this  
936 reduction.

937           D. No adjustment to reduce sick leave or vacation accruals for a furloughed  
938 employee shall be made as a result of a budgetary furlough.

939           SECTION 17. Ordinance 12014, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12.130 are hereby  
940 repealed.

941           SECTION 18. Ordinance 4324, Section 38, and K.C.C. 3.12.140 are each hereby  
942 amended to read as follows:

943           (~~Cost of living~~) General wage increases as passed by the council annually for  
944 county employees shall include elected officials whose salaries are not set by the state.

945           SECTION 19. The following are hereby repealed:

946           A. Ordinance 4324, Section 37, and K.C.C. 3.12.150;

947           B. Ordinance 4324, Section 34, and K.C.C. 3.12.160; and

948 C. Ordinance 12014, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.170.

949 SECTION 20. Ordinance 12014, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.180

950 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

951 A. For purposes of this section:

952 1. "County work force" means persons employed by King County executive  
953 departments;

954 2. "Job group" means a grouping of jobs as defined by the United States  
955 Department of Labor;

956 3. "Labor force availability rate" means the percentage of persons of color or  
957 women with requisite job skills in King County as reported by the United States Census  
958 Bureau;

959 4. "Persons of color" means persons in each of the following groups: Blacks;  
960 Hispanics; Asian/Pacific Islanders; and Native Americans; and

961 5. "Placement goal" shall equal the labor force availability rate.

962 B. The county is an equal opportunity employer and shall carry out federal, state  
963 and local laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of  
964 race, color, religion, religious affiliation, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual  
965 orientation, gender identity or expression, age (except by minimum age and retirement  
966 provisions), marital status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence  
967 of a sensory, mental or physical disability. Further, it is the intent of the county to ensure  
968 that employment is based on the principle of equal opportunity and that such a principle  
969 shall be implemented in all county personnel-related actions including, but not limited to,



970 recruitment, hiring, testing, training, promotion, compensation, transfer and all other terms  
971 and conditions of employment in all job classifications.

972 C. In order to comply with federal contracting requirements and to ensure equal  
973 opportunity for all persons, all county departments shall establish and maintain an  
974 effective equal employment opportunity affirmative action plan, as adopted by the  
975 council by ordinance. Such an equal employment opportunity affirmative action plan  
976 shall promote the objectives of public policy set forth in applicable federal and state laws  
977 relating to nondiscrimination, equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and civil  
978 rights. Specifically, the plan shall promote the objectives of the State Law Against  
979 Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW (applicable parts), and provisions of the Washington  
980 Administrative Code adopted thereunder. As part of the county's equal employment  
981 opportunity affirmative action plan, the executive shall submit by June 1 of every fourth  
982 year, commencing with 2018, a proposed ordinance for the approval of an equal  
983 employment opportunity affirmative action plan pertaining to executive county  
984 departments and agencies to be approved, or modified, by the council by ordinance, or  
985 rejected by the council, by January 1 following the plan's submittal to council. The equal  
986 employment opportunity affirmative action plan shall include:

987 1. Information related to county work force statistics, which shall include:

988 a. a comparison of labor force availability for women and persons of color to  
989 the county's actual labor force for women and persons of color as a summary across all  
990 departments. The plan shall also compare labor force availability for women and persons  
991 of color to the county's actual labor force for women and persons of color by departments

992 and job group. The plan shall also summarize the percentage of total goal setting areas  
993 which meet or exceed the labor force availability rate;

994 b. a summary of the county work force by job group and by race and gender;

995 c. a discussion of the methodology by which the labor force availability and  
996 county work force data is developed and a listing of the county job classifications that are  
997 included in each job group;

998 d. the total number of persons with disabilities in each job group within the  
999 county work force and the total number of persons with disabilities by department  
1000 voluntarily reported by individuals for equal employment opportunity affirmative action  
1001 purposes. The plan shall include the number of positions for which an accommodation is  
1002 currently in effect;

1003 e. the total number and percentage of employees by salary range and by race  
1004 and gender. Salary ranges shall be reported in a manner consistent with the equal  
1005 employment opportunity data reported by the United States Census Bureau. The plan  
1006 shall include data reported by the United States Census Bureau on the total number and  
1007 percentage of the labor force working in King County by salary range and by race and  
1008 gender;

1009 f. an analysis by race and gender of the positions filled by promotion during  
1010 the prior plan period. For the purposes of this subsection, "promotions" means those  
1011 instances in which an individual advances in salary level because the individual changed  
1012 to a position with a higher pay range assignment either through a competitive process or  
1013 through a reclassification;

1014                   g. a summary by year for the prior plan period on executive\_branch  
1015 discrimination complaints by basis of complaint and complaint status. The summary  
1016 shall also include data by department on the number of complaints filed by complaint  
1017 type and the number of people filing complaints; and

1018                   h. historical data on the county work force by race and gender. Historical data  
1019 before 2014 is required only to the extent it is readily available;

1020                   2. Placement goals for the plan period. For those job groups within departments  
1021 where the actual number of women and persons of color employed is less than projected  
1022 by labor force availability, a placement goal by race and gender shall be established for  
1023 the entire plan period. A placement goal shall equal the labor force availability rate.  
1024 Placement goals are used to measure progress toward achieving equal employment  
1025 opportunity. Placement goals may not be quotas, which must be met, nor do they create  
1026 set-asides for specific groups. Placement goals may not be used to supersede merit  
1027 selection principles. Further, existence of a placement goals does not constitute evidence  
1028 of discrimination. If a placement goal has been established, the plan shall identify the  
1029 labor force availability rate;

1030                   3. Implementation plans for departments. Each implementation plan shall:

1031                   a. identify the activities proposed each year during the plan period to meet the  
1032 department's placement goals. The plan shall discuss how the proposed activities will  
1033 help the department achieve its placement goals;

1034                   b. identify the activities proposed during the plan period by year to recruit,  
1035 retain and promote women and persons of color in the work force; and

1036           c. identify the specific activities during the plan period, by year, that each  
1037 department will undertake to increase its hiring, retention, and promotion of persons with  
1038 disabilities; and

1039           4. A summary of the results of the prior equal employment opportunity  
1040 affirmative action plan, which shall include:

1041           a. a description of the progress of each department in completing the activities  
1042 listed in subsection C.3. a. through c. of this section proposed in the previous  
1043 implementation plan. The outcomes of each activity shall be reported. The department  
1044 of human resources shall provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of each department's  
1045 implementation activities during the plan period;

1046           b. the status of each placement goal established in the prior equal employment  
1047 opportunity affirmative action plan. For each identified placement goal, the status report  
1048 shall report the:

1049           (1) labor force availability rate;

1050           (2) total number of positions filled for the corresponding job group within a  
1051 department;

1052           (3) of the total number reported under subsection C.4.b.(2) of this section, the  
1053 number of positions that were filled by each race and gender category; and

1054           (4) an actual hiring rate for each race and gender category calculated by  
1055 dividing the number of positions filled by the number of positions filled by each race and  
1056 gender category; and

1057           c. a separate listing of those placement goals for the plan period that were not  
1058 achieved. Placement goals are considered not achieved when the actual hiring rate is less

1059 than the availability rate for the overall plan period. For each placement goal not  
1060 achieved, the plan shall provide an analysis of why the goals were not met including  
1061 whether the planned implementation activities were completed. Placement goals shall  
1062 only be considered not achieved in those instances in which the total number of hires is  
1063 large enough such that it is statistically reasonable to expect under conditions of equal  
1064 employment opportunity that the number of hires by race and gender will reflect work  
1065 force availability.

1066 D. The executive shall submit a proposed ordinance approving a new four-year  
1067 equal employment opportunity affirmative action plan to the council within twelve  
1068 months of the publication of the appropriate data from the ten-year United States Census.

1069 SECTION 21. Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.184 are  
1070 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1071 A. The Ruth Woo emerging leaders fellowship is hereby created. The fellowship  
1072 shall be a paid, full-time, term-limited temporary position and shall be awarded to a  
1073 person who has demonstrated a commitment to public service. Priority in selection will  
1074 be given to economically disadvantaged college graduates from backgrounds that have  
1075 historically lacked equitable access to education, employment, and professional  
1076 development opportunities. There shall be at least five fellows at a time in county  
1077 employment, who shall serve for a term of one year.

1078 B. The fellow ~~((shall))~~ may be an employee of the department of human  
1079 resources. The fellow ~~((shall))~~ may be assigned to work in various county agencies ~~((for~~  
1080 ~~periods of three to four months at a time))~~ during the one-year term with the written  
1081 approval of the presiding elected official or designee of such agency. The assignments

1082 ~~((shall))~~ may include periods with the council and with executive\_branch agencies.

1083 While assigned to an agency the fellow shall be subject to the administrative supervision  
1084 of that agency.

1085 C. The Ruth Woo fellow ~~((shall))~~ may have the following responsibilities:

1086 1. Assignments may include following a piece of legislation through the  
1087 legislative process, preparing briefings, correspondence, or other documents,  
1088 communicating with constituents and other county departments, assisting in outreach, and  
1089 executive\_branch policy administration;

1090 2. The work in the branches and departments ~~((shall))~~ may include:

1091 a. ~~((working))~~ work on projects related to each branch or department and  
1092 seeing them to completion;

1093 b. ~~((experiencing buy directly))~~ experience working on how policies are  
1094 developed and implemented and how they relate to the communities served by the  
1095 county;

1096 c. ~~((participating))~~ participation in internship orientations, workshops, and  
1097 policy exercises; and

1098 d. ~~((maintaining))~~ professional, nonpartisan conduct.

1099 D. Each agency shall ~~((reimburse the department of human resources))~~ be  
1100 responsible for the cost of the fellow for the period assigned to the agency.

1101 E. Annually, a committee to review applicants for the fellowship shall be formed,  
1102 composed of members appointed by the executive and the chair of the council. The  
1103 committee shall recommend to the department of human resources criteria for the

1104 selection of applicants, shall screen, interview, and score the applicants and shall  
1105 recommend to the department of human resources appointment of the fellow.

1106 SECTION 22. Ordinance 11149, Sections 1-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.187  
1107 are hereby repealed.

1108 SECTION 23. Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188  
1109 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1110 A. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits under this chapter,  
1111 administrative interns, volunteer interns, work study students, AmeriCorps members, and  
1112 eligible department of transportation or Metro transit department retirees shall be issued a  
1113 ~~((transit))~~ transportation pass entitling the holder to ride without payment of fare on  
1114 public transportation services operated by or under the authority of the county. In  
1115 addition, those ~~((employees))~~ persons shall be entitled to use the ~~((transit))~~ transportation  
1116 pass to ride without payment of fare on public transportation services operated by or  
1117 under the authority of Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, Sound Transit, Everett Transit, and  
1118 Community Transit, subject to agreements with such agencies as may be entered into by  
1119 the executive. Use of ~~((transit))~~ transportation passes shall be restricted to such  
1120 employees, administrative interns, volunteer interns, work study students, AmeriCorps  
1121 members, and department of transportation or Metro transit department retirees and any  
1122 unauthorized use shall, at a minimum, result in forfeiture of the passes. With the  
1123 exception of administrative interns, volunteer interns, work study students, and  
1124 AmeriCorps members, employees not eligible for comprehensive leave benefits under  
1125 this chapter shall not receive ~~((transit))~~ transportation passes or any ~~((transit))~~  
1126 transportation pass subsidy.

1127           B. The executive shall cause an appropriate survey to be conducted biennially of  
1128 the use of public transportation services by county employees and volunteer interns.  
1129 Based on the results of the survey, the projected usage of public transportation services  
1130 by county employees, the county's commute trip reduction objectives and other factors  
1131 determined appropriate by the executive, the executive shall recommend in the annual  
1132 budget an amount to be paid to the public transportation operating account for ((~~transit~~))  
1133 transportation passes. The amount recommended by the executive shall not include any  
1134 payment for ((~~transit~~)) transportation passes for commissioned police officers, eligible  
1135 department of transportation or Metro transit department retirees and employees whose  
1136 positions are determined by the director of the Metro transit department to be dedicated  
1137 exclusively to the public transportation function. The final amount to be transferred to  
1138 the public transportation operating account for ((~~transit~~)) transportation passes shall be  
1139 determined by the council as part of the annual budget and appropriation process  
1140 consistent with the requirements of the King County Charter and applicable state law.

1141           C. For purposes of this section, "eligible department of transportation or Metro  
1142 transit department retiree" means an employee eligible for comprehensive leave under  
1143 this chapter who:

1144           1. Separates from employment with the county before January 1, 2019, while  
1145 holding a position in the department of transportation determined by the director of the  
1146 department of transportation to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation  
1147 function or separates from employment with the county on or after January 1, 2019, while  
1148 holding a position in the Metro transit department determined by the director of the Metro  
1149 transit department to be dedicated exclusively to the public transportation function; and



1150           2. On the date of the separation is eligible to receive benefits from a retirement  
1151 system established pursuant to state law.

1152           SECTION 24. Ordinance 12014, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.190  
1153 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1154           A. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall accrue vacation  
1155 leave benefits as described in and further qualified by this section. Elected officials are  
1156 not employees and are therefore not entitled to vacation leave benefits.

Months of Service	Hourly Accrual Rate	Approximate Days/Year
0	0.04620	12.01200
60	0.05770	15.00200
96	0.06160	16.01600
120	0.07700	20.02000
192	0.08080	21.00800
204	0.08470	22.02200
216	0.08850	23.01000
228	0.09240	24.02400
240	0.09620	25.01200
252	0.10010	26.02600
264	0.10390	27.01400
276	0.10780	28.02800
288	0.11160	29.01600
300	0.11540	30.00400

1157 B. Vacation accrual rates for an employee who works other than the full-time  
1158 schedule standard to the employee's work unit shall be prorated to reflect the employee's  
1159 normally scheduled work week. No adjustment to vacation accrual rates for a furloughed  
1160 employee shall be made as a result of a budgetary furlough.

1161 C. Employees eligible for ~~((vacation))~~ comprehensive leave benefits shall accrue  
1162 vacation leave from their date of hire into a comprehensive leave benefit eligible position.

1163 D.1. Employees hired before December 31, 2017, who are eligible for vacation  
1164 leave may accrue up to four hundred eighty hours of vacation leave, prorated to reflect  
1165 their normally scheduled work ~~((schedule))~~ week.

1166 2. Employees hired January 1, 2018, or thereafter, who are eligible for vacation  
1167 leave may accrue up to three hundred twenty hours of vacation leave, prorated to reflect  
1168 their normally scheduled work ~~((schedule))~~ week.

1169 3. All employees shall use vacation leave beyond the employee's maximum  
1170 accrual amount before the end of the pay period that includes December 31 ~~((of each))~~  
1171 every year. Failure to use vacation leave beyond the employee's maximum accrual  
1172 amount before the end of the pay period that includes December 31 shall result in  
1173 forfeiture of the accrued vacation leave beyond the employee's maximum accrual amount  
1174 unless the appointing authority has approved a carryover of the vacation leave because of  
1175 cyclical workloads, work assignments, or other reasons ~~((as may be))~~ in the best interests  
1176 of the county.

1177 E. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may use vacation leave  
1178 hours in the pay period after they are accrued. Employees who leave county employment

1179 before successfully completing their first six months of county service shall forfeit their  
1180 vacation leave hours and are excluded from the payout provisions in this section.

1181 ~~((F. A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for vacation in~~  
1182 ~~lieu of taking a budgetary furlough day.~~

1183 ~~G. In lieu of the remuneration for fifty percent of unused accrued vacation leave~~  
1184 ~~at retirement, the director may, with equivalent funds and in accordance with the~~  
1185 ~~procedures in K.C.C. 3.12.220.G.2.b, provide eligible employees with a voluntary~~  
1186 ~~employee beneficiary association plan that provides for reimbursement of retiree and~~  
1187 ~~other qualifying medical expenses.~~

1188 ~~H.))~~ F. An employee who is eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be  
1189 paid for accrued vacation leave to the employee's date of separation up to the employee's  
1190 maximum accrual amount if the employee has successfully completed the employee's  
1191 first six months of county service and is in good standing. ~~((Except with the written~~  
1192 ~~approval of the executive, the position, if vacated by a nonrepresented employee, shall~~  
1193 ~~not be filled until salary savings for the position are accumulated in an amount sufficient~~  
1194 ~~to pay the cost of the cash out.))~~ Payment shall be the accrued vacation leave multiplied  
1195 by the employee's base rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving county employment  
1196 less mandatory withholdings.

1197 ~~((F.))~~ G. In lieu of payment for fifty percent of unused accrued vacation leave at  
1198 retirement, the director may, with equivalent funds and in accordance with the procedures  
1199 in K.C.C. 3.12.220.E.2.b., provide eligible employees with a voluntary employee  
1200 beneficiary association plan that provides for reimbursement of retiree and other

1201 qualifying medical expenses. The remaining fifty percent of eligible unused accrued  
1202 vacation leave at retirement shall be paid as outlined in subsection F. of this section.

1203 H. Employees shall not work for compensation for the county in any capacity  
1204 during the time that the employees are on vacation leave.

1205 ~~((J. For employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor~~  
1206 ~~Standards Act, vacation leave may be used in fifteen minute increments, at the discretion~~  
1207 ~~of the appointing authority.~~

1208 ~~K. In cases of separation from county employment by death of an~~) I. When a  
1209 current employee dies with accrued vacation leave and ~~((who))~~ the employee has  
1210 successfully completed the employee's first six months of county service, payment of the  
1211 unused vacation leave up to the employee's maximum accrual amount shall be made to  
1212 the employee's estate, or, in applicable cases, as provided for by state law, Title 11 RCW.

1213 ~~((Except with the written approval of the executive, the position, if vacated by a~~  
1214 ~~nonrepresented employee, shall not be filled until salary savings for the position are~~  
1215 ~~accumulated in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of the cashout.~~

1216 ~~L.))~~ J. If an employee resigns, is laid off, or is separated for nondisciplinary  
1217 reasons from a ~~((full-time))~~ regular or ~~((part-time regular))~~ term-limited temporary  
1218 position with the county in good standing ~~((or is laid off))~~ and subsequently returns to  
1219 county employment within two years from the resignation, ~~((or))~~ layoff, ~~((as applicable))~~  
1220 or nondisciplinary separation, the employee's prior county service shall be counted in  
1221 determining the vacation leave accrual rate under subsection A. of this section.

1222 SECTION 25. Ordinance 12052, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.210 are  
1223 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1224           A. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be entitled take to  
1225 up to five working days of bereavement leave, with a maximum of forty hours, for each  
1226 qualifying death of the employee's immediate family members. Part-time employees'  
1227 bereavement leave benefits shall be prorated to reflect the employee's work week.

1228 Bereavement leave shall be used within eighteen months of the death. For purposes of  
1229 this subsection, "immediate family members" are any of the following:

1230           1. The employee's spouse or domestic partner;

1231           2. The employee's ward, or any person whom the employee has legal  
1232 guardianship or custody of; and

1233           3. The following family members of the employee, the employee's spouse, or  
1234 the employee's domestic partner:

1235           a. a parent, be the person a biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent,  
1236 stepparent, legal guardian, or a person who stood or stands in loco parentis;

1237           b. a, grandparent;

1238           c. a child, including an unborn child lost due to a stillbirth or miscarriage;

1239           d. a child's spouse;

1240           e. a grandchild; or

1241           f. a sibling.

1242           B. ~~((A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for~~  
1243 ~~bereavement leave in lieu of taking a budgetary furlough day.~~

1244           C.)) Employees who are not eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may be  
1245 granted leave without pay or be allowed to use compensatory time, if available, for  
1246 bereavement leave.

1247           ~~((D.))~~ C. ~~((In the application of subsections A. or B. of this section, h))~~ Holidays  
1248 or regular days off falling within the prescribed period of absence shall not be charged  
1249 against the bereavement leave entitlement.

1250           ~~((E.))~~ D. ~~((Any a))~~ Additional accrued paid leave to be used as bereavement leave  
1251 may be approved by mutual agreement between the county and the employee.

1252           SECTION 26. Ordinance 12014, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.215  
1253 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1254           ~~((A.1.))~~ The appointing authority shall allow an employee eligible for  
1255 comprehensive leave benefits who is voluntarily participating as a donor in a life-giving  
1256 or life-saving procedure such as, but not limited to, a bone marrow transplant, kidney  
1257 transplant, or blood transfusion to take five days of paid organ donor leave ~~((without~~  
1258 ~~having the leave charged to family leave, sick leave, vacation leave or leave of absence~~  
1259 ~~without pay))~~, but only if the employee:

1260           ~~((a.))~~ A. ~~((g))~~ Gives the appointing authority reasonable advance notice of the  
1261 need to take time off from work for the donation of bone marrow, a kidney, or other  
1262 organs or tissue where there is a reasonable expectation that the employee's failure to  
1263 donate may result in serious illness, injury, pain, or the eventual death of the identified  
1264 recipient; and

1265           ~~((b.))~~ B. ~~((p))~~ Provides written proof from an accredited medical institution,  
1266 organization, or individual as to the need for the employee to donate bone marrow, a  
1267 kidney, or other organs or tissue, or to participate in any other medical procedure where  
1268 the participation of the donor is unique or critical to a successful outcome.

1269           ~~((2. A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for an organ~~  
1270 ~~donor leave in lieu of taking a budgetary furlough day.~~

1271           ~~B. Time off from work for the purposes set out above in excess of five working~~  
1272 ~~days shall be subject to existing leave policies in this chapter or in any applicable~~  
1273 ~~collective bargaining agreement.))~~

1274           SECTION 27. Ordinance 14591, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.218 are  
1275 hereby repealed.

1276           SECTION 28. Ordinance 18408, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.219 are  
1277 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1278           A. Employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits who have been  
1279 employed with the county for at least six months of continuous service at the time of a  
1280 birth, adoption, or foster-to-adopt placement of a minor child, and are either  
1281 nonrepresented or represented by a union that has signed a paid parental leave  
1282 memorandum of agreement with the county, are eligible for up to twelve weeks of paid  
1283 parental leave.

1284           B. If both parents work for King County, then each employee is entitled to up to  
1285 twelve weeks of paid parental leave.

1286           C. An employee's supplemental paid parental leave benefit shall be calculated  
1287 based on the employee's accrued paid leave balances at the time of the qualifying event.  
1288 The employee shall receive the equivalent of the employee's full salary for up to a total of  
1289 twelve weeks, when combined with the employee's accrued leaves, except for one week  
1290 of sick leave and one week of vacation leave, or the equivalent for benefit time off. For  
1291 example, if an employee has two weeks of accrued vacation and three weeks of accrued

1292 sick leave at the time of the qualifying event, the employee shall be granted nine weeks  
1293 of supplemental paid leave, bringing the total available paid parental leave to twelve  
1294 weeks.

1295 D. An employee may use supplemental paid leave and accrued paid leave in any  
1296 order and is not required to use any of the accrued paid leave as paid parental leave.

1297 E. An employee on paid parental leave shall be compensated at the employee's  
1298 base rate of pay.

1299 F. An employee should provide notice to the designated representative of the  
1300 employee's department that the employee intends to participate in the program. The  
1301 notice should meet the notice requirements for taking family and medical leave under  
1302 federal law.

1303 G. Paid parental leave must begin and end within twelve months after the  
1304 qualifying event. In the case of adoption or foster-to-adopt placement, leave must be  
1305 taken within one year of the child's birth or placement in the employee's home. The  
1306 department of human resources shall have the discretion to administer paid parental leave  
1307 in a way that supports the employee and child, including allowing use of leave after more  
1308 than one year of the child's birth or placement in the employee's home to address special  
1309 circumstances in the case of adoption or foster-to-adopt placement.

1310 H. The employee and the employee's supervisor shall agree upon a schedule for  
1311 taking paid parental leave that is consistent with the county's operational needs. An  
1312 employee may use the paid parental leave on a part-time or intermittent basis as long as it  
1313 is consistent with the county's operational needs and is approved in writing by the  
1314 supervisor before the leave begins.



1315 I. Paid parental leave shall run concurrently with King County family and  
1316 medical leave, as well as federal and state family and medical leave, to the extent  
1317 permitted by law.

1318 J. During the time that an employee is on leave in the program, the employee's  
1319 job shall be protected to the same extent that an employee's job is protected while the  
1320 employee is on family or medical leave under federal or state law. No retaliatory action  
1321 may be taken against an employee for participating or planning to participate in the  
1322 program or for exercising the employee's rights under Ordinance 18408. In particular,  
1323 permission to use accrued paid leave shall not be denied or delayed on the basis that the  
1324 employee intends to participate in the program. This is a general statement of county  
1325 policy that cannot form the basis of a private right of action.

1326 K. Taking leave under the paid parental leave program shall not affect an  
1327 employee's health benefits or an employee's accrual of paid leave, which shall continue  
1328 during the period of paid parental leave.

1329 L. Employees shall not be compensated in any manner for not using the  
1330 supplemental paid parental leave.

1331 M. An employee who does not return to work for at least six months of  
1332 continuous service following the paid parental leave, shall be required to reimburse King  
1333 County for the supplemental paid parental leave funds received. This does not apply to  
1334 an employee whose employment ends involuntarily, such as if the employee is laid off or  
1335 medically separated.

1336 If an employee is taking paid parental leave intermittently, the six months begins  
1337 after the last day the employee used paid parental leave. An employee whose position is

1338 scheduled to end in a timeframe that would not enable the employee to return to work for  
1339 six months following the leave, is not entitled to take paid parental leave.

1340 SECTION 29. Ordinance 12014, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.220  
1341 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1342 A.1. Except for employees covered by subsection A.3. of this section, employees  
1343 eligible for comprehensive leave benefits and district court judges shall accrue sick leave  
1344 ~~((benefits))~~ at the rate of 0.04616 hours for each hour in pay status exclusive of overtime  
1345 up to a maximum of eight hours per month~~((; except that if an hourly employee works in~~  
1346 ~~excess of seventy-four hours in one week, the employee shall accrue sick leave at the rate~~  
1347 ~~of 0.025 hours for each hour worked in excess of seventy-four))~~. The monthly maximum  
1348 for employees whose work schedule is less than a forty-hour work week shall be  
1349 prorated. For example, the maximum for an employee with a thirty-five-hour work week  
1350 would be seven hours per month. In limited circumstances, an employee may receive  
1351 additional sick leave accruals at the rate of 0.025 hours for each hour in pay status to  
1352 ensure compliance with Washington state's paid sick leave law. Except for district court  
1353 judges, elected officials do not accrue sick leave. No adjustment to reduce sick leave  
1354 accruals for furloughed employee shall be made as a result of a budgetary furlough.

1355 2. Short-term temporary employees and administrative interns shall accrue sick  
1356 leave at the rate of 0.025 hours for each hour in pay status.

1357 3. Employees who are members of the Law Enforcement Officers and  
1358 Firefighters (LEOFF) 1 retirement system, judges pro-tem, commissioners, and short-  
1359 term temporary employees who are employed in social service programs designed to help  
1360 youth gain basic work training skills, such as Work Experience (WEX) participants and

1361 Division of Youth Services (DYS) youth employment workers, shall not accrue sick  
1362 leave.

1363 B. Employees are entitled to use sick leave after it is accrued.

1364 C. ~~((For employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor~~  
1365 ~~Standards Act, sick leave may be used in fifteen minute increments.~~

1366 ~~D.))~~ There shall be no limit to the number of sick leave hours accrued and carried  
1367 over to the following year by employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits.

1368 Short-term temporary employees and administrative interns may carry over forty hours of  
1369 unused sick leave to the following year, all other unused accrued sick leave shall be  
1370 forfeited.

1371 ~~((E. For employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor~~  
1372 ~~Standards Act, sick leave may be used in fifteen minute increments.~~

1373 ~~F.))~~ D.1. Separation from or termination of county employment except ~~((by~~  
1374 ~~reason of retirement or layoff due to lack of work, funds, efficiency reasons or separation~~  
1375 ~~for medical reasons))~~ for circumstances outlined in subsection E.1. of this section, shall  
1376 cancel all sick leave accrued to employees ~~((eligible for comprehensive leave benefits))~~  
1377 as of the date of separation or termination.

1378 ~~((2. Separation from, retirement from or termination of county employment~~  
1379 ~~shall cancel all sick leave accrued to short term temporary employees and administrative~~  
1380 ~~interns as of the date of the separation, retirement or termination.~~

1381 ~~—3.))~~ 2. Should an employee, other than an employee who cashed out sick leave  
1382 under subsection E.1. of this section, return to county employment within two years,  
1383 accrued sick leave shall be restored. If a retiree cashed out sick leave under subsection

1384 E.1. of this section and is rehired within one year, that employee is ((not)) entitled to have  
1385 ((any)) the remaining sixty-five percent of their sick leave restored. If a retiree cashed  
1386 out sick leave under subsection E.1. of this section and is rehired after one year, no sick  
1387 leave is restored.

1388       ((G-)) E.1. Except for short-term temporary employees, administrative interns,  
1389 and employees covered by the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF) 1  
1390 retirement system, employees eligible to accrue sick leave who have successfully  
1391 completed at least five years of county service and who retire as a result of length of  
1392 service or who ~~((terminate by reason of death))~~ die while employed shall be paid, or their  
1393 estates paid or as provided for by Title 11 RCW, as applicable, an amount equal to thirty-  
1394 five percent of their unused, accumulated sick leave multiplied by the employee's base  
1395 rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving county employment less mandatory  
1396 withholdings. ~~((This provision is predicated on the requirement that, except with the~~  
1397 ~~written approval of the executive, the position, if vacated by a nonrepresented employee,~~  
1398 ~~shall not be filled until salary savings for the position are accumulated in an amount~~  
1399 ~~sufficient to pay the cost of the cash out.))~~ For the purposes of this subsection ((G-)) E.1.,  
1400 "retire as a result of length of service" means an employee is eligible, applies for and  
1401 begins drawing a pension from the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF),  
1402 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Public Safety Employees' Retirement  
1403 System (PSERS),<sup>2</sup> or the city of Seattle Retirement Plan immediately upon terminating  
1404 county employment. An employee is only eligible to cash out thirty-five percent of the  
1405 employee's sick leave balance one time, even if the employee subsequently returns to  
1406 county employment.

1407           2.a. In lieu of ~~((the remuneration for unused sick leave at retirement))~~ payment  
1408 for thirty-five percent of unused sick leave, the director may~~((, with equivalent funds,))~~  
1409 also provide eligible employees with a voluntary employee beneficiary association plan  
1410 that provides for reimbursement of retiree and other qualifying medical expenses. Under  
1411 K.C.C. 3.12.190.G., in lieu of ~~((the remuneration))~~ payment for fifty percent of unused  
1412 vacation leave at retirement, the director may also fund the voluntary employee  
1413 beneficiary association plan.

1414           b. The director shall adopt procedures for the implementation of all voluntary  
1415 employee beneficiary association plans. At a minimum, the procedures shall provide  
1416 that:

1417           (1) each group of employees hold an election to decide whether to implement  
1418 a voluntary employee beneficiary association plan for a defined group of employees. The  
1419 determination of the majority of voting employees in a group shall bind the remainder  
1420 consistent with regulatory requirements. Elections for represented employees shall be  
1421 conducted by the appropriate bargaining representative. Elections for nonrepresented  
1422 employees shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the director  
1423 or designee;

1424           (2) the director or designee has discretion to determine the scope of employee  
1425 groups voting on whether to adopt a voluntary employee beneficiary association plan.  
1426 The director shall consult with bargaining representatives and elected officials in  
1427 determining the scope of voting groups; and

1428           (3) any voluntary employee beneficiary association plan implemented in  
1429 accordance with this subsection ~~((G.))~~ E.2. complies with federal tax law. Disbursements

1430 in accordance with this subsection ((G-)) E.2. shall be exempt from withholdings((;)) to  
1431 the extent permitted by law((; and

1432 ~~(4) employees shall forfeit remuneration under subsection G.1. and 2. of this~~  
1433 ~~section if the employee belongs to a group that has voted to implement a voluntary~~  
1434 ~~employee beneficiary association plan and the employee fails to execute forms that are~~  
1435 ~~necessary to the proper administration of the plan within twelve months of retirement by~~  
1436 ~~reason of length of service, as defined in subsection G.1. of this section.~~

1437 ~~H.1. An employee must use all of the employee's accrued sick leave and any~~  
1438 ~~donated sick leave before taking unpaid leave for the employee's own health reasons)).~~

1439 3. If the employee has an injury or illness that is compensable under the  
1440 county's workers compensation program, then the employee has the option to augment or  
1441 not augment wage replacement pay with the use of accrued sick leave. ~~((A furloughed~~  
1442 ~~employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for sick leave in lieu of taking a~~  
1443 ~~budgetary furlough day.~~

1444 ~~2. For a leave for family reasons, the employee shall choose at the start of the~~  
1445 ~~leave whether the particular leave would be paid or unpaid, but when an employee~~  
1446 ~~chooses to take paid leave for family reasons the employee may set aside a reserve of up~~  
1447 ~~to eighty hours of accrued sick leave.))~~

1448 4. A furloughed employee who is on county family medical leave as provided  
1449 for in this section shall retain county benefits during furlough days.

1450 ~~((3-))~~ 5. An employee who has exhausted all of the employee's accrued sick  
1451 leave may use accrued vacation leave before going on leave of absence without pay, if  
1452 approved by the employee's appointing authority. ~~((A furloughed employee shall not be~~

1453 ~~eligible to take or be paid for vacation leave in lieu of sick leave in lieu of taking a~~  
1454 ~~furlough day.))~~ If caring for a family member, use is at the employee's discretion and is  
1455 not subject to approval by the appointing authority.

1456 ((F.)) F. Paid ((S.)) sick leave may be used for the following reasons:

1457 1. ((An absence)) For self-care or to care for a family member:

1458 a. ((resulting from the employee's)) due to a mental or physical illness, injury,  
1459 or health condition;

1460 b. to ((accommodate the employee's need for)) obtain medical diagnosis, care,  
1461 or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or

1462 c. ((for the employee's need for)) to receive preventive medical care;

1463 2. ((To allow the employee to provide care:

1464 a. ~~for a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury or health~~  
1465 ~~condition;~~

1466 b. ~~for a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a~~  
1467 ~~mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; or~~

1468 c. ~~for a family member who needs preventive medical care;~~

1469 3.)) When a King County facility is closed by order of public official for any  
1470 health-related reason, or when an employee's child's school or place of care is closed by  
1471 order of a public official for a health-related reason, by declaration of an emergency by a  
1472 local or state government or agency, or by the federal government;

1473 ((4.)) 3. For absences that qualify for leave under the domestic violence leave  
1474 act, chapter 49.76 RCW;

1475            ~~((5.))~~ 4. For absences to increase the safety of the employee or a family member  
1476 when the employee or a family member has been a victim of trafficking under RCW  
1477 9A.40.100;

1478            ~~((6.))~~ 5. For family and medical leave available under federal law, state law, or  
1479 King County ordinance. Sick leave may not be used to supplement partial day wage  
1480 replacement available under Washington state paid family and medical leave; and

1481            ~~((7.))~~ 6. When an employee has been exposed to a contagious disease and must  
1482 quarantine.

1483            ~~((I.))~~ G. For purposes of sick leave, "family member" means any of the  
1484 following:

1485            1. A child ~~((, including a biological, adopted or foster child, a stepchild or a child~~  
1486 ~~to whom the employee stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian or is a de facto parent,~~  
1487 ~~regardless of age or dependency status, or the child))~~ of the employee or of the  
1488 employee's domestic partner;

1489            2. The parent of an employee, employee's spouse, or employee's domestic  
1490 partner. Parent includes:

- 1491            a. a biological parent;
- 1492            b. an adoptive parent;
- 1493            c. a de facto parent;
- 1494            d. a foster parent;
- 1495            e. a stepparent;
- 1496            f. a legal guardian; or



1497 g. a person who stood or stands in loco parentis to the employee, employee's  
1498 spouse, or employee's domestic partner;

1499 3. A spouse;

1500 4. A domestic partner;

1501 5. A grandparent;

1502 6. A grandchild; ~~((or))~~

1503 7. A sibling; or

1504 8. Any individual who regularly resides in the employee's home or where the  
1505 relationship creates an expectation that the employee care for the person, and that  
1506 individual depends on the employee for care.

1507 ~~((K-))~~ H.1. An employee injured on the job may not simultaneously collect sick  
1508 leave and workers' compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular  
1509 pay of the employee, though an employee who chooses not to augment the employee's  
1510 workers' compensation wage replacement pay through the use of sick leave shall be  
1511 deemed on unpaid leave status.

1512 2. An employee who chooses to augment workers' compensation payments with  
1513 the use of accrued sick leave shall notify the safety and workers' compensation program  
1514 office in writing at the beginning of the leave.

1515 3. An employee may not collect sick leave and workers' compensation wage  
1516 replacement pay for physical incapacity due to any injury or occupational illness that is  
1517 directly traceable to employment other than with the county;

1518 ~~((L-))~~ I. Management of the employee's department is responsible for the proper  
1519 administration of sick leave benefits. Management of the employee's department may

1520 require an employee to provide reasonable notice of an absence from work, so long as the  
1521 notice does not interfere with an employee's lawful use of sick leave.

1522 ~~((M-))~~ J. Verification that an hourly employee's use of sick leave is for an  
1523 authorized purpose may be required for absences exceeding three days. Verification may  
1524 not result in an unreasonable burden or expense on the hourly employee and may not  
1525 exceed privacy or verification requirements otherwise established by law. A salaried  
1526 employee may be asked to provide verification of the need for paid sick leave at the  
1527 discretion of the employee's supervisor or department.

1528 SECTION 30. Ordinance 18191, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.221 are each hereby  
1529 amended to read as follows:

1530 A. An employee who has been employed by the county for twelve months or  
1531 more and has worked a minimum of nine hundred ten hours for a thirty-five-hour  
1532 employee and one thousand forty hours for a forty-hour employee in the preceding  
1533 twelve-month period, may take a total of up to eighteen weeks of King County family  
1534 and medical leave within a twelve-month period for ~~((either))~~:

1535 1. ~~((1))~~The employee's own serious health condition ~~((or))~~;  
1536 2. ~~((2))~~To care for a family member with a serious health condition~~((, if the~~  
1537 ~~employee has been employed by the county for twelve months or more and has worked a~~  
1538 ~~minimum of nine hundred ten hours for a thirty five hour employee and one thousand~~  
1539 ~~forty hours for a forty hour employee, and:))~~;

1540 3. To bond with a new minor child within the first twelve months following the  
1541 child's birth or placement with the employee for adoption or foster care;

1542           4. For certain qualifying exigencies related to military service covered by the  
1543 federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.; or

1544           5. Any qualifying reason under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 29  
1545 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.

1546           ~~((1.))~~ B. ~~((The))~~ Qualifying family members ~~((is))~~ include the employee's spouse  
1547 or domestic partner, the employee's child, a child of the employee's spouse or domestic  
1548 partner, the parent of the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner, or an  
1549 individual who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse or  
1550 domestic partner. ~~((; and~~

1551           ~~2. The reason for the leave is one of the following:~~

1552           ~~a. the birth of a son or daughter and care of the newborn child, or placement~~  
1553 ~~with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care, if the leave is taken~~  
1554 ~~within twelve months of the birth, adoption or placement;~~

1555           ~~b. the care of the employee's child or child of the employee's spouse or~~  
1556 ~~domestic partner whose illness or health condition requires treatment or supervision by~~  
1557 ~~the employee;~~

1558           ~~c. the care of a family member with a serious health condition; or~~

1559           ~~d. any qualifying reason under federal family and medical leave law, 29 U.S.C.~~  
1560 ~~Sec. 2601 et seq., or state family and medical leave law, chapter 49.78 RCW.~~

1561           ~~B.))~~ C. King County family and medical leave may be taken intermittently to the  
1562 same extent permitted under federal ~~((and state))~~ family and medical leave laws.

1563           ~~((C.1.))~~ D. King County family and medical leave shall run concurrently with  
1564 leave ~~((under 29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq., and chapter 49.78 RCW,))~~ taken in conjunction

1565 with an occupational injury or illness for which the employee is receiving workers'  
1566 compensation wage replacement payments, and any other leaves ~~((that are))~~ available  
1567 under federal or state law to the extent permissible by law.

1568 ~~((2. When leave is taken for the serious health condition of the employee in~~  
1569 ~~conjunction with an occupational injury or illness for which the employee is receiving~~  
1570 ~~workers' compensation wage replacement payments, the leave shall run concurrently with~~  
1571 ~~leave under the federal and state family and medical leave and King County family and~~  
1572 ~~medical leave.~~

1573 ~~D. The department is responsible for the proper administration of the King~~  
1574 ~~County family and medical leave benefit.)) E. Verification from a health care provider~~  
1575 may be required to certify the health condition of the employee or family member for  
1576 King County family and medical leave or federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 29  
1577 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq. requests.

1578 ~~((F.))~~ F. The county shall continue its contribution toward health care benefits  
1579 when an employee is on King County family and medical leave, regardless of whether  
1580 the employee is in a paid or unpaid status during the leave.

1581 ~~((F.))~~ G. An employee who returns from King County family and medical leave  
1582 within the time provided in this section is entitled to the same job protection as an  
1583 employee returning from leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, 29  
1584 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq., subject to reductions-in-force provisions as specified in K.C.C.  
1585 3.12.300.

1586 ~~((G.))~~ H. Failure of an employee to return to work by the expiration date of a  
1587 leave of absence may be cause for termination of the employee from county service.

1588            SECTION 31. Ordinance 15558, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.222 are  
1589 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1590            A. ~~((Annually, from the first business day in October through the last business~~  
1591 ~~day in November))~~ During the annual giving drive, an employee eligible for  
1592 comprehensive leave benefits may sign a written authorization subject to approval by the  
1593 employee's department director to convert accrued vacation, benefit time off, or  
1594 accumulated compensatory hours, or ~~((both))~~ any combination thereof, into cash to  
1595 benefit up to three nonprofit organizations participating in the King County employee  
1596 annual drive in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 3.36, of the employee's choice.

1597            B. Notwithstanding K.C.C. 3.12.190, an employee eligible for comprehensive  
1598 leave benefits may convert accrued vacation, benefit time off, or accumulated  
1599 compensatory hours, or ~~((both))~~ any combination thereof, into cash to benefit emergency  
1600 or disaster relief efforts. Upon the occurrence of an emergency or disaster, such as fire,  
1601 flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, or epidemic, that results in the loss of either life or  
1602 property, or both, and with the exception of the employee annual drive-related period  
1603 designated under subsection A. of this section, the executive may authorize a period of up  
1604 to forty-five days ~~((opportunity))~~ for employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits  
1605 to sign a written authorization to convert accrued vacation, benefit time off, or  
1606 accumulated compensatory hours, or ~~((both))~~ any combination thereof, into cash to  
1607 benefit up to three nonprofit organizations designated by the executive. The employee's  
1608 written authorization is subject to approval by the employee's department director. The  
1609 designated nonprofit organization must be a King County employee annual drive

1610 participant in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 3.36. This section shall be administered in  
1611 accordance with K.C.C. chapter 3.36.

1612 C. The hours converted under subsection A. or B. of this section must be in full-  
1613 hour increments. The employee's donation must be a minimum of four hours and no  
1614 more than forty hours per calendar year with the exception of the conditions described in  
1615 subsection D. of this section.

1616 D. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits who earned excess  
1617 vacation leave, benefit time off, or compensatory hours, or ~~((both))~~ any combination  
1618 thereof, beyond the amount that may be carried over into the next fiscal year may donate  
1619 greater than forty hours under subsection A. or B. of this section with approval from the  
1620 employee's department director.

1621 E. All King County employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may  
1622 donate voluntarily in accordance with this section ~~((voluntarily))~~.

1623 F. The department of human resources shall value the hours donated under this  
1624 section based on the employee's base rate of pay in effect at the time the approved  
1625 conversion authorization is processed. The department of human resources shall process  
1626 leave donations authorized under subsection A. of this section within the first two full  
1627 weeks in December. The department of human resources shall process leave donations  
1628 authorized under subsection B. of this section within the first two full weeks after the  
1629 ~~((forty-five day))~~ period designated in accordance with subsection B. of this section.

1630 G. The net cash value of the accrued vacation, benefit time off, or accumulated  
1631 compensatory hours, or ~~((both))~~ any combination thereof, after all mandatory  
1632 withholdings, including, but not limited to, withholding in accordance with retirement

plans, federal income tax, and the Federal Insurance Contributions Act((;)) have been deducted must be distributed by the department of human resources to the designated nonprofit organization or organizations.

SECTION 32. Ordinance 12014, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.223 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A.1. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may donate a portion of the employee's accrued vacation leave to another employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits to be used for any qualifying reason in accordance with King County family and medical leave under K.C.C. 3.12.221, or under the federal ((f))Family and ((m))Medical ((l))Leave ((law)) Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq. Such a donation may only occur upon written request to and approval of the donating and receiving employees' department director or directors.

2. The number of hours donated shall not exceed the donor's accrued vacation leave as of the date of the request. No donation of vacation hours shall be permitted where it would cause the employee receiving the transfer to exceed that employee's maximum vacation accrual.

3. ~~((A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for donated vacation in lieu of taking a furlough day, except as provided in K.C.C. 3.12F.040.~~

4.)) Donated vacation leave hours shall be converted to donated sick leave hours and remain with the recipient. Donated ((vacation)) sick leave hours shall be excluded from the ((vacation)) sick leave payoff provisions and sick leave restoration provisions contained in this chapter. Employees do not accrue additional leave hours while utilizing donated ((vacation)) sick leave hours.

1656           B.1. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may donate a portion  
1657 of the employee's accrued sick leave to another employee eligible for comprehensive  
1658 leave benefits to be used for any qualifying reason in accordance with King County  
1659 family and medical leave under K.C.C. 3.12.221, or under the federal ~~((f))~~Family and  
1660 ~~((m))~~Medical ~~((l))~~Leave ~~((law))~~ Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq. Such a donation may  
1661 only occur upon written request to and approval of the donating and receiving employees'  
1662 department director or directors.

1663           2. No donation of sick leave hours shall be permitted unless the donating  
1664 employee's sick leave accrual balance immediately subsequent to the donation is one  
1665 hundred hours or more. No employee may donate more than twenty-five hours of the  
1666 employee's accrued sick leave in a calendar year.

1667           3. Donated sick leave hours remain with the recipient. Donated sick leave hours  
1668 shall be excluded from the sick leave payoff provisions contained in this chapter, and sick  
1669 leave restoration provisions contained in this chapter. Employees do not accrue  
1670 additional leave hours while utilizing donated sick leave hours.

1671           C.1. Employees receiving donated leave must have exhausted all paid leave  
1672 accruals before using donated leave.

1673           2. The leave for which the employee is requesting donations must be for a  
1674 prolonged absence. A prolonged absence is three or more consecutive days. An  
1675 employee may use donated leave intermittently after the employee's prolonged absence.

1676           D. All donations of vacation and sick leave made under this chapter are strictly  
1677 voluntary. Employees shall not ask for anything of value, or offer or receive anything of  
1678 value, in exchange for donation of vacation or sick leave hours.



1679           E. All vacation and sick leave hours donated shall be converted to a dollar value  
1680 based on the donor's base rate of pay at the time of donation. ~~((Such))~~ The dollar value  
1681 shall then be divided by the receiving employee's hourly rate to determine the actual  
1682 number of hours received and placed in the receiving employee's donated leave bank.  
1683 Vacation leave donated to a furloughed employee, who is designated by a department  
1684 director and confirmed by the director of human resources as eligible to use donated  
1685 leave on a furlough day, is donated on an hour-for-hour basis, without an hourly rate  
1686 conversion.

1687           SECTION 33. Ordinance 13743, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.224 are  
1688 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1689           Notwithstanding K.C.C. 3.12.190, if an employee dies while engaged within the  
1690 scope of the employee's employment, the executive may implement a process providing a  
1691 one-time opportunity to allow employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits to  
1692 convert either accrued vacation or ~~((accumulated))~~ compensatory time hours, or both, to  
1693 cash to benefit any children of the deceased employee who are under twenty-three years  
1694 old at the time of the employee's death. This process must conform to the following  
1695 requirements:

1696           A. The executive shall establish a forty-five-day period during which time  
1697 employees may sign a written request, subject to approval by the executive, to convert  
1698 either accrued vacation or ~~((accumulated))~~ compensatory time hours, or both, to cash and  
1699 to authorize a payroll deduction of the cash to benefit the children of the deceased  
1700 employee who are under twenty-three years old at the time of the employee's death. The  
1701 hours must be in full-hour increments, with a minimum of four;

1702           B. The executive shall determine the maximum hours that any employee can  
1703 convert to cash, but the maximum may not be greater than a total of forty by each  
1704 employee;

1705           C. The value of the hours must be determined based on ~~((the regular hourly rate~~  
1706 ~~of))~~ the employee's base rate of pay in effect at the time the approved conversion request  
1707 is received by the county's payroll office;

1708           D. If employees elect to convert either accrued vacation or accumulated  
1709 compensatory time hours, or both, to cash as set forth in this section, the executive shall  
1710 identify one or more support accounts or programs to which the cash may be paid for the  
1711 benefit of the children. Unless the executive determines that another support account or  
1712 program is more suitable given the circumstances of the children, the executive shall first  
1713 ~~((insure))~~ ensure the establishment of a Washington state college tuition prepaid  
1714 program-guaranteed education tuition (GET) account with the state of Washington  
1715 treasury to benefit the children of the deceased employee. In addition to or in lieu of the  
1716 GET program, the executive may direct that some or all of the cash collected under this  
1717 section be paid to other support accounts or programs that the executive has determined:

1718           1. Are established in the names of the children or their legal guardian for the  
1719 benefit of the children;

1720           2. Are held by a governmental agency, nonprofit organization, bank, trust or  
1721 lawful entity other than an individual;

1722           3. Contain adequate safeguards against theft, diversion, loss or wasting of the  
1723 funds paid under this section; and

4. Restrict the permissible use of funds paid under this section to paying for minimal, if any, administrative expenses and providing for the children's reasonable food, shelter, and educational expenses; and

E. The cash resulting from converted accrued vacation or compensatory time hours, or both, net of all mandatory deductions, including, but not limited to, deductions for retirement plans, ~~((and))~~ federal income tax, and the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, must be transmitted to the Washington state college tuition prepaid program-guaranteed education tuition (GET) account established by the executive, or such other accounts or programs as may be determined by the executive, under subsection D. of this section~~((; and))~~.

SECTION 34. Ordinance 7956, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.225 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Division managers shall allow the division's employees who are eligible for comprehensive leave benefits the use of up to three days of accrued sick leave, not to include donated sick leave, each calendar year to perform volunteer services at a local school or at a nonprofit organization on the approved list for the employee giving program. During a calendar year, an employee may use accrued sick leave for volunteer service for both school and nonprofit organization participation. The aggregate number of sick leave days used for those purposes shall not exceed three ~~((days))~~ occasions in a calendar year.

B. ~~((A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for volunteer sick leave in lieu of taking a furlough day.~~

~~€.))~~ Employees requesting to use accrued sick leave for this purpose shall submit ~~((such))~~ a request in writing specifying the name of the school or organization and the

1747 nature of the volunteer services to be performed. The employee's supervisor may request in  
1748 advance that the employee obtain written proof of the service from the school or  
1749 organization.

1750 SECTION 35. Ordinance 19563, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.227 are  
1751 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1752 A. There is hereby created a King County emergency medical leave donation  
1753 program, which shall be activated or deactivated at the director's discretion based on the  
1754 county's current need for such a program.

1755 B. Emergency medical leave donations may only occur upon the employee's  
1756 request to the department of human resources with written approval of the donating and  
1757 receiving employees' department director or directors.

1758 C.1. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may donate a portion  
1759 of the employee's accrued vacation or sick leave hours to the emergency medical leave  
1760 program.

1761 2. An employee is limited to donating no more than eighty hours of vacation  
1762 leave to the program per calendar year unless the employee's department director approves  
1763 a greater amount. The number of donated hours shall not exceed the donor's accrued  
1764 vacation leave as of the date of the request.

1765 3. An employee is limited to donating no more than twenty-five hours of sick  
1766 leave to the program per calendar year. A donation of sick leave hours shall not be  
1767 permitted unless the donating employee's sick leave accrual balance immediately  
1768 subsequent to the donation is one hundred hours or more.

1769           4. All vacation and sick leave hours donated shall be converted to a dollar value  
1770 based on the donor's base rate of pay at the time of donation and transferred to the  
1771 emergency medical leave program.

1772           D.1. Donated hours shall be distributed by the department of human resources on a  
1773 first come first serve basis and shall only be awarded prospectively.

1774           2. The maximum donation that an employee eligible for comprehensive leave  
1775 benefits may receive is eighty hours per calendar year, prorated to reflect the employee's  
1776 normally scheduled work week.

1777           3. The number of donated hours distributed to the receiving employee and the  
1778 receiving employee's base rate of pay shall determine the dollar value to withdraw from the  
1779 emergency medical leave program.

1780           4. The receiving employee may only use emergency medical leave for a  
1781 qualifying reason in accordance with King County family and medical leave under K.C.C.  
1782 3.12.221, or under the federal ~~((f))~~Family and ~~((m))~~Medical ~~((l))~~Leave ~~((law))~~ Act, 29  
1783 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.

1784           5. The leave for which the employee is requesting donations must be for a  
1785 prolonged absence. "A prolonged absence" means three or more consecutive days. An  
1786 employee may use donated leave intermittently after the employee's prolonged absence.

1787           6. The receiving employee must have exhausted all of the employee's paid leave  
1788 accruals prior to utilizing emergency medical leave hours.

1789           7. Donated leave hours shall be excluded from the vacation and sick leave payoff  
1790 provisions in this chapter.

1791           8. Employees do not accrue additional leave hours while utilizing emergency  
1792 medical leave donated hours.

1793           9. If donated hours are not utilized by the donee within sixty calendar days of  
1794 being awarded, the hours shall be returned to the emergency medical leave program and do  
1795 not revert to the donor.

1796           SECTION 36. Ordinance 12014, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.230  
1797 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1798           A. All employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be granted the  
1799 following designated holidays with pay:

- 1800           1. January 1, New Year's Day;
- 1801           2. Third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- 1802           3. Third Monday in February, President's Day;
- 1803           4. Last Monday in May, Memorial Day;
- 1804           5. June 19, Juneteenth;
- 1805           6. July 4, Independence Day;
- 1806           7. First Monday in September, Labor Day;
- 1807           8. Second Monday in October, Indigenous Peoples' Day;
- 1808           9. November 11, Veterans Day;
- 1809           10. Fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;
- 1810           11. Friday after Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving;
- 1811           12. December 25, Christmas Day; and
- 1812           13. Two personal holidays, for employees who are employed on February 1,
- 1813 which shall be added to the employee's vacation bank on the paycheck that includes

February 1. New employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits hired between February 2 and November 15 shall be awarded two personal holidays upon hire. New employees eligible for comprehensive leave benefits hired after November 15 shall not receive two personal holidays for that calendar year.

B. For holidays falling on a Saturday, the Friday before shall be a paid holiday. For holidays falling on a Sunday, the Monday following shall be a paid holiday.

C. An employee must be eligible for comprehensive leave benefits and in a pay status on the day before and the day following a holiday to be eligible for holiday pay. However, an employee who has successfully completed at least five years of county service and who retires at the end of a month in which the last regularly scheduled working day is observed as a holiday, shall be eligible for holiday pay if the employee is in a pay status the day before the day observed as a holiday. An employee otherwise eligible for holiday pay shall not be ineligible as a result of not being in a pay status on the day before or after the holiday due to budgetary furlough or for taking an unpaid holiday for religious purposes.

D. When a holiday falls on the scheduled day off of a full time employee entitled to comprehensive leave benefits who works other than a five-day, eight-hour schedule, the employee shall be given a deferred holiday. The employee and the employee's supervisor shall jointly select another day, preferably within the same pay period, for the employee to take as holiday. Deferred holidays for a part-time hourly employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be prorated to the employee's schedule.

SECTION 37. Ordinance 12077, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.240 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1836           A. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits who is ordered on a jury  
1837 shall be entitled to the employee's regular county pay but only if any fees received for jury  
1838 duty are rejected by the employee when the employee is called to jury service or deposited,  
1839 exclusive of mileage, with the finance and business operations division of the department  
1840 of executive services.

1841           B. An employee who is not eligible for comprehensive leave benefits shall be  
1842 released, unpaid, from work duties for the duration of the employee's jury duty, and may  
1843 retain any fees paid for jury service.

1844           C. ~~((A furloughed employee shall not be eligible to take or be paid for jury duty~~  
1845 ~~leave in lieu of taking a furlough day.~~

1846           ~~D.))~~ Employees shall report to their work supervisor when dismissed from jury  
1847 service.

1848           SECTION 38. Ordinance 12014, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.247  
1849 are hereby repealed.

1850           SECTION 39. Ordinance 12014, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.250  
1851 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1852           A. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may take a leave of  
1853 absence without pay for thirty calendar days or less if authorized in writing by the  
1854 employee's division manager.

1855           B. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may take a leave of  
1856 absence without pay for more than thirty calendar days for nonmedical reasons if  
1857 authorized in writing by the employee's division manager.



1858 C. An employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits may take a leave of  
1859 absence without pay for more than thirty days for medical reasons if authorized in writing  
1860 by the director.

1861 D. An employee lawfully using Washington paid family and medical leave,  
1862 including providing King County appropriate notice, does not need to request approval for  
1863 the employee's unpaid leave of absence from King County.

1864 E. Leaves of absence without pay shall ~~((be for periods))~~ not ~~((to))~~ exceed one year  
1865 except that the director may, in special circumstances, grant an extension beyond one year.

1866 ~~((E.))~~ E. Other employee benefits as provided in this chapter shall not be provided  
1867 to or accrue to the employee while on leave of absence without pay, except as provided in  
1868 K.C.C. 3.12.220 or K.C.C. 3.12.040.

1869 ~~((F.))~~ G. If a leave of absence without pay was granted for purposes of recovering  
1870 health, the employee shall be required to submit a physician's statement concerning the  
1871 employee's ability to resume duties prior to return to work.

1872 ~~((G.))~~ H. An employee on leave of absence without pay may return from the leave  
1873 before its expiration date if the employee provides the division manager with a written  
1874 request to that effect at least fifteen days prior to resuming duties.

1875 ~~((H.))~~ I. Failure to return to work by the expiration date of a leave of absence  
1876 without pay shall be cause for removal and shall result in ~~((automatic))~~ termination of the  
1877 employee from county service.

1878 ~~((I.))~~ J. A leave of absence without pay may be revoked by the employee's  
1879 division manager or the director upon evidence submitted to the director by the division  
1880 manager of the employee indicating that such leave was requested and granted under false

1881 pretenses, or that the need for such leave has ceased to exist.

1882         SECTION 40. Ordinance 12014, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.260

1883 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1884             A.1. A leave of absence shall be granted, in accordance with applicable provisions  
1885 of state or federal law, to any employee who voluntarily or upon demand by ~~((the))~~  
1886 Washington state or the United States government leaves the employee's position with the  
1887 county, either to determine the employee's physical fitness to enter or to actually enter  
1888 active duty or training in the United States Uniformed Services, which includes, but is not  
1889 limited to, the Armed Services and their reserve components, the Washington National  
1890 Guard and the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and its reserve.  
1891 Under the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38  
1892 U.S.C. Secs. 4301 through 4335, Uniformed Services may also include an appointee when  
1893 the National Disaster Medical System is activated.

1894             2. The leave of absence shall continue until the employee has exhausted the  
1895 employee's employment and reemployment rights under the Uniform Services  
1896 Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38 U.S.C. Secs. 4301 through 4335,  
1897 which is generally up to five years, subject to certain exceptions provided under federal  
1898 law.

1899             B. Employees are required to give their employing county agency advance notice  
1900 of the need for military leave, preferably in writing, though oral notification is sufficient.  
1901 Notice should be provided as soon as is reasonable under the circumstances, and, if feasible  
1902 to do so, service members should provide thirty days advance notice; however, advance  
1903 notice is not required if prevented by military necessity or otherwise impossible or

1904 unreasonable under the circumstances, to the extent provided in federal law and  
1905 regulations. Written notice should be accompanied by a validated copy of the military  
1906 orders. Oral notice should be supplemented as soon as is reasonable with a validated copy  
1907 of the military orders.

1908           C. An employee who is eligible for comprehensive leave benefits under K.C.C.  
1909 3.12.040 and volunteers or is ordered to serve in the United States Uniformed Services, as  
1910 described in subsection A.1. of this section, or to receive associated training that requires a  
1911 leave of absence from the employee's county position, and has exhausted annual military  
1912 leave provided pursuant to state and federal law or a collective bargaining agreement, shall  
1913 be granted a paid leave of absence from the employee's county position at the employee's  
1914 ~~((regular))~~ county base rate of ~~((county))~~ pay less the amount of the employee's regular  
1915 base rate of military pay to which the employee is entitled. The paid leave of absence shall  
1916 continue until the lesser of the conclusion of the employee's service in the United States  
1917 Uniformed Services, or until the employee has exhausted the employee's employment and  
1918 reemployment rights under the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights  
1919 Act of 1994, 38 U.S.C. Secs. 4301 through 4335, which is generally up to five years,  
1920 subject to certain exceptions provided under federal law.

1921           D. Receipt of the pay provided for in the preceding section is contingent upon the  
1922 employee providing the employing county agency with supporting documentation  
1923 verifying:

- 1924           1. The employee's rank;  
1925           2. That the employee is on active duty; and

1926           3. The employee's military pay grade statement and military pay grade change  
1927 statement.

1928           E. The employee is required to notify the employee's employing county department  
1929 whenever there is a change to the employee's military rank or pay grade.

1930           SECTION 41. Ordinance 9967, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.262 are  
1931 each hereby amended to read as follows:

1932           A. An employee who is eligible for comprehensive leave benefits under K.C.C.  
1933 3.12.040 and who volunteers or is ordered to serve in the United States Uniformed  
1934 Services, as described in K.C.C. 3.12.260.A.1., or to receive associated training that  
1935 requires a leave of absence from the employee's county position, shall continue to receive  
1936 medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits, and shall continue to accrue vacation  
1937 and sick leave. Receipt of medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits, and vacation  
1938 and sick leave accruals shall continue until the lesser of the conclusion of the employee's  
1939 service in the United States Uniformed Services, or until the employee has exhausted the  
1940 employee's employment and reemployment rights under the Uniform Services  
1941 Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38 U.S.C. Secs. 4301 through 4335,  
1942 which is generally up to five years, subject to certain exceptions provided under federal  
1943 law.

1944           B. Receipt of medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits, and leave accruals  
1945 is contingent upon the employee providing the employing county agency with supporting  
1946 documentation verifying that the employee is in service. The documentation shall be  
1947 provided by the employee upon commencing military leave, annually in September and  
1948 upon leaving military service.

1949            SECTION 42. Ordinance 12014, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.270

1950 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

1951            A. A career service employee may be disciplined by the appointing authority for  
1952 any of the following ~~((causes))~~ reasons, or for any other ~~((justifiable))~~ just cause:

1953            1. Dishonesty, including but not limited to dishonesty in securing appointment;

1954            2. Harassment, discrimination, inappropriate conduct, or retaliation in violation  
1955 of federal, state, or local laws, or county policy;

1956            3. Failing to be respectful of coworkers or the public;

1957            4. Incompetency;

1958            ~~((3-))~~ 5. Inefficiency;

1959            ~~((4-))~~ 6. Unauthorized absence, including patterns of continual tardiness;

1960            7. Inaccurate or fraudulent timekeeping;

1961            ~~((5-))~~ 8. Neglect of duty;

1962            ~~((6-))~~ 9. Insubordination;

1963            ~~((7- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs while on duty~~

1964 ~~during the workday))~~ 10. Drug or alcohol use or possession in violation of county policy;

1965            11. Use of county time, equipment, or facilities for private gain or other

1966 noncounty purpose;

1967            12. Committing an act of workplace violence, including but not limited to

1968 verbal assault, threatening behavior, or physical assault;

1969            13. Wearing, transporting or storing firearms or other dangerous weapons

1970 within county buildings or facilities, in a county vehicle, or on their person while on

1971 county business, except as authorized by county policy;

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1972            ~~((8-))~~ 14. Conviction of a crime;

1973            ~~((9-))~~ 15. Disorderly conduct while on duty;

1974            ~~((10-))~~ 16. Negligent, reckless, or knowing damage to or waste of public

1975 property;

1976            17. Theft of county property;

1977            ~~((11-))~~ 18. Violation of any of the provisions of applicable federal or state law

1978 relating to political activities;

1979            ~~((12-))~~ 19. Negligent, reckless, or knowing violation of any of the provisions of

1980 the personnel guidelines; or

1981            ~~((13-))~~ 20. Violation of any lawful order, directive, or policy, ~~((of a superior,~~

1982 ~~including but not limited to the executive, department directors, and division managers,))~~

1983 or a violation of the employee code of ethics, K.C.C. chapter 3.04.

1984            B. Prior to the disposition of any suspension or discharge, a career service

1985 employee shall be advised of the employee's right to seek assistance through the county's

1986 employee assistance program as described in the personnel guidelines.

1987            C. Disciplinary action shall be the primary responsibility of the appointing

1988 authority and may include, but is not limited to, reduction in rank or pay, suspension

1989 without pay, ~~((and/))~~ or discharge of the employee from county employment, or a

1990 combination thereof. The appointing authority shall consult with the director prior to the

1991 discharge of any career service or exempt employee.

1992            D. In any disciplinary action against a career service employee, pertinent

1993 information shall be reduced to written form by the appointing authority and a copy

provided to the employee (~~and to the director~~). Such written notice shall state the following:

1. The reason for discipline;
2. The facts supporting the discipline;
3. The form of discipline to be imposed;
4. The effective date of the discipline;
5. (~~Unless otherwise provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement,~~

~~€~~)The right of the employee to appeal the following disciplinary action to the personnel board:

- a. Suspension of more than sixty days;
- b. Reduction in rank or pay; or
- c. Discharge;

6. (~~Unless otherwise provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement,~~  
~~€~~)The right of the employee to appeal any disciplinary action to appropriate authorities through the initiation of grievance procedures, as authorized by or approved under this chapter.

E. Written notice of the discipline shall be delivered to the career service employee, emailed to the employee's work or home address, mailed to the employee, or mailed to the employee's last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested.

An employee shall be deemed notified of the disciplinary action on the date the notice was (~~delivered~~) sent to the employee (~~or the date on the return receipt, as applicable~~).

SECTION 43. Ordinance 12014, Section 28, and K.C.C. 3.12.280 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The county recognizes the importance and desirability of settling grievances of career service employees promptly and fairly in the interest of continued good employee relations and morale. To accomplish this, every effort ~~((will))~~ shall be made to settle grievances at the lowest possible level of supervision.

B. Employees shall be unimpeded and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievances.

C. Appropriate grievance procedures designed to accomplish the intent of this section shall be developed and incorporated by the director into the personnel guidelines authorized by this chapter. Such grievance procedures shall apply to career service employees only.

SECTION 44. Ordinance 12014, Section 29, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.290 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. In the case of an appeal by a career service employee to the board following completion of the grievance appeal process outlined in the personnel guidelines, written notice of appeal shall be filed by the employee with the chair of the board and the director ~~((within thirty calendar days of the employee having been notified of the disciplinary action as provided for by this chapter or))~~ within ~~((ten))~~ thirty calendar days of completion of the grievance or appeal process ~~((contained in this chapter or any applicable collective bargaining agreement. For appeals not involving disciplinary action, the applicable period shall be fourteen calendar days from the action from which the appeal is taken, or fourteen calendar days from the time the employee should reasonably have known of the action, whichever is longer))~~. The written notice of appeal shall contain a statement of the following:



1. The action or alleged action from which the appeal is taken;
2. The grounds for appeal; and
3. The relief requested.

The board may only hear appeals which are within its jurisdiction, as set forth by Section 540 of the charter.

B. All decisions of the personnel board shall be final unless appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction within fourteen calendar days of the board's decision.

~~C. ((The personnel board or the court shall award a career service employee reasonable attorney's fees incurred in any appeal in which the employee is the prevailing party, provided, that the employee shall be considered the prevailing party only where the county has a written settlement offer in effect thirty calendar days prior to the hearing of the personnel board or court and the award obtained by the employee exceeds the terms of that settlement offer; provided further, that such reasonable attorney's fees shall not exceed the actual fees paid by the employee.~~

~~D.))~~ Upon request, the director shall provide the council with a status report of appeals filed with the personnel board.

SECTION 45. Ordinance 12014, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.300 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

In the event of a reduction in force due to lack of work, lack of funds, or considerations of efficiency, layoffs shall be conducted at a department, division, or section level. The order of layoff shall be conducted by ~~((class))~~ classification on the basis of merit. Where two or more career service employees within a class are of equal merit, county seniority shall determine the order of layoff as between those employees.

Where there is an applicable collective bargaining agreement, the order of layoff shall be determined by the collective bargaining agreement. In lieu of laying off a career service employee, the director may reassign the employee to a comparable, vacant position, when the director determines the reassignment to be in the best interests of the county.

SECTION 46. Ordinance 4324, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.12.310 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The tenure of each employee shall be subject to the rendering of efficient service. Career service employees may be removed ~~((only))~~ for just cause, as specified by this chapter~~((; provided, that such))~~, although the just cause need not be demonstrated where an employee is retired or is laid off in accordance with ~~((the provisions of))~~ this chapter. Career service ~~((E))~~ exempt employees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Nothing in this section shall derogate from the county's power to abolish positions and lay off employees because of lack of work, lack of funds, or considerations of efficiency.

SECTION 47. Ordinance 4324, Section 33, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.320 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 48. Ordinance 12014, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.330 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The executive shall be responsible for the administration of the county personnel system in accordance with the policies and standards established by this chapter, which shall constitute the personnel rules of the county. The director as the executive's designee shall be responsible to administer the personnel system ~~((and directly related affairs of the county to include collective bargaining; provided, that such a role will not infringe on the authority of the county administrative officer to exercise supervisory authority on~~

those matters not directly relating to the formal administration of the county's personnel system; provided further, that the equal employment officer and program, to include the affirmative action program, shall be directly responsible to the county administrative officer in all applicable affairs in which there has not been a formally defined relationship, by virtue of council action or personnel guideline, between said office and the director)).

SECTION 49. Ordinance 12498, Sections 1, 4-7, and K.C.C. 3.12.335 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. It is the policy of King County to provide paid opportunities ((for paid, competitive employment)) for individuals with developmental disabilities, as defined in this chapter, in integrated work settings. The executive shall seek the cooperation, assistance, and participation of all county departments in the successful implementation of this policy.

B. Persons with developmental disabilities as defined in RCW 71A.10.020(((5)))(6), as amended, shall be eligible for supported employment pursuant to this section.

C. The department of human resources, or its successor agency, is designated as the lead agency responsible for the management of the supported employment program, with technical support provided by the developmental disabilities and early childhood supports division of the department of community and human services, or its successor agency.

((D. The executive is authorized to adopt administrative rules to implement this section pursuant to K.C.C. 3.12.350.))

2109            SECTION 50. Ordinance 4324, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.340 are hereby  
2110 repealed.

2111            SECTION 51. Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350  
2112 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2113            A. The director (~~((shall))~~) may adopt personnel guidelines for the purpose of  
2114 implementing the directives, policies, and standards contained in this chapter and in  
2115 Article 5 of the charter.

2116            (~~((Such personnel guidelines shall be subject to approval by the executive. Before  
2117 adoption, amendment or repeal of any guideline, the department shall give at least forty-  
2118 five days' notice of its intended action by filing notice with the clerk of the council and  
2119 mailing notice of the intended action to each member of the council, each department  
2120 director and agency head, each collective bargaining unit that has a collective bargaining  
2121 agreement with the county, the chief of staff of the council and the council policy staff  
2122 director, or their successors.))~~ After adoption, amendment, or repeal of (~~((the))~~) any  
2123 guideline, the department shall post (~~((all))~~) the updated guidelines to the Internet, and the  
2124 department will notify each department and the office of labor relations may notify the  
2125 collective bargaining units.

2126            B. The personnel guidelines (~~((shall))~~) may include, but not be limited to, the  
2127 following subjects:

- 2128            1. Purpose, objectives and intent;
- 2129            2. Definitions;
- 2130            3. Preemployment administration:
- 2131            a. role of the director and the department;

- 2132           b. recruitment procedures;
- 2133           c. application procedures;
- 2134           d. examinations;
- 2135           e. employment lists;
- 2136           f. ~~((certification;~~
- 2137           ~~g.))~~ appointment; and
- 2138           ~~((h.))~~ g. process requirements of equal employment opportunity;
- 2139           4. Postemployment administration:
- 2140           a. role of the department of human resources;
- 2141           b. probationary periods;
- 2142           c. classification system;
- 2143           d. employee performance evaluation;
- 2144           e. disciplinary procedures;
- 2145           f. separation, including reductions in force;
- 2146           g. employee relations; and
- 2147           h. process requirements of equal employment opportunity;
- 2148           5. Special duty;
- 2149           6. Grievance and appeals procedures:
- 2150           a. role of the department of human resources and other departments, including
- 2151 relationship and processes of the equal employment program;
- 2152           b. role of the director;
- 2153           c. grievance procedures;
- 2154           d. appeals procedures; and

- 2155 e. role of the personnel board;
- 2156 7. Conditions of employment;
- 2157 8. Employee benefits;
- 2158 9. Procedures for leaves of absence; and
- 2159 10. Procedures for salary and administration.

2160 SECTION 52. Ordinance 12014, Section 33, and K.C.C. 3.12.360 are each

2161 hereby amended to read as follows:

2162 A. When a collective bargaining agreement establishes a condition of employment,

2163 benefit, or procedure (~~((which conflicts))~~) that differs with a condition, benefit, or procedure

2164 established by this chapter (~~((or otherwise by ordinance))~~), the collective bargaining

2165 agreement shall take precedence with respect to those employees covered by the

2166 agreement, so long as the following conditions are met:

2167 ~~((A.))~~ 1. The condition of employment, benefit, or procedure created by the

2168 agreement is lawful; and

2169 ~~((B.))~~ 2. The agreement has been adopted by the council by ordinance.

2170 B. Adoption of the agreement by ordinance shall be deemed an amendment of this

2171 chapter only with respect to the affected employees and subject condition, benefit, or

2172 procedure.

2173 SECTION 53. Ordinance 9498, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.365 are hereby

2174 repealed.

2175 SECTION 54. Ordinance 16640, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.400 are

2176 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2177           A. It is the policy of the county to support the endeavors of volunteers for the  
2178 county in a manner that benefits the community ~~((and))~~<sub>2</sub> is in the best interest of the county,  
2179 and provides scope of work direction to its volunteers.

2180           B. Volunteers for the county are expected to act within the scope of assigned  
2181 volunteer work responsibilities. Volunteers for the county are authorized agents of the  
2182 county only when acting within the scope of their assigned volunteer work responsibilities.  
2183 Volunteers for the county are entitled to defense and indemnification as provided in K.C.C.  
2184 chapter 2.21.

2185           C. Volunteers for the county shall be administered as follows:

2186                 1. A county employee may be a volunteer for the county only if the service as a  
2187 volunteer for the county is not the same type of services that the employee is employed to  
2188 perform for the county;

2189                 2. A volunteer for the county may be asked by an agency to enter into a volunteer  
2190 agreement, waiver<sub>2</sub> or other type of liability mitigation protection agreement;

2191                 3. The county retains the sole right to accept, decline<sub>2</sub> or terminate the services of  
2192 a volunteer for the county for any reason. A volunteer for the county is expected to comply  
2193 with all federal, state<sub>2</sub> and local laws and to adhere to all county policies and procedures  
2194 related to workplace conduct and use of county resources, including all those applicable to  
2195 the specific department, division, section<sub>2</sub> and ~~((work place))~~ workplace that oversees their  
2196 volunteer work. If the volunteer for the county violates any law, county policy or  
2197 procedure, or any workplace expectation, including those related to workplace conduct or  
2198 the use of county resources<sub>2</sub> the county, at its sole discretion, may impose corrective  
2199 measures upon the volunteer for the county. Such corrective measures may include, but

2200 not be limited to, verbal counseling in an effort to achieve acceptable compliance, up to and  
2201 including, dismissal of the volunteer for the county. Progressive measures are not required  
2202 and there shall be no formal right of appeal for any corrective action taken by the county.

2203 The services of a volunteer for the county may be terminated at any time by either the  
2204 volunteer for the county or by the county for any reason without cause or notice;

2205           4. The use of county resources and property by a volunteer for the county is  
2206 limited to the conduct appropriately required to deliver the volunteer services within the  
2207 scope of work identified for the volunteer and uses that are available to the general public  
2208 as provided in K.C.C. 3.04.020;

2209           5. For each program that uses volunteers for the county, departments shall  
2210 develop a code of conduct. The department shall provide volunteers for the county with a  
2211 copy of the relevant code of conduct or post the code of conduct in an area where  
2212 volunteers report for work. Codes of conduct shall include the principles of behaving with  
2213 respect toward other volunteers for the county, behaving with respect toward members of  
2214 the public, behaving with respect toward county employees and behaving with respect for  
2215 individuals, animals or property that are the focus of the program using volunteers for the  
2216 county. Individuals who violate the code of conduct shall be subject to the corrective  
2217 measures in subsection C.3. of this section; and

2218           6. The departments, in consultation with the director of the department of human  
2219 resources, shall be responsible for the administration of volunteer programs and the  
2220 management of volunteers for the county in accordance with the policies and standards  
2221 established by this chapter.



2222            SECTION 55. Ordinance 12943, Section 13, and K.C.C. 3.12A.010 are each  
2223 hereby amended to read as follows:

2224            The council finds that both operational efficiency and fair and equitable  
2225 employment practices are advanced by the use of regular, career service employees where  
2226 appropriate. Therefore, it is the policy of King County to have ongoing, relatively stable,  
2227 and predictable bodies of work necessary to the provision of services to the public  
2228 performed by career service employees, and to minimize its use of part-time and temporary  
2229 employees. This is not meant to limit the number of employees employed in part-time  
2230 regular positions or to contract out work in appropriate situations. To achieve that goal, the  
2231 council hereby adopts the procedures set forth in this chapter.

2232            SECTION 56. Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020  
2233 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2234            The definitions set forth in K.C.C. chapter 3.12 are hereby incorporated in this  
2235 chapter. Words not defined in K.C.C. chapter 3.12 or in this chapter shall have their  
2236 ordinary and usual meanings. In the event of conflict, the specific definitions set forth in  
2237 this chapter shall presumptively, but not conclusively, prevail.

2238            A. "Committee" means the career service review committee, which shall consist  
2239 of:

2240            1. The following three permanent members:

2241            a. the county executive or designee;

2242            b. the chief officer of the office of performance, strategy, and budget or

2243 successor organizational unit or designee; and

2244 c. the director of the department of human resources or successor organizational  
2245 unit or designee; and

2246 2. One member representing the department whose body of work or employees  
2247 are then under review.

2248 SECTION 57. Ordinance 12943, Section 15, and K.C.C. 3.12A.030 are each  
2249 hereby amended to read as follows:

2250 The executive shall conduct an annual review as described herein. By March 1 of  
2251 each year, ~~((beginning March 1, 1999,))~~ each executive department and administrative  
2252 office shall prepare and submit to the committee a comprehensive report documenting its  
2253 use of part-time and temporary employees, other than probationary and provisional  
2254 employees, in the preceding calendar year.

2255 Within ~~((60))~~ sixty days of submission of the ~~((above))~~ reports required under this  
2256 section, the committee shall make a factual determination as to whether an ongoing,  
2257 relatively stable, and predictable body of work on an annualized basis has been identified.  
2258 If the committee determines that such a body of work exists, the committee may  
2259 recommend: (1) the creation of any new part-time or full-time regular career service  
2260 position(s); or (2) the filling of an existing vacant career service position in which the  
2261 work is being performed by a temporary or part-time employee(s); or (3) the creation of a  
2262 term-limited temporary employee position; or (4) the cessation of the work. If the  
2263 committee identifies such a body of work, but the committee does not make any of the  
2264 recommendations described ~~((above))~~ in this section, the department must discontinue the  
2265 use of part-time or temporary employees to perform that work. If the committee  
2266 recommends creation of a regular career service position, but the executive does not

2267 recommend or the council does not create such a position, the department shall discontinue  
2268 performance of the pertinent body of work by temporary or part-time employees.

2269 Any regular career service position created as a result of this process ~~((will))~~ shall  
2270 be filled by a competitive hiring process.

2271 The reports of each department and of the committee and the records of ~~((their))~~ the  
2272 committee's proceedings shall be considered disclosable public records and shall also be  
2273 made available to the council upon request.

2274 SECTION 58. Ordinance 12943, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12A.040 are each  
2275 hereby amended to read as follows:

2276 Part-time and temporary employees, other than probationary, provisional, and term-  
2277 limited temporary employees, who exceed the calendar year working hour thresholds set  
2278 forth in the definitions contained in K.C.C. chapter 3.12 shall receive pay in lieu of benefits  
2279 as provided in K.C.C. chapter 3.12. ~~((Provided, that))~~ However, exceeding the threshold  
2280 hours does not confer career service status on any employee.

2281 SECTION 59. Ordinance 12943, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.050  
2282 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2283 A.1. Part-time and temporary employees, other than probationary and provisional  
2284 employees, who exceed the ~~((calendar-year))~~ working-hour thresholds set forth in the  
2285 definitions contained in K.C.C. chapter 3.12 may seek conversion of a body of work ~~((in~~  
2286 ~~which))~~ they perform into a part-time or full-time regular career service position by appeal  
2287 to the committee. Conversion decisions shall be based on whether the work performed by  
2288 the employee is an ongoing, relatively stable, and predictable body of work that is half time  
2289 or more, even though the work was not perceived as such previously, and whether it should

2290 be performed by a regular part-time or full-time career service employee. The committee  
2291 shall also decide, if the body of work does not warrant a career service position, whether  
2292 the position should be converted to a term-limited temporary employee position. The  
2293 committee shall determine whether the work performed by the employee shall:

2294           ~~((1-))~~ a. ~~((R))~~ remain outside career service as part-time or temporary;  
2295           ~~((2-))~~ b. ~~((B))~~ be converted to a term-limited temporary employee position that  
2296 receives benefits; or

2297           ~~((3-))~~ c. ~~((B))~~ be converted to a part-time or full-time regular career service  
2298 position.

2299           B. The committee shall make its determination within forty-five days of the  
2300 employee's request. In the event of a tie vote by the committee, where half the committee  
2301 finds that the body of work should be converted, the appeal shall be deemed to have  
2302 prevailed. The committee shall make a recommendation to the executive for  
2303 recommendation to the council. The executive's recommendation shall be submitted to the  
2304 council if the executive decides the body of work should be performed by a career service  
2305 employee and that further position authority is required. If the council does not approve the  
2306 additional position, the work shall promptly be discontinued and not performed by  
2307 temporary or part-time employees.

2308           If the committee finds that the work performed by the employee should remain  
2309 part-time or temporary, the employee may appeal within ten days from the date of receipt  
2310 of the committee's finding by filing a notice of appeal with the committee. The committee  
2311 shall direct the appeal to be considered by a hearing examiner of the county or, at its  
2312 option, the committee may direct the appeal be considered by an independent, neutral

2313 arbitrator who ((will)) shall make a final determination. The arbitrator shall be chosen by  
2314 the director and the appellant, and shall be paid by the employing department or  
2315 administrative office.

2316         The hearing examiner's or arbitrator's decision shall be limited to either upholding  
2317 the committee's finding or overturning the committee's finding. The decision shall be  
2318 based on whether the work performed by the employee is an ongoing, relatively stable, and  
2319 predictable body of work and is half-time or more, under the same standards applicable to  
2320 the committee, or on whether the work meets the definition of term-limited temporary  
2321 position. Employees covered by a grievance procedure contained in a collective bargaining  
2322 agreement may elect either to use the grievance procedure, if the applicable collective  
2323 bargaining agreement permits it, or to use the appeal procedure described above, but not  
2324 both procedures.

2325         If the hearing examiner or arbitrator overturns the committee's findings, any new  
2326 career service or term-limited temporary position must be absorbed by the department  
2327 within its authorized position level, or within funds available for term-limited temporary  
2328 position work, provided that the department may request additional position or budget  
2329 authority. The appealing employee ((will)) shall be placed in the career service position as  
2330 a provisional appointee, with insured benefits and comprehensive leave benefits, until a  
2331 competitive hiring process, which substantially takes into account and weighs the  
2332 experience of the employee performing the tasks of the position, is completed. If the  
2333 appealing employee is selected for the position, the employee's start date ((will)) shall be  
2334 the date of the provisional appointment for all purposes, including seniority and/or a  
2335 probationary period, except that those employees covered by a collective bargaining

2336 agreement the date of the appointment shall be determined in accordance with the  
2337 collective bargaining agreement or by the collective bargaining process. If the employee is  
2338 placed in a term-limited temporary position, the employee's start date ~~((will))~~ shall be the  
2339 date of the employee's appointment to the term-limited temporary position for all purposes,  
2340 except for those employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, whose start date  
2341 ~~((will))~~ shall be determined by the collective bargaining agreement or by the collective  
2342 bargaining agreement process.

2343 ~~((B:))~~ C. Appeal Procedure ~~((F))~~ for Term-Limited Temporary Employees. A term-  
2344 limited temporary employee who exceeds the employee's term may appeal to the  
2345 committee to have the body of work converted to a career service position. The committee  
2346 shall decide whether the body of work still warrants a term-limited temporary position  
2347 designation or should be converted to a career service position. If a majority of the  
2348 committee finds that the body of work should continue as a term-limited temporary  
2349 position, the employee may appeal within ten days from the date of receipt of the  
2350 committee's finding by filing a notice of appeal with the committee. In the event of a tie  
2351 vote, the appeal shall be deemed to prevail. The appeal process shall be the same as for  
2352 part-time and temporary employees ~~((F))~~<sub>2</sub> other than probationary and provisional  
2353 employees ~~((, provided,))~~<sub>1</sub>; however, if the employee prevails in the appeal, the employee  
2354 shall be placed in a career service position, not a provisional appointment, and the  
2355 employee shall not be required to serve a probationary period.

2356 SECTION 60. Ordinance 12943, Section 18, and K.C.C. 3.12A.060 are each  
2357 hereby amended to read as follows:

2358           Nothing in this chapter shall restrict King County's ability to terminate part-time  
2359 and temporary employees who exceed the calendar year working hour thresholds or term-  
2360 limited temporary employees who exceed the calendar years threshold set forth in the  
2361 definitions contained in K.C.C. chapter 3.12; (~~((provided,))~~) however, (~~((that))~~) if an employee  
2362 seeks conversion of (~~((their))~~) the employee's position by appeal to the committee,  
2363 termination of that employee for reasons related to the appeal shall be deferred until the  
2364 conclusion of the appeal process described (~~((herein))~~) in this chapter. If the employee's  
2365 appeal is successful, the employee shall not be terminated but rather be assigned to a  
2366 position as required by the appeal process described herein.

2367           SECTION 61. Ordinance 18696, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.12S.010 are each  
2368 hereby amended to read as follows:

2369           A. The executive is hereby authorized to establish a program in agencies  
2370 identified by the executive that incentivizes retirement-eligible employees to voluntarily  
2371 leave county employment, but only if:

2372           1. The voluntary separation program will enable the agency to avoid a budget  
2373 shortfall that would result in program cuts or reductions in force, or the voluntary  
2374 separation program will result in labor cost savings; and

2375           2. The agency will not fill the separating employee's position or will fill the  
2376 position at a lower wage rate that is expected to result in a net twenty percent annual  
2377 salary cost savings.

2378           B. The executive is further authorized to enter into or extend agreements with  
2379 labor organizations to provide the same incentive program as provided for  
2380 nonrepresented employees under this chapter. If such an agreement addresses no other

subject or additional terms, it shall have the force of law upon execution by the parties, without enactment by ordinance.

C.1. ~~((In order to))~~ To be eligible for the program, the employee must:

a. have at least five years of current continuous regular county service(~~(;~~  
~~must))~~;

b. not be a temporary employee (~~(and must)~~);

c. be eligible to apply for a pension from the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Retirement System, Public Employees Retirement System, Public Safety Employees Retirement System, or the ~~((city of Seattle Retirement Plan))~~ Seattle City Employees' Retirement System, before December 31 of the calendar year in which the employee applies for the program; and

d. have not previously retired from King County government.

2. While the employee must be retirement-eligible and must separate from the county, the employee need not actually begin drawing a pension to be considered eligible for the program. An employee who has resigned, retired, or submitted written notification of the employee's intent to do so before the employee's employing agency has announced its intention to participate in the program, is ineligible to participate in the program.

D. Participation in the program by employees is entirely voluntary.

E. As a financial incentive, the county shall pay to currently employed, retirement-eligible employees who request, and are authorized by the executive, to voluntarily separate from county service, a one-time payment equal to twenty-six-weeks of the Washington state employment security department's maximum weekly



2404 unemployment benefit amount in effect as of January 1 of each calendar year. This one-  
2405 time payment amount issued to the eligible participant (~~((will))~~) shall be in the amount  
2406 effective for the year the participant was approved for the program and separates from the  
2407 county. For part-time employees, this one-time payment (~~((will))~~) shall be prorated based  
2408 on the percentage that employee works as measured against a full-time employee.

2409 F. The program shall require that participating employees enter into a written  
2410 agreement with King County that sets forth the terms and conditions of their voluntary  
2411 separation, including but not limited to:

2412 1. Any employee approved to participate in the program must leave county  
2413 employment by written resignation or retirement no later than December 31 of the year in  
2414 which the employee applies for the program. Agencies may establish deadlines and  
2415 procedures, which may vary by agency for employee participation in the program;

2416 2. The employee (~~((will))~~) shall not seek reemployment with the county in any  
2417 county position;

2418 3. The employee agrees that the employee is not eligible for, and (~~((will))~~) shall  
2419 not apply for, unemployment compensation and signs a waiver of any claim for  
2420 unemployment compensation; and

2421 4. The employee must sign a waiver or release of any claim under the Age  
2422 Discrimination in Employment Act and the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act.

2423 G. The executive's approval of any employee request to participate in the  
2424 program is discretionary, and consideration will be given to the impact to service  
2425 delivery, retention of a skilled employee or employees, cost of refilling a position or

2426 positions, short-term and long-term budget savings, and the employee's length of service  
2427 with the county.

2428           H. All decisions to approve or deny the requests of individual employees to  
2429 participate in the program shall be in writing and shall report the savings impacts, either  
2430 short-term or long-term, or both, if the request is approved or denied. Decisions to  
2431 approve or deny a request shall not be the subject of a grievance.

2432           I. The executive shall include, as part of the program, a clear designation of who  
2433 is authorized in each agency to approve or deny employee requests to participate in the  
2434 program. Employees of agencies headed by elected officials, other than the executive,  
2435 are ineligible to participate in the program unless their request is approved by both the  
2436 executive and the head of the applicable agency.

2437           SECTION 62. Ordinance 12014, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.010 are  
2438 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2439           The powers and duties of the ~~((sheriffs))~~ civil service commission under chapter  
2440 41.14 RCW are hereby assigned to the department of human resources except those powers  
2441 and duties set forth in RCW 41.14.120 and outlined in K.C.C. 3.14.020.

2442           SECTION 63. Ordinance 8179, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.14.020 are each hereby  
2443 amended to read as follows:

2444           The ~~((sheriffs))~~ civil service commission shall ~~((continue to))~~ hear and decide cases  
2445 regarding removals, suspensions, and demotions as provided in RCW 41.14.120.

2446           SECTION 64. Ordinance 12014, Section 47, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.030  
2447 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2448           The ~~((position of secretary/chief examiner of the sheriff's civil service commission~~  
2449 ~~is hereby abolished as of January 1, 1996. Any functions that have heretofore been~~  
2450 ~~performed by)) functions of the secretary/chief examiner are ~~((hereby assigned to))~~  
2451 performed by the director of the department of human resources.~~

2452           SECTION 65. Ordinance 12014, Section 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.040  
2453 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2454           ~~((A.)) Rules and regulations for the administration of the ~~((sheriffs))~~ civil service~~  
2455 ~~personnel system shall be ~~((adopted))~~ drafted and amended by the ~~((county council by~~  
2456 ~~ordinance. The director of the department of human resources is directed to promulgate~~  
2457 ~~administrative guidelines for the purpose of implementing such rules and regulations and~~  
2458 ~~the requirements of chapter 41.14 RCW.~~~~

2459           ~~B. Except to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter,~~  
2460 ~~the current rules and regulations of the sheriff's civil service commission, which are on~~  
2461 ~~file with the clerk of the council, are hereby incorporated by this reference and made a~~  
2462 ~~part hereof and adopted for the administration of the sheriff's personnel system. The~~  
2463 ~~executive shall review such rules and regulations and report periodically to the council~~  
2464 ~~proposing such amendments thereto as may be appropriate to bring such rules into~~  
2465 ~~substantial conformance with general county personnel rules insofar as permitted by~~  
2466 ~~chapter 41.14 RCW)) director.~~

2467           SECTION 66. K.C.C. 3.15.060, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby  
2468 recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.005.

2469           SECTION 67. Ordinance 1282, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.060 are  
2470 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2471           The administration of the pay provisions set forth herein ~~((will))~~ shall be the  
2472 responsibility of the county executive and shall apply to all employees and positions in the  
2473 executive branch.

2474           NEW SECTION. SECTION 68. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 3.15 a  
2475 new section to read as follows:

2476           Unless another branch of county government is specifically referenced, this chapter  
2477 shall only apply to employees and positions in the executive branch.

2478           SECTION 69. Ordinance 12014, Section 50, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.020  
2479 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2480           ~~((This section applies to all positions in the executive branch, noncommissioned~~  
2481 ~~positions in the office of the sheriff and the department of assessments allocated to a~~  
2482 ~~classification approved by the council.~~

2483           ~~A.1.))~~ Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, the ~~((schedule of pay ranges))~~  
2484 salary table shall consist of ninety-nine pay ranges, each containing ten steps as approved  
2485 by ordinance annually.

2486           ~~((2. On a continuing three-year cycle, the executive shall assess market conditions~~  
2487 ~~and determine whether to make adjustments, if any, to pay ranges assigned to existing~~  
2488 ~~classifications.~~

2489           ~~B.1. The director may reassign pay ranges to existing classifications.~~

2490           ~~2. When the director adjusts the pay range of a classification, the incumbent~~  
2491 ~~employee shall be placed at the same step in the new pay range as the employee was in the~~  
2492 ~~previous pay range.~~

2493           3. ~~Implementation of any pay range adjustment shall be prospective and shall take~~  
2494 ~~effect at the start of the pay period following the approval by the director or, if required by~~  
2495 ~~K.C.C. 3.15.040, by the appropriate council committee.~~

2496           C. ~~Consistent with K.C.C. 3.12.350, the director shall establish guidelines for pay~~  
2497 ~~increases in accordance with the following:~~

2498           1. ~~Employees may receive within range increases from one step to the next higher~~  
2499 ~~step upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period. All probationary period pay~~  
2500 ~~increases must be supported by documented performance appraisal. Probationary period~~  
2501 ~~pay increases exceeding Step 5 must have prior written approvals by the department~~  
2502 ~~director and the director. When a division of human resources employee completes the~~  
2503 ~~employee's probationary period, the county administrative officer must provide prior~~  
2504 ~~written approval for probationary period pay increases exceeding Step 5;~~

2505           2. ~~Employees may be eligible to receive increases annually in accordance with the~~  
2506 ~~following principles:~~

2507           a. ~~An incentive increase must be supported by an annual documented~~  
2508 ~~performance appraisal approved by the department director and the documented~~  
2509 ~~performance appraisal must be maintained in the employee's personnel file. Incentive~~  
2510 ~~increases shall be prospective only and shall be effective on January 1 following the year~~  
2511 ~~on which the appraisal was based;~~

2512           b. ~~For employees currently in Steps 1 through 4 in the pay range, the appointing~~  
2513 ~~authority may grant an increase of a single step for standard performance and may grant an~~  
2514 ~~increase exceeding a single step for above standard or outstanding performance, as defined~~  
2515 ~~by the director;~~

2516           e. ~~For employees currently in Steps 5 through 7 in the pay range, the appointing~~  
2517 ~~authority may grant an increase of one or more steps for above standard performance; and~~

2518           d. ~~For employees currently in Steps 8 through 9 in the pay range, the appointing~~  
2519 ~~authority may grant an increase of one step, not to exceed the top of the pay range, for~~  
2520 ~~outstanding performance;~~

2521           3. ~~An appointing authority may grant an employee incentive pay up to five~~  
2522 ~~percent above the top step of the range for a period of twelve months, if all of the following~~  
2523 ~~conditions are met:~~

2524           a. ~~the employee is not a department director;~~

2525           b. ~~the employee has been at the top step of the prior or current range for two~~  
2526 ~~years before the award of the increase; and~~

2527           c. ~~the employee has demonstrated continuous outstanding performance;~~

2528           4. ~~All incentive increases are subject to the availability of funds. Within range~~  
2529 ~~incentive increases are not automatic but shall be given only upon the written direction of~~  
2530 ~~the appointing authority, as defined in K.C.C. 3.12.010.B., within the guidelines established~~  
2531 ~~by the director.))~~

2532           SECTION 70. K.C.C. 3.15.110, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby  
2533 recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.020, as recodified by this ordinance.

2534           SECTION 71. Ordinance 12014, Section 54, and K.C.C. 3.15.110 are each  
2535 hereby amended to read as follows:

2536           Except for annual step ~~((incentive))~~ merit increases provided for in this chapter or  
2537 as otherwise provided by ordinance, no employee's salary shall be greater than the amount  
2538 applicable to the top step of the pay range assigned to the employee's classification.

2539            SECTION 72. Ordinance 12014, Section 51, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.025  
2540 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2541            A. The director of the department of human resources shall develop and maintain a  
2542 classification plan for all executive branch positions (~~((within the career service system))~~).  
2543 The plan shall provide that all positions that are substantially similar as to kind, difficulty,  
2544 and responsibility of work are included in the same classification.

2545            B. The classification plan should set forth for each career service classification a  
2546 title, a (~~((definition))~~) summary of the work performed, distinguishing characteristics,  
2547 representative examples of (~~((work))~~) duties, and the (~~((knowledge and skills))~~) requirements  
2548 necessary to perform the work.

2549            C. The director of the department of human resources:

2550                1. May create, amend, or abolish classifications;

2551                2. (~~((§))~~)Should(~~((, on a continuing three-year cycle,))~~) periodically review the  
2552 classification plan(~~((;))~~); and (~~((may add, combine, abolish or revise the specifications or~~  
2553 ~~establish new classifications, as provided in K.C.C. 3.12.040))~~)

2554                3. Should assess market conditions and determine whether to make adjustments,  
2555 if needed, to pay ranges assigned to existing classifications.

2556            D. (~~((Whenever reorganization, change in job content or council action causes the~~  
2557 ~~duties of a position to change, or a position appears to have been incorrectly classified, the~~  
2558 ~~director of the department of human resources may reclassify the position to a more~~  
2559 ~~appropriate classification))~~) 1. The director may assign pay ranges to new classifications  
2560 and change the pay ranges of existing classifications.

2561           2. Implementation of any pay range adjustment shall be prospective and shall take  
2562 effect at the start of the pay period following the approval by the director.

2563           3. When the pay range of a classification is increased, the incumbent employee  
2564 shall be placed at the same step in the new pay range as the employee was in the previous  
2565 pay range.

2566           4. If the pay range of the classification decreases due to a pay range adjustment,  
2567 and the pay is the same or less than the top step of the new range, the incumbent employee  
2568 shall be placed at the step closest to their current pay rate that is not lower than their current  
2569 pay rate. If the employee's pay rate is greater than the highest step of the new pay range,  
2570 the incumbent employee shall be placed at the top step of the new range.

2571           SECTION 73. K.C.C. 3.15.120, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby  
2572 recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.025, as recodified by this ordinance.

2573           SECTION 74. Ordinance 14233, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.120 are  
2574 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2575           A.1. New ((~~county~~)) employees shall start at the first step of the pay range. If  
2576 necessary for recruitment, however, a department director may authorize an offer of a  
2577 higher pay step.

2578           2. At least one of the following criteria must be met to hire an employee above  
2579 the first step:

2580           a. The candidate's relevant education and experience are significantly above  
2581 the minimum requirements for the position; or

2582           b. The candidate has an especially desirable relevant skill, talent, knowledge,  
2583 or ability((;



2584 e. ~~The candidate has a current salary that is above the first step of the of the~~  
2585 ~~salary range; or~~

2586 d. ~~The candidate has a competing written, formal offer of employment that is~~  
2587 ~~above the first step of the salary range)).~~

2588 3. If a department director determines it is necessary to hire an employee above  
2589 the first step, ~~((a copy of the appointment letter, together with))~~ a statement of the reason  
2590 for hiring the employee above the first step~~((s))~~ must be provided to the ~~((director of))~~  
2591 compensation and classification services manager in the department of human resources  
2592 at the time of hire.

2593 B. ~~((The director of))~~ The hiring of an employee above Step 5 requires approval  
2594 by the compensation and classification services manager in the department of human  
2595 resources ~~((may approve the hiring of an employee above Step 5. In such cases, the~~  
2596 ~~director of the department of human resources must issue prior written approval to the~~  
2597 ~~department director and send a copy of the written notification to the executive))~~ before  
2598 the hire.

2599 NEW SECTION. SECTION 75. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 3.15 a  
2600 new section to read as follows:

2601 Consistent with K.C.C. 3.12.350, the director shall establish guidelines for pay  
2602 increases in accordance with the following:

2603 A. Employees may receive within-range increases from one step to the next higher  
2604 step upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period. All probationary period pay  
2605 increases must be supported by a documented performance appraisal.

2606 B. Employees may be eligible to receive increases annually in accordance with the  
2607 following principles:

2608 1. A merit increase must be supported by an annual documented performance  
2609 appraisal approved by the department director, and it must be maintained in the employee's  
2610 personnel file. Merit increases shall be prospective only and shall be effective on January 1  
2611 following the year that the appraisal was based;

2612 2. For employees currently in Steps 1 through 4 in the pay range, the appointing  
2613 authority may grant an increase of a single step for standard performance, and may grant an  
2614 increase exceeding a single step for above-standard or outstanding performance, as defined  
2615 by the director;

2616 3. For employees currently in Steps 5 through 7 in the pay range, the appointing  
2617 authority may grant an increase of one or more steps for above-standard performance; and

2618 4. For employees currently in Steps 8 or 9 in the pay range, the appointing  
2619 authority may grant an increase of one step, not to exceed the top of the pay range, for  
2620 outstanding performance.

2621 C. An appointing authority may grant an employee merit pay up to five percent  
2622 above the top step of the range for a period of twelve months, if both of the following  
2623 conditions are met:

2624 1. The employee has been at the top step of the prior or current range for two  
2625 years before the award of the increase; and

2626 2. The employee has demonstrated continuous outstanding performance.

2627 D. All merit increases are subject to the availability of funds. Within-range merit  
2628 increases are not automatic but shall be given only upon the written direction of the

2629 appointing authority, as defined in K.C.C. 3.12.010.C., within the guidelines established by  
2630 the director.

2631 SECTION 76. Ordinance 12014, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.030  
2632 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2633 A. The director may reclassify any position to an existing or new classification.

2634 B. An employee or a group of employees may request that a position or  
2635 group of positions be reclassified for the following reasons:

2636 1. The employee's position is not assigned to the appropriate  
2637 classification;

2638 2. A significant or gradual change has occurred in the employee's on-  
2639 going duties or responsibilities over a period of at least one-year; or

2640 3. A departmental reorganization or council action has caused the duties  
2641 of the position to change.

2642 C.1. An employee is not eligible to submit a reclassification request if:

2643 a. it has been less than twelve months since the date of a previous  
2644 classification determination for the position;

2645 b. the employee is on probation;

2646 c. the employee is on a performance improvement plan; or

2647 d. the employee is asking for the reclassification of a special duty  
2648 position.

2649 2. Temporary and term-limited temporary employees may not request a  
2650 position reclassification, except as noted in subsection D. of this section.

2651 3. When an employee is no longer in the position for which the

2652 employee is seeking reclassification, the department of human resources shall  
2653 either deny the employee's reclassification request or cancel the employee's  
2654 appeal, or both.

2655           D. Group classifications may be submitted if all of the employees'  
2656 positions are in the same classification in the same section of a division. Term-  
2657 limited temporary employees may be reclassified as part of a group classification,  
2658 but only if the group includes at least one regular employee. The director shall  
2659 evaluate each position individually, reserving the right to place individual  
2660 positions into different classifications.

2661           E. When the director reclassifies a position to a higher classification, the  
2662 rate of pay of the incumbent employee shall be increased to the first step of the  
2663 pay range of the new classification or the step that is at least five percent above  
2664 the former rate of pay, whichever is greater.

2665           F. When the director reclassifies a position to a lateral classification, rate  
2666 of pay of the incumbent employee shall remain at the same step of the pay range.

2667           G. When the director reclassifies a position to a lower classification, the  
2668 rate of pay of the incumbent employee shall be the highest step in the new pay  
2669 range that does not exceed the employee's current rate of pay.

2670           H. A pay increase as a result of a reclassification may not exceed the top  
2671 step of the new range, unless the employee's former pay includes above-Step-10  
2672 merit pay. If the employee's former pay includes above-Step-10 merit pay, the  
2673 employee's new pay is calculated using the above-Step-10 amount. If the increase  
2674 from reclassification results in pay that is above the top step of the new range, the

pay shall be reduced to the top step of the new range at the end of the incentive period, unless the employee requalifies for above-Step-10 merit award.

I. Implementation of a reclassification and any related pay change shall be effective at the start of the pay period following receipt of the completed reclassification request form at compensation and classification services in the department of human resources, except a reclassification to a lower pay grade shall be effective at the start of the pay period at least thirty calendar days after notification of the classification determination from the department of human resources.

J. A reclassified employee shall not serve a probationary period in the new classification.

K.1. When an employee's position is reclassified retroactively into a classification with a different Fair Labor Standards Act ((~~of 1938~~)) status, the change in status shall be prospective only.

2. When an employee's position is reclassified from a Fair Labor Standards Act ((~~of 1938~~)) exempt classification to a Fair Labor Standards Act ((~~of 1938~~)) non-exempt classification, the employee shall be paid overtime pay prospectively from the date of the reclassification decision.

3. When an employee's position is reclassified from a Fair Labor Standards Act ((~~of 1938~~)) non-exempt classification to a Fair Labor Standards Act ((~~of 1938~~)) exempt classification, the employee shall receive a cash out of all accrued compensatory time.

SECTION 77. The following are hereby repealed:

2698 A. Ordinance 1282, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.040; and

2699 B. Ordinance 1282, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.070.

2700 SECTION 78. K.C.C. 3.15.130, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby

2701 recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.030, as amended by this ordinance.

2702 SECTION 79. Ordinance 14233, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.130 are

2703 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2704 A. If a promotion results from something other than a reclassification, the pay  
2705 rate of the incumbent employee shall be increased to the first step of the pay range of the  
2706 new classification or the step that is at least five percent above the former rate of pay,  
2707 whichever is greater. The promoted employee may be placed at a higher step in the pay  
2708 range if the employee's department director determines the action is warranted, if the  
2709 criteria and procedures in K.C.C. 3.15.120, as recodified by this ordinance, are met and if  
2710 funds are available in the agency.

2711 B. A pay increase as a result of a promotion may not exceed the top step of the new  
2712 range, unless the employee's former pay includes an above-Step-10 amount as a result of an  
2713 ~~((incentive))~~ merit increase. If the employee's former pay includes above-Step-10  
2714 ~~((incentive))~~ merit pay, the employee's new pay is calculated upon the above-Step-10  
2715 amount. If the increase from a promotion results in pay that is above the top step of the  
2716 new range, the pay shall be reduced to the top step of the new range at the end of the  
2717 ~~((incentive))~~ merit period unless the employee requalifies for an above-Step-10  
2718 ~~((incentive))~~ merit award.

2719 C. Implementation of a promotion and any related pay change shall be prospective  
2720 and is effective when the promotion is approved by the director.

2721            SECTION 80. K.C.C. 3.15.140, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby  
2722 recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.130, as recodified by this ordinance.

2723            SECTION 81. Ordinance 19738, Section 10, is hereby expired.

2724            SECTION 82. Ordinance 14233, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.140 are  
2725 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2726            A.1. A department director and, when required, the director of the department of  
2727 human resources, may assign an employee in a regular position to an existing  
2728 classification for a limited term when the duties and responsibilities of the other  
2729 classification comprise the majority of the work performed for a minimum of thirty  
2730 calendar days. This is called a special duty assignment.

2731            2. Temporary employees, including term-limited temporary employees, are not  
2732 eligible for special duty assignments.

2733            B.1. Depending upon the type of special duty assignments needed for business  
2734 operations, special duty assignments may be made for up to a maximum of five years.

2735            2. Assignments may be approved for up to a term of twelve months if  
2736 authorized in advance by the department director to backfill for a vacant regular position,  
2737 or to provide additional staffing needed:

2738            a. due to work that exceeds either the volume or complexity, or both, than what  
2739 is routinely expected, but the work is of a limited duration;

2740            b. due to work that is unanticipated due to unique circumstances that are not  
2741 expected to reoccur; or

2742            c. to either develop or implement, or both, a new function, system, or proposal.

2743            3. Assignments may be approved for up to a term of up to three years if

2744 authorized in advance by the director to perform a significant or substantial body of  
2745 work, such as a nonroutine project or work related to the initiation or cessation of a  
2746 county function, project, or department.

2747 4. Assignments may be approved for up to a term of five years if authorized in  
2748 advance in writing by the director:

2749 a. to backfill a regular position, when:

2750 (1) an employee is absent because of an extended leave of absence for a  
2751 medical reason;

2752 (2) an employee is absent because of military service; or

2753 (3) an employee is absent because of a special duty or another assignment;

2754 and

2755 b. to staff or backfill staff on a clearly defined grant-funded, capital  
2756 improvement or information systems technology project.

2757 5. A special duty backfill assignment may not exceed the term of the incumbent  
2758 employee's absence.

2759 6. Special duty assignments to salaried classifications shall be made in full-  
2760 week increments, from Saturday through Friday.

2761 7. An employee's special duty assignment shall end when management becomes  
2762 aware that the employee's absence will exceed thirty calendar days or at the conclusion of  
2763 a thirty-day absence, whichever occurs first.

2764 C. A special duty assignment must be made in writing to the employee before the  
2765 beginning of the assignment. The written notice must provide the classification title and  
2766 description and must list the specific duties that the employee is to perform and the



2767 duration of the assignment. The written notice must also include a statement that the  
2768 assignment does not confer on the employee any new privilege, right of appeal, right of  
2769 position, transfer, demotion, promotion, or reinstatement. A special duty assignment may  
2770 be revoked at any time at the discretion of the appointing authority. Special duty pay  
2771 may not be assigned retroactively.

2772 D. If the special duty assignment is to a higher-level classification, the pay  
2773 increase shall be to the first step of the pay range of the higher-level job classification or  
2774 a flat five percent above the base rate of pay, whichever is greater.

2775 E. If the employee was receiving above-Step-10 merit pay, the pay for the special  
2776 duty assignment is calculated using the merit pay and may result in merit pay while in the  
2777 special duty assignment.

2778 F. If an assignment is to a lateral or lower-paying classification, the  
2779 employee shall continue to receive their current rate of pay for the assignment.

2780 G. While on special duty assignment, the employee shall continue to be  
2781 eligible for step increases in the employee's regular position. If the employee is at  
2782 Step-10 in the employee's regular position, the employee shall be eligible for step  
2783 increases in the special duty classification.

2784 H. Any accrued compensatory time shall be cashed out before an hourly  
2785 employee begins a salaried special duty assignment, and before an employee in an hourly  
2786 special duty assignment returns to a salaried regular position.

2787 I. When the special duty assignment is completed, the employee's pay shall revert  
2788 to the rate of pay the employee would have received if the employee had not been  
2789 assigned to special duty.

2790 J. Special duty pay shall not be considered part of an employee's base rate of pay  
2791 for purposes of placement within a salary range as a result of promotion or  
2792 reclassification, for purposes of cashing out vacation or sick leave, or when making  
2793 vacation or sick leave donations. If the special duty position is converted to a regular  
2794 position while the employee is serving in the special duty assignment, and the employee  
2795 is promoted into the regular position, the employee's rate of pay shall not be lower than  
2796 the rate of pay the employee received during the special duty assignment. The promoted  
2797 employee may be placed at a higher step in the pay range if the employee's department  
2798 director determines the action is warranted based on the criteria in K.C.C. ~~((3.12.130))~~  
2799 3.15.120, as recodified by this ordinance.

2800 K. When the special duty assignment is hourly, the employee's special  
2801 duty pay shall be used for the computation of overtime and compensatory time.

2802 L. If the special duty position is converted to a regular position and the  
2803 employee who served in the special duty position is hired into the regular position  
2804 within one year of serving in the special duty assignment, the time served in the  
2805 special duty position shall count toward any required probationary period. If the  
2806 time served in the special duty position was longer than the required probationary  
2807 period, the employee's probationary period shall be considered served.

2808 ~~((M. The executive shall notify the council each year in writing of the~~  
2809 ~~total number of county employees on special duty assignment by department.~~  
2810 ~~The executive shall file an electronic copy of each memorandum with the clerk of~~  
2811 ~~the council, who shall retain a copy and provide an electronic copy to all~~  
2812 ~~councilmembers and the lead staff for the government accountability and~~

~~oversight committee or its successor.))~~

SECTION 83. K.C.C. 3.15.145 is hereby recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.140, as recodified by this ordinance.

SECTION 84. Ordinance 1780, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.050 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

An employee who has a valid Washington State Professional Civil Engineering license, a registered architect's license, or a professional designation of CPA, MAI, RM, SSA, CPM, or SR/WA, shall be paid an additional twenty-five dollars per month if such a designation or professional license is a requirement of the job assignment.

SECTION 85. K.C.C. 3.15.135, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby recodified to follow K.C.C. 3.15.050, as recodified by this ordinance.

SECTION 86. The following are hereby repealed:

- A. Ordinance 8299, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.080;
- B. Ordinance 12014, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.100;
- C. Ordinance 16818, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.150;
- D. Ordinance 16818, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.160;
- E. Ordinance 16818, Section 3, and K.C.C. 3.15.170; and
- F. Ordinance 16818, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.180.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 87. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 3.15 a new section to read as follows:

- A. When a collective bargaining agreement establishes a condition of employment, benefit, or procedure that differs with a condition, benefit, or procedure established by this chapter, the collective bargaining agreement shall take precedence

2836 with respect to those employees covered by the agreement, so long as the following  
2837 conditions are met:

2838 1. The condition of employment, benefit, or procedure created by the agreement  
2839 is lawful; and

2840 2. The agreement has been adopted by the council by ordinance.

2841 B. Adoption of the agreement by ordinance shall be deemed an amendment of  
2842 this chapter only with respect to the affected employees and subject condition, benefit, or  
2843 procedure.

2844 SECTION 88. Ordinance 197, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.010 are  
2845 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2846 In accordance with Section((s)) 890 ((and 898)) of the King County Charter, the  
2847 King County executive is the designated bargaining agent for King County.

2848 SECTION 89. Ordinance 11480, Section 5, and K.C.C. 3.16.012 are each hereby  
2849 amended to read as follows:

2850 The mission of the council and the bargaining agent shall be to develop labor  
2851 relations policy and other policies affecting county employees in accordance with the  
2852 following principles ((and consistent with the philosophy, objectives, and guidelines found  
2853 in King County council Motion 9182)):

2854 A. Provide a positive climate in King County government where employees feel  
2855 their contributions are valued, their ideas are heard, and their desires to serve the public are  
2856 fulfilled((-));

2857 B. Help county employees view King County government as a desirable place to  
2858 work and as a place where the public business is conducted in a cost-effective manner((-));

2859 C. Allow the council an adequate and meaningful opportunity to provide policy  
2860 direction to the bargaining agent before the collective bargaining process begins(( ));

2861 D. Cause King County management to plan, prepare, and be accountable for  
2862 obtaining agreements at the bargaining table concerning operating improvements necessary  
2863 to best serve the public interest and improve the working conditions for employees(( ));

2864 E. Create and maintain a collective bargaining and employee relations climate in  
2865 King County government that encourages cooperative efforts and joint problem-solving  
2866 among bargaining representatives, the bargaining agent, employees, and management to  
2867 address ways to better serve the public, increase productivity, reduce waste, improve safety,  
2868 improve morale, and recruit and retain quality employees(( )); and

2869 F. Acknowledge, encourage, and continue the efforts of bargaining units and  
2870 management to engage in collaborative or interest-based bargaining, ~~((which))~~ that has had  
2871 the positive effects of reducing the adversarial nature of traditional bargaining and  
2872 enhancing consensus-making in labor relations.

2873 SECTION 90. Ordinance 10631, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.015 are  
2874 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2875 Unless the text clearly indicates otherwise, as used in this chapter, the following  
2876 words shall have the meanings set forth in this section:

2877 A. ~~(("Corrections officer" means any full-time, fully compensated uniformed~~  
2878 ~~correctional officer or sergeant who works for the department of adult detention (King~~  
2879 ~~County jail)).~~

2880           ~~B. "Bargaining representative" means any lawful organization which has as one of~~  
2881 ~~its primary purposes the representation of employees in their employment relations with~~  
2882 ~~King County.~~

2883           ~~€.))~~ "Bargaining agent" means the designated bargaining agent as determined  
2884 under K.C.C. 3.16.010.

2885           ~~((D. "Public employer" means King County.~~

2886           ~~E.))~~ B. "Bargaining representative" means any lawful organization which has as  
2887 one of its primary purposes the representation of employees in their employment relations  
2888 with King County.

2889           C. "Commission" means the Public Employment Relations Commission.

2890           D. "Corrections officer" means any full-time, fully compensated uniformed  
2891 correctional officer or sergeant who works for the department of adult and juvenile  
2892 detention.

2893           ~~((F.))~~ E. "Executive director" means the executive director of the ~~((€))~~commission.

2894           ~~((G. "911 operator" means any full time, fully compensated communications~~  
2895 ~~specialist or communications specialist supervisor who works for the department of public~~  
2896 ~~safety.~~

2897           ~~H. "Labor policy committee" or "policy committee" means the King County~~  
2898 ~~council.~~

2899           ~~I.))~~ F. "Labor policy" or "policy" means those general principles that work to  
2900 implement the intent of this chapter and guide negotiations for wages, benefits, working  
2901 conditions, and other terms of employment.

2902           G. "Labor policy committee" or "policy committee" means the King County  
2903 council.

2904           H. "911 operator" means any full-time, fully compensated communications  
2905 specialist or communications specialist supervisor who works for the department of public  
2906 safety.

2907           I. "Public employer" means King County.

2908           SECTION 91. Ordinance 197, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.020 are  
2909 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2910           The bargaining agent is authorized on behalf of King County to meet, confer, and  
2911 negotiate with bargaining representatives of the public employees of King County for the  
2912 purpose of collective bargaining as contemplated by chapter 41.56 RCW and Section 890  
2913 of the King County Charter, and to timely recommend to the King County council  
2914 proposed wages, hours, and ~~((employee benefits and))~~ other conditions of county  
2915 employment for the purpose~~((s))~~ of ~~((county budgets and))~~ such a collective bargaining  
2916 agreement or agreements as may be required and authorized by ordinance. For the purpose  
2917 of this section, "wages" includes leaves and employee benefits. The bargaining agent shall  
2918 not negotiate new collective bargaining agreements prior to preparing for bargaining and  
2919 conferring with the labor policy committee as required in K.C.C. 3.16.012, 3.16.025, and  
2920 3.16.050.

2921           SECTION 92. Ordinance 11480, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.025 are  
2922 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2923           A. The bargaining agent shall establish and conduct a process to prepare for  
2924 negotiations that performs at least the following functions:

2925           1. The bargaining agent should continue to use collaborative or interest-based  
2926 bargaining where both parties agree, and this chapter shall not be construed to restrict or  
2927 inhibit such bargaining;

2928           2. The bargaining agent shall cause to be developed and maintained a database of  
2929 information within King County government on wages, hours, employee benefits, vacation  
2930 and other leave, job classifications, and substantial and factual information to provide  
2931 knowledge of working conditions necessary to conduct effective negotiations. Such  
2932 information shall be made available to the bargaining representatives to the extent provided  
2933 by RCW 41.56.030(4), in the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining ((law of the state of  
2934 ~~Washington)) Act((, as set forth by the collaborative process identified in King County~~  
2935 ~~council Motion 9182))~~; and

2936           3. The labor policy committee shall confer with the bargaining agent to develop  
2937 necessary guidelines for the implementation of this section, consistent with this chapter  
2938 ~~((and King County council Motion 9182))~~.

2939           B. The bargaining agent shall be the sole negotiator for King County government  
2940 and shall bargain in good faith as provided by law. The bargaining agent shall commence  
2941 and complete collective bargaining negotiations in a timely manner and in accordance with  
2942 the overall principles and intent of this chapter.

2943           SECTION 93. Ordinance 8658, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040 are  
2944 each hereby amended to read as follows:

2945           A. Any collective bargaining agreement between King County and a recognized  
2946 bargaining representative as defined in RCW 41.56.030 which has been ~~((ratified by both~~  
2947 ~~parties))~~ signed by the union shall be transmitted to the King County council no later than



2948 ~~((seven))~~ fourteen days after ~~((the tentative agreement has been reached))~~ receipt by the  
2949 office of labor relations.

2950 B. Failure to meet ~~((this))~~ the deadline in subsection A. of this section shall result  
2951 in the payment of interest on the retroactive amount of any negotiated salary or wage  
2952 increase equal to interest earned on ~~((F))~~federal ~~((90))~~ninety-day treasury bills from the  
2953 first day following the deadline through the date the ~~((tentative))~~ signed agreement is  
2954 transmitted to the King County council, unless the ~~((seven))~~ fourteen days have been  
2955 extended by mutual agreement by both parties in writing.

2956 C. The interest accrued, if any, shall be divided among the county employees  
2957 represented by the collective bargaining unit, based upon each employee's individual  
2958 retroactive wage rate increase. The computed interest shall be included in the first ~~((pay~~  
2959 ~~check which))~~ paycheck that pays out the rate of pay negotiated in the tentative collective  
2960 bargaining agreement.

2961 SECTION 94. Ordinance 12014, Section 55, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050  
2962 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

2963 A. The labor policy committee shall meet as it deems necessary to obtain the  
2964 testimony of members of the public, the bargaining agent, bargaining representatives or  
2965 their designees, county department management, and others in order to consider such  
2966 testimony in policy decisions before the committee. The labor policy committee shall not  
2967 engage in bargaining with bargaining representatives or represented employees. The labor  
2968 policy committee shall also meet to consider matters referred to it by the council in  
2969 accordance with K.C.C. chapter 1.24.

2970           B. The labor policy committee shall provide an opportunity for bargaining  
2971 representatives or their designees to address the committee before the adoption of overall  
2972 policy. Overall policy, and all amendments to adopted policies, shall be established only  
2973 upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members of the labor policy committee.

2974           C. The bargaining agent shall recommend to the labor policy committee overall  
2975 changes to adopted policies that would be required to implement the changes proposed in  
2976 K.C.C. 3.16.055.C., and an overall estimate of the monetary value, if any, of these changes,  
2977 including both costs and benefits.

2978           D. Following the establishment of overall policy, and before commencing  
2979 negotiations, the labor policy committee shall meet to hear the bargaining agent's  
2980 recommended strategies for implementing adopted policies. The labor policy committee  
2981 shall confer with the bargaining agent as it deems necessary to ensure compliance with this  
2982 chapter and good-faith collective bargaining. The bargaining agent's strategies shall be  
2983 generally consistent with the principals contained in this chapter and the overall policy  
2984 direction established by the labor policy committee.

2985           E. The bargaining agent may seek further clarification of adopted policies from the  
2986 labor policy committee at any time during the negotiations.

2987           F. By June 30 of each year, the executive shall report to the labor policy committee  
2988 regarding employment policies applicable to nonrepresented employees.

2989           G. For the purpose of maintaining an effective collective bargaining process, the  
2990 strategies and related information presented by the bargaining agent shall be maintained as  
2991 confidential. In addition, proposed or adopted policies designated as confidential shall be  
2992 considered policy formulation documents and be maintained as confidential and exempt

from public disclosure as provided in RCW 42.56.280. The labor policy committee shall develop guidelines to assist in accomplishing such confidentiality.

H. Any councilmember may propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any labor policy by filing with the clerk of the council a memorandum that includes the proposed policy. Any proposed amendment shall set for the existing policy and show proposed changes as in the form required for ordinances by K.C.C. 1.24.075. The clerk shall provide a copy of the proposal to the executive, each councilmember, and the lead staff for the labor policy committee. The proposal shall be designated by the councilmember either as public or as confidential pending action by the committee on the policy. Adopted policies may be designated as confidential by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the policy committee.

I. The clerk of the council shall maintain a compilation of adopted policies. The clerk shall make publicly available all public policies, and shall maintain as confidential all labor policies designated as confidential policy formulation documents.

SECTION 95. Ordinance 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A.1. A bargaining representative may at any time during negotiations forward to the ~~((director))~~ manager of the ~~((department of human resources))~~ office of labor relations, or its successor, a written complaint that the collective bargaining process is not being conducted in a timely manner or is not being conducted in a manner consistent with good faith bargaining. The ~~((director))~~ manager of the office of labor relations shall, within fifteen calendar days, respond in writing to the complaint and propose such remedies as may address the complaint.

3016           2. If the bargaining representative is not satisfied with the written response of the  
3017 director, or if a written response to the complaint is not received within fifteen calendar  
3018 days, the bargaining representative may forward the written complaint to the King County  
3019 executive, as the bargaining agent, who shall, within fifteen calendar days, respond to it in  
3020 writing and propose such remedies as may address the complaint.

3021           3. If the bargaining representative is not satisfied with the written response of the  
3022 bargaining agent, or if a written response is not received from the bargaining agent within  
3023 fifteen calendar days, the bargaining representative may request that the bargaining agent  
3024 forward the written complaint to the council.

3025           4. If the bargaining agent receives a written request to have the complaint  
3026 forwarded to the council, including an explanation of reasons for the request, the  
3027 bargaining agent shall forward the request, together with the bargaining agent's written  
3028 response, to the council within five calendar days from the receipt of the request. These  
3029 materials or any discussion thereof shall remain confidential to the extent allowed by law.

3030           5. The council may request that the bargaining agent meet with the council for  
3031 the purpose of reviewing the status of negotiations with regard to the principles contained  
3032 in this chapter and the overall policy direction established by the labor policy committee,  
3033 but the council shall take no action that would interfere with the lawful role of the  
3034 bargaining agent.

3035           B. By June 30 of each year, the prosecuting attorney, in conjunction with  
3036 bargaining agent, shall report to the council on all pending unfair labor practice charges and  
3037 all pending arbitration involving represented employees.

3038 C. By June 30 of each year, or, in the case of agreements expiring other than  
3039 December 31, at least ninety days before the commencement of negotiations, in  
3040 preparation for collective bargaining the bargaining agent shall report to the council the  
3041 agreements expiring that calendar year. The bargaining agent shall also generally explain  
3042 existing policies that, if changed, would further the principles and intent established by  
3043 this chapter. County department management concerned with the collective bargaining  
3044 process, with the advice of other relevant county departments, shall assist the bargaining  
3045 agent in reporting to the ~~((implementation committee))~~ council.

3046 D. By June 30 of each year or, for agreements expiring other than December 31, at  
3047 least ninety days before commencing negotiations, the ~~((implementation committee))~~  
3048 council shall meet with the bargaining agent to review the schedule of collective bargaining  
3049 agreements expiring in that calendar year and the key issues related to the collective  
3050 bargaining process. Methods of consultation with unions, management rights, and  
3051 eliminating the causes of employee grievances shall also be considered.

3052 E. For the purpose of maintaining an effective collective bargaining process, the  
3053 strategies and related information presented by the bargaining agent shall be maintained  
3054 as confidential. The council shall develop guidelines to assist in accomplishing such  
3055 confidentiality.

3056 SECTION 96. Ordinance 13000, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.060 are  
3057 each hereby amended to read as follows:

3058 The chair of the King County council shall annually convene a summit between the  
3059 county's elected officials ~~((and))~~, the local labor leadership, and the leadership of all  
3060 collective bargaining units representing the county's work force. Such a labor summit shall

take place between January 1 and July 1 of each given year. The intent of convening an annual labor summit shall be to: increase communication between King County elected officials and the leadership and membership of local labor organizations and of all the county's collective bargaining units; identify issues and problems of mutual concern; identify solutions to problems affecting the memberships of the county's collective bargaining units; delineate ways in which the county's elected officials may more closely and effectively work with the county's collective bargaining units and local labor organizations to attain mutual goals; and foster a spirit of cooperation in working to serve the public.

Meeting minutes at the summit shall be recorded and adopted by the King County council at a subsequent regular meeting of the council.

SECTION 97. Ordinance 1902, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.28.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of county government may, at their individual option, establish a system of reimbursement on a monthly allotment basis for use of privately owned vehicles used in connection with county business in lieu of ~~((permanently))~~ assigned county vehicles.

SECTION 98. Ordinance 12077, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the proper use of public funds with regard to the county's practice of allowing employees to commute ~~((to and from work))~~ in county owned vehicles. The intent of this chapter is to:

A. Restrict the number of county owned vehicles being used by employees to

3084 commute (~~to and from work~~);

3085           B. Establish criteria and policies for evaluating and authorizing take-home vehicle  
3086 assignments;

3087           C. Require the fleet services division of the department of executive services to  
3088 document the number of current take-home vehicle assignments;

3089           D. Require the fleet services division of the department of executive services to  
3090 develop administrative rules for implementing the provisions of this chapter; and

3091           E. Require the fleet services division of the department of executive services to  
3092 reevaluate all take-home vehicle assignments in accordance with the policies and criteria  
3093 established in this section.

3094           SECTION 99. Ordinance 11183, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.30.020 are each hereby  
3095 amended to read as follows:

3096           For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth  
3097 below:

3098           A. "Assigned take-home vehicle" means a county-owned vehicle which is used by  
3099 a county employee for county business and for regularly commuting to and from the  
3100 employee's home and (~~(work station)~~) their first and last workplace of the day.

3101           B. "Assigned vehicle" means a county-owned vehicle assigned to a department or  
3102 county employee for county business, but not for employee commuting to and from the  
3103 employee's home and (~~(work station)~~) workplace.

3104           C. "Commute" or "commuting" means the trip from an employee's home to their  
3105 first workplace before the start of their workday, or the trip departing from the employee's  
3106 last workplace following the end of the workday.

3107           D. "Emergency ~~((R))~~response" means when an employee ~~((response to an~~  
3108 ~~emergency situation requiring immediate attention for the protection of))~~ has a primary  
3109 responsibility to respond immediately to protect life or property, or both.

3110           ~~((D:))~~ E. "Motor pool dispatch vehicle" means a vehicle issued from a central  
3111 motor pool for a single trip or for less than three working days.

3112           ~~((E:))~~ F. "Occasional overnight ~~((usage of county-owned))~~ vehicle~~((s))~~ use" means  
3113 when a county employee~~((s taking home))~~ takes a county-owned vehicle~~((s))~~ home after  
3114 attending night meetings or other county business activities that occur outside an  
3115 employee's normally scheduled work hours. Occasional overnight ~~((usage of a county-~~  
3116 ~~owned))~~ vehicle use shall mean no more than twelve times per quarter on average.

3117           ~~((F. "Work station"))~~ G. "Workplace" means the office or site a county employee  
3118 reports to perform normally scheduled work.

3119           SECTION 100. Ordinance 10930, Sections 3-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.030  
3120 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3121           The ~~((C))~~council wishes to restrict the number of take-home vehicles provided to  
3122 county employees. To accomplish this objective, the following policies and criteria shall  
3123 be used as the basis for authorizing take-home vehicle assignments:

3124           A.1. For county business before or after normal working hours, providing short-  
3125 term motor pool dispatch vehicles or travel reimbursement is preferred over the assignment  
3126 of take-home vehicles.

3127           2. The assignment of a take-home vehicle is neither a privilege, nor a right of any  
3128 county employee.



3129           3. Take-home vehicle assignments shall not be made based on employee merit or  
3130 employee status.

3131           4. Wherever possible, county vehicles shall be picked up and dropped off at  
3132 designated county parking areas, thereby avoiding the assignment of take-home  
3133 vehicles~~((:)); and~~

3134           B. ~~((Take-home vehicle assignment criteria:))~~

3135           1.a. Take-home vehicles may be assigned to county employees who:

3136               (1) have primary responsibility to respond to emergency situations that require  
3137 immediate response to protect life or property;

3138               (2) respond to emergencies at least twelve times per quarter;

3139               (3) cannot use alternative forms of transportation to respond to emergencies;

3140 and

3141               (4) cannot pick up county-owned assigned vehicles at designated sites.

3142           b. Emergency response assignments shall be supported by data demonstrating  
3143 the actual number and nature of emergency responses in the prior year, and estimates of  
3144 future emergency responses. In addition, there must be an explanation why an employee  
3145 cannot use alternative forms of transportation to respond to the emergencies or pick up  
3146 county owned assigned vehicles at designated parking areas.

3147           ~~((b.))~~ 2. Take-home vehicles may be assigned if employee travel reimbursement  
3148 costs are consistently greater than the commuting costs associated with overnight vehicle  
3149 usage. ~~((Lost productivity costs, the cost of the time it takes an employee to travel from a  
3150 designated county parking facility to the employee's work station, shall not be included in  
3151 the calculation of economic benefit to the county.))~~ In addition, there must be an

3152 explanation why an employee cannot use alternative forms of transportation or pick up  
3153 county owned vehicles at designated parking areas.

3154 ~~((3. Take home vehicles may be assigned if an employee needs specialized  
3155 equipment or a special vehicle to perform county work outside an employee's normally  
3156 scheduled work day. Employees taking a county vehicle home must have primary  
3157 responsibility to respond to emergencies. Special equipment vehicle assignments shall be  
3158 supported by information describing the special equipment needed to perform the county  
3159 work. The need for communication access, such as car radio, telephone and similar  
3160 devices, shall not be considered adequate justification for a take home vehicle assignment.~~

3161 ~~4. Special clean transportation technology demonstration vehicles may be  
3162 assigned to county employees for a limited duration in order to promote and demonstrate  
3163 the viability of low emission, energy efficient technologies and fossil fuel alternatives. To  
3164 encourage the maximum public visibility of clean technology demonstration vehicles,  
3165 employees authorized to use the vehicles may also use them both before or after normal  
3166 working hours, and may use them as a take home vehicle to encourage such visibility as an  
3167 official public use. Incidental personal benefit or convenience from such a public use does  
3168 not constitute personal use.))~~

3169 NEW SECTION. SECTION 101. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 3.30 a  
3170 new section to read as follows:

3171 Commuting in a county-owned vehicle, whether assigned or occasional use, is a  
3172 taxable benefit for the employee.

3173 SECTION 102. Ordinance 12077, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.050  
3174 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3175           The fleet services division of the department of executive services shall develop  
3176 and maintain central records of all county take-home vehicle assignments. The records  
3177 shall be maintained in one location and shall be readily available ~~((to the council and the  
3178 public))~~ upon request. At a minimum, the record-keeping should contain:

- 3179           A. Vehicle assignment by department, division, position title, and employee name;  
3180           B. Mileage including a breakdown of commuting mileage and ~~((work-related))~~  
3181 county business mileage based on a trip log;  
3182           C. Number and nature of emergency ~~((related calls))~~ response assignments, if the  
3183 take-home vehicle is assigned based on an emergency response justification; and  
3184           D. A calculation of savings if take-home vehicle assignment is based on an  
3185 economic justification.

3186           SECTION 103. Ordinance 12077, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.060  
3187 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3188           The fleet services division of the department of executive services shall,  
3189 semiannually, reevaluate and update all executive department take-home vehicle  
3190 assignments. ~~((By June 30 and December 31 of each year))~~ Biannually, the fleet services  
3191 division shall make available to the council and the public an updated list of take-home  
3192 vehicle assignments. The updated list shall identify each take-home vehicle assignment by  
3193 department, division, and position title. In addition, there should be written documentation  
3194 for each take-home vehicle assignment which describes how each assignment meets the  
3195 policies and criteria set forth in this chapter.

3196           SECTION 104. Ordinance 10930, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.070  
3197 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3198 A. ~~((Commissioned Police Officers. All vehicles assigned to commissioned police~~  
3199 ~~officers including commissioned roads use investigators, and arson investigators shall be~~  
3200 ~~exempt from the provisions of this chapter.~~

3201 B.)) Occasional Overnight Usage. Occasional overnight usage of county-owned  
3202 vehicles is permitted. Occasional overnight usage may involve:

3203 1. Taking a county vehicle home before or after attending a meeting away from  
3204 the employee's ~~((normal place of work))~~ workplace; and

3205 2. Taking a county vehicle home when an employee has primary responsibility to  
3206 respond to emergencies caused by inclement weather, such as, flooding or heavy ~~((snow~~  
3207 ~~storms))~~ snowstorms.

3208 ~~((C.))~~ B. Collective Bargaining Agreement. ~~((A))~~ The terms and conditions of a  
3209 collective bargaining agreement that provide for take home vehicle assignments shall  
3210 supersede this chapter for represented employees ~~((whose collective bargaining agreement~~  
3211 ~~specifically provides for take home vehicle assignments are exempt from the provisions of~~  
3212 ~~this chapter))~~.

3213 SECTION 105. Ordinance 8575, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.010 are  
3214 each hereby amended to read as follows:

3215 A. This chapter is intended to establish uniform guidance, consistent with state law  
3216 governing salary and wage deductions, for the efficient administration of county employee  
3217 charitable contributions and volunteering to qualified nonprofit organizations, donated via  
3218 the annual drive, ~~((natural))~~ emergency or disaster relief solicitations, and other charitable  
3219 solicitations. This chapter shall be liberally construed to accomplish this intention.

3220           B. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a convenient and effective channel  
3221 through which county employees may contribute to qualified nonprofit organizations, while  
3222 minimizing disruption to the county workplace and the costs to the taxpayer that multiple  
3223 charitable fund drives cause; and to enhance government and community efforts to meet  
3224 charitable needs.

3225           C. The program shall provide guidance, quality control, and disbursement of  
3226 employee donations to qualified nonprofit organizations and federations as provided by this  
3227 chapter, in accordance with rules for the program.

3228           SECTION 106. Ordinance 8575, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.020 are  
3229 each hereby amended to read as follows:

3230           The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
3231 clearly requires otherwise.

3232           A. "Annual drive" means the annual solicitation of contributions from county  
3233 employees by representatives of qualified nonprofit organizations and federations through  
3234 oral presentations, printed materials, audio or video media, or other similar means.

3235           B. "Committee" means the county employee giving program committee  
3236 established under K.C.C. 3.36.030.

3237           C. "Emergency or disaster relief solicitation" means the opportunity to donate, in  
3238 accordance with K.C.C. 3.12.222, in response to the occurrence of an emergency or  
3239 disaster, such as fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, or epidemic, that results in the  
3240 loss of either life or property, or both.

3241           D. "Employee giving program" or "the program" means the year-round King  
3242 County sanctioned, employee-based program that provides the process and infrastructure

for administration of employee-directed giving and volunteering to qualified nonprofit organizations and federations and is administered by the committee in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted for the program.

~~((D:))~~ E. "Federation" means a nonprofit organization that solicits and distributes contributions on behalf of its member nonprofit organizations.

~~((E:))~~ F. "Qualified nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit organization or federation that applies to participate in the ~~((annual drive))~~ program and meets the eligibility criteria as provided in this chapter and any rules adopted for the program.

SECTION 107. Ordinance 8575, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.030 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. A county employee giving program committee is established consisting of fifteen members nominated by the committee, appointed by the executive, and confirmed by the council.

1. The committee shall strive in its nominations to include members representing the diversity of the county work force, including union representation.

2. The term of committee members shall be two years.

3. A committee member who serves as a federation or nonprofit organization board member or director, or in a decision-making capacity for a federation or nonprofit organization, shall not vote on that federation or nonprofit organization's eligibility if that federation or nonprofit organization applies to participate in the program.

4. The committee shall annually elect a chair and other officers as established in the committee's bylaws.

B. In order to operate the program, the committee may:

3266           1. Adopt rules and bylaws consistent with this chapter that are necessary to the  
3267 conduct of the program, based upon the following principles:

- 3268           a. seek operational efficiencies;
- 3269           b. enhance program effectiveness;
- 3270           c. use innovative best practices;
- 3271           d. promote equitable access for nonprofit participation; and
- 3272           e. maintain standards to ensure nonprofit fiscal responsibility and stability;

3273           2. Establish and apply eligibility rules by which a nonprofit organization may  
3274 participate in the program;

3275           3 Coordinate and facilitate the program consistent with this chapter and any rules  
3276 adopted for the program. If the committee determines that a federation or nonprofit  
3277 organization is not eligible to participate in the program, the federation or nonprofit  
3278 organization may apply to the committee for reconsideration of the eligibility decision;

3279           4. Guide fiscal stewardship of the program;

3280           5. ~~((Serve voluntarily without additional wages, including no additional~~  
3281 ~~compensation for working beyond normal working hours, and shall be reimbursed by their~~  
3282 ~~employing departments for travel, lodging and meals in accordance with county laws and~~  
3283 ~~regulations. Committee members shall be given release time from regular work hours to~~  
3284 ~~serve on the committee. Employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair~~  
3285 ~~Labor Standards Act or state law who are serving as committee members should ensure~~  
3286 ~~that their working hours, including hours worked for the committee, do not exceed~~  
3287 ~~approved hours;~~

3288           ~~6.))~~ Assist the executive or the executive's designee in the selection of a program  
3289 administrator; and

3290           ~~((7.))~~ 6. Solicit and accept from the general public and business communities and  
3291 all other persons, gifts, bequests, and donations to the county in support of the program.

3292           C. Committee members serve voluntarily and with the approval of their employing  
3293 department. Committee members shall be given release time from regular work hours to  
3294 serve on the committee and shall be reimbursed by their employing department for any  
3295 applicable travel, lodging, and meals in accordance with county laws and regulations.  
3296 Employees covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act or state  
3297 law who volunteer to serve as committee members shall track and submit all hours worked  
3298 for the committee, and shall ensure that their working hours, including hours worked for  
3299 the committee, are approved by their supervisors in advance.

3300           SECTION 108. Ordinance 17332, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.36.035 are each  
3301 hereby amended to read as follows:

3302           The program administrator shall be responsible for the operational details of the  
3303 program, including the annual drive and ~~((natural))~~ emergency or disaster ~~((response))~~  
3304 relief solicitations, under the general oversight of the committee. The cost of the program  
3305 administrator shall be included as part of the administrative cost of the program.

3306           SECTION 109. Ordinance 16035, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.045  
3307 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3308           A. A federation or nonprofit organization may participate in the ~~((annual drive))~~  
3309 program if the federation or nonprofit organization submits a timely application for  
3310 participation to the committee and meets all eligibility ~~((standards))~~ requirements as



established by this chapter and any rules adopted for the program. An official of the federation or nonprofit organization must certify on the ~~((annual drive))~~ program application that the federation, each nonprofit organization represented by the federation, or the nonprofit organization:

1. Is formally recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as complying with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or is a governmental unit of the state of Washington, and for which all contributions to the nonprofit organization are eligible to be deductible for federal income tax purposes under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

2. Is registered with the Washington state Secretary of State as provided by RCW 19.09.065 and is in compliance with Washington state laws governing charities to the best of the knowledge of the individual certifying the application;

3.a. Does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religious affiliation, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity or expression or qualifies for an exemption under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended. An affirmation of a participating organization's adherence to this subsection A.3.a, or a statement of exemption from this subsection A.3.a, must be included in the organization's application. A federation must affirm in the federation's application the adherence to this subsection A.3.a, or a legal exception from this subsection A.3.a, for each nonprofit organization the federation represents.

b. Nothing in this subsection A.3. denies eligibility to a federation or nonprofit organization that is otherwise eligible to participate in the ~~((annual drive))~~ program merely because the federation or nonprofit organization is organized by, on behalf of or to serve

persons of a particular race, color, religious affiliation, sex, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity or expression.

B. Participating organizations' responses provided under subsection A. of this section may be noted in ~~((campaign))~~ program materials.

SECTION 110. Ordinance 16035, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.055 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Employees may be solicited for program contributions in accordance with this chapter.

B. Solicitations and events related to the program must be conducted on county property or online using county resources during normal county business hours.

C. Employees may use county property for the purposes of solicitations for the promotion of the program.

D. ~~((As provided in RCW 41.06.250(1) and 42.17.130, county property, county equipment and county employees' working time may not be used during a campaign for partisan political purposes, to assist in an individual's election to political office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.~~

~~E.))~~ A county employee shall not be coerced or required to participate in any ~~((presentation))~~ program activities or to make any donation to a qualified nonprofit organization. A county employee shall not be penalized for failing to participate in the program. Departments and offices may authorize time for department employees to attend ~~((presentations about the))~~ program-related activities.

SECTION 111. Ordinance 16035, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.065 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3357           A. Donations under this chapter may include payroll deductions, checks, money  
3358 orders, cash, electronic payments, and time donations in accordance with K.C.C.

3359 3.12.222.

3360           B. The county shall make deductions from county employees' salary warrants and  
3361 pay the moneys collected to the qualified nonprofit organizations and federations  
3362 designated by county employees when the deductions and payments are authorized by  
3363 county employees in accordance with this chapter.

3364           SECTION 112. Ordinance 16035, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.075  
3365 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

3366           A. After program costs have been paid, all payroll deductions must be fully  
3367 disbursed by the county to the designated qualified nonprofit organizations by the end of  
3368 the first quarter following the deduction year. Federations shall make distributions to  
3369 their member charitable organizations as designated by contributors.

3370           B. Any undesignated contributions shall be distributed proportionately to the  
3371 participating organizations.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6	<b>Name:</b>	Gene Paul
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0085	<b>Date:</b>	June 10, 2025

### SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0085 would amend nine of the 21 chapters in King County Code Title 3, which pertains to personnel.

### SUMMARY

Article 5 of the King County Charter requires the County to "establish and maintain an effective personnel system."<sup>1</sup> The Charter further directs that the Executive shall administer the personnel system in accordance with the rules adopted by the Council by ordinance. These personnel rules shall provide for, among other things, the classification of employees, a pay plan, the methods for determining appointment and promotion, removal of employees, hours of work, vacation and sick leaves, and procedures for grievances and disciplinary actions.<sup>2</sup>

Title 3 of the King County Code contains 21 chapters that pertain to personnel. Proposed Ordinance (PO) 2025-0085 would make numerous policy and technical changes to the following nine chapters to align those chapters with current state and federal law as well as current County business practices:

- 3.12 Personnel System
- 3.12A Career Service Review
- 3.12S Voluntary Separation Program
- 3.14 Civil Service Commission
- 3.15 Pay Plan and Classification of Positions
- 3.16 Labor and Employee Relations
- 3.28 Compensation for Use of Privately Owned Vehicles
- 3.30 Use of County Vehicles to Commute
- 3.36 Charitable Contributions from County Employees

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<sup>1</sup> Section 510, King County Charter

<sup>2</sup> Section 530, King County Charter

## **BACKGROUND**

Article 5 of the King County Charter requires the County to "establish and maintain an effective personnel system."<sup>3</sup> The Charter further directs that the Executive shall administer the personnel system in accordance with the rules adopted by the Council by ordinance. These personnel rules shall provide for, among other things, the classification of employees, a pay plan, the methods for determining appointment and promotion, removal of employees, hours of work, vacation and sick leaves, and procedures for grievances and disciplinary actions.<sup>4</sup>

Title 3 of the King County Code contains 21 chapters that pertain to personnel. Chapter 3.12, the Personnel System, and Chapter 3.15, Pay Plan and Classification of Positions, are two chapters that are particularly impactful. Much of the language used in the King County Personnel Guidelines, which implements personnel policies for employees assigned to Executive agencies, is quoted directly from these two chapters.<sup>5</sup> Other chapters in Title 3 provide the rules for things such as the Employee Code of Conduct, the Personnel Board, the Civil Service Commission, labor relations, work-related travel, and employee charitable contributions.

Although there have been changes to Title 3 over time, such as to align the code with Coalition Labor Agreements<sup>6</sup> or establish new policies like the County paid parental leave<sup>7</sup> or the voluntary separation program,<sup>8</sup> the Executive has transmitted a proposed ordinance that would more thoroughly update nine chapters in Title 3.<sup>9</sup> Because portions of these chapters retain their original language from when they were enacted 30-40 years ago, the proposed ordinance would more holistically update these chapters to align with current state and federal law as well as current County business practices. Assuming passage of this proposed Title 3 update, the Personnel Guidelines, which became effective in April 2005, could then also be comprehensively updated.

## **ANALYSIS**

Proposed Ordinance (PO) 2025-0085 would make numerous policy and technical changes to the personnel code found in King County Code Title 3. This staff report provides analysis of the proposed changes to each of the following chapters:

- 3.12 Personnel System
- 3.12A Career Service Review
- 3.12S Voluntary Separation Program
- 3.14 Civil Service Commission
- 3.15 Pay Plan and Classification of Positions

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<sup>3</sup> Section 510, King County Charter

<sup>4</sup> Section 530, King County Charter

<sup>5</sup> Introduction to King County Personnel Guidelines, page 1. [\[Link\]](#)

<sup>6</sup> Ordinance 19563, File No. [2022-0313](#)

<sup>7</sup> Ordinance 18408, File No. [2016-0463](#)

<sup>8</sup> Ordinance 18696, File No. [2017-0373](#)

<sup>9</sup> Proposed Ordinance 2024-0143, the first proposed update to Title 3 that was transmitted by the Executive, was introduced in May 2024 but lapsed in February 2025. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0085 is largely the same ordinance with a few technical updates. The technical updates are noted by highlighted text in the Summary of Proposed Changes, Attachment 4.

- 3.16 Labor and Employee Relations
- 3.28 Compensation for Use of Privately Owned Vehicles
- 3.30 Use of County Vehicles to Commute
- 3.36 Charitable Contributions from County Employees

The Title 3 Update Matrix, which is Attachment 5 to this staff report, provides a table that combines the summary of changes that was transmitted along with the proposed ordinance with the existing code and proposed changes to the code.

**3.12 Personnel System.** Chapter 3.12, which currently contains 57 sections, governs the personnel system. The chapter contains an extensive list of over 70 definitions that apply to the personnel system. The chapter also has provisions for, among other things, the selection and training of employees, employee benefits like holidays and leave, working conditions, the disciplinary process, and the general administration of the personnel system.

The PO includes about 140 proposed changes to Chapter 3.12, which amounts to roughly two-thirds of the total modifications in the Title 3 update. The following items are the more substantive changes proposed in the ordinance for this chapter.

*Statement of Intent* (Section 1 of PO, Change #1 in Attachment 5).<sup>10</sup> The PO would update the statement of intent for Chapter 3.12 currently found in K.C.C. 3.12.005. The existing statement was written in 1989, and Executive staff indicated that the proposed version articulates a more positive statement about the County's commitment to equity and social justice, including that "King County is determined to be a leader in the implementation of equitable, and racially and socially just employment programs and policies." The updated language would also ensure compliance with state laws enacted after 1989 and with recent Supreme Court decisions that pertain to discrimination and preferential treatment.<sup>11</sup>

*Definitions* (Section 2 of PO, Changes #2-37 in Attachment 5). The PO would update or add new entries for 35 definitions in the chapter. While the majority of these definition updates are technical in nature, there are also some substantive and clarifying changes proposed. These include:

- Updating "administrative interns" (Change #2) to add participants in the Lift Every Youth program and reflect the policy decision to extend ORCA card benefits to program participants.
- Updating definitions such as "appointing authority," "career service employee," "career service exempt employee," and "employee" to clarify that these terms

<sup>10</sup> The Title 3 Update Matrix, Attachment 5, preserves the numbering system from the "Summary of Proposed Changes," Attachment 4, that the Executive transmitted with the PO. The Update Matrix, Attachment 5, also includes the line numbers in the PO, the code references, and the proposed changes to the current code in legislative markup.

<sup>11</sup> Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 49.60.400 requires that the state and public entities like King County "not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment..." ([Link](#)) Additionally, the 2023 Supreme Court decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* held that race-based affirmative action programs in college admissions violate the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. ([Link](#))

only apply to the Executive branch. Executive staff have indicated that the rare inclusion of non-Executive branch personnel in specific portions of the Chapter 3.12 has created the misperception that other sections of the chapter may pertain to employees outside of the Executive branch. Executive staff indicated these updates are intended to address the potential confusion.

- Updating "employed at least half time or more," "part-time position," "part-time regular position, and "short-term temporary position" to use a rolling 12-month period instead of a calendar year when determining the hours worked threshold. According to Executive staff, the rolling 12-month period has been in use since 2007, and this change would reflect the current County business practice.

*General Provisions – conflicts of interest* (Section 3 of PO, Change #39). The PO would update the language in the conflicts of interest section to make it clear that it is not permissible for an employee to supervise or make employment-related decisions, including hiring decisions, about a family member or close relative.

*Benefits* (Section 5 of PO, Changes #42-44 in Attachment 5). The PO would update the language regarding back benefits to clarify that they would only apply to short-term temporary employees who exceed the working hours threshold in a rolling 12-month period. For those employees, the percentage of gross pay used in calculating back benefits would be 12.5 percent instead of the 15 percent in the current Code. Finally, the payments would be retroactive for three years unless there was a six-month break in service. In that situation, the payment would be retroactive to the most recent hire date. Executive staff have indicated that these changes clarify language to reflect the current County practice and the actual cost of lost benefits and align retroactive payments with the statute of limitations established from a Washington State Supreme Court decision.<sup>12</sup>

*Probationary period* (Section 12 of PO, Change #49 in Attachment 5). The PO would update language regarding probationary periods for career service positions by adding three instances when a probationary period is either not permitted or may be waived. These instances, which align with the current Coalition Labor Agreement (CLA) and current County practice, include following a reclassification, moving from a special duty capacity to a career service position doing substantially similar work, or moving from a temporary position into a career service position.<sup>13</sup> According to Executive staff, a significant portion of County employees are already governed by this CLA and it has been a past practice to align the Code with the CLA.

*Ruth Woo Emerging Leaders Fellowship* (Section 21 of PO, Changes #68-70 in Attachment 5). The PO would make several updates to the Ruth Woo Fellowship. The first change would update language regarding how fellows are assigned to various County agencies throughout their one-year fellowship. The new language would no longer require a fellow to be reassigned to a new County agency every three to four months and would modify the assignments from "shall" include periods with the Council

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<sup>12</sup> The Washington State Supreme Court decision was *Seattle Professional Engineering Employees Ass'n v. Boeing Co.*, from April 2000.

<sup>13</sup> [Ordinance 19810](#) approved the memorandum of agreement that extended the 2021-2024 Coalition Labor Agreement through 2025. [Ordinance 19498](#) approved the 2021-2024 Coalition Labor Agreement.



and Executive branch agencies to "may." The second change would update the list of responsibilities for fellows during their tenure to allow for more flexibility. The third change would make agencies with fellows directly responsible for funding the fellowship instead of reimbursing the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Collectively, Executive staff indicated that these changes would support a more impactful experience for fellows and reflect current County practices.

*Apprenticeship training programs* (Section 22 of the PO, Changes #71-74 in Attachment 5). The PO would repeal the entirety of K.C.C. 3.12.187, which pertains to the apprenticeship training program. According to Executive staff, this program is not needed in the Code because Washington State regulates apprentice programs through RCW 49.04 and the State Apprenticeship and Training Council. The four existing County apprenticeship programs are managed according to these state rules. Moreover, the language in the current Code, which states that persons enrolled in apprenticeship programs and employed by the County shall be classified as temporary employees, is outdated and not reflective of current County business practices. Executive staff indicated that the current practice is that apprenticeship programs are part of bargaining and governed by labor contracts.

*Vacation leave* (Section 24 of PO, Changes #77-86 of Attachment 5). The PO would make several changes in the section governing vacation leave. The majority of these changes are technical in nature but there are a few substantive or clarifying proposed updates. The first clarifying update is that elected officials are not employees and therefore not entitled to vacation leave benefits. The second more substantive update is to eliminate a prohibition on filling a vacated nonrepresented position until the salary savings from any vacation cash out are achieved. Executive staff indicated that this is not the current County practice, that there is no similar requirement for represented employees, and that Executive staff in the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget support the proposed change. The next update removes the requirement for employees to take vacation in 15-minute increments as Executive staff consider it an outdated requirement that was put in place for a previous payroll system. Finally, the PO would add language that allows employees separated for nondisciplinary reasons to count their prior service towards vacation accrual rates if they return to County service within two years. Executive staff indicated that employees fitting these criteria are most often separated for medical reasons so they believe they should not be penalized if they are capable of returning to County service.

*Leave – smallpox vaccinations* (Section 27 of PO, Change #92 of Attachment 5). The PO would repeal K.C.C. 3.12.218 regarding leave for smallpox vaccinations. According to Executive staff, leave for medical reasons related to smallpox immunization is no longer utilized and Public Health—Seattle & King County supports removing the section.

*Parental leave* (Section 28 of PO, Changes #93-96 of Attachment 5). The PO would clarify language for the County parental leave program to reflect current County practices. These proposed clarifications include that:

- The program only applies for adoption or foster-to-adopt placement of a minor child;

- An employee whose employment ends involuntarily and cannot fulfill the required six months of work following paid parental leave is not required to reimburse the County for utilizing the program;
- If an employee takes paid parental leave intermittently, the required six months of work following the use of leave begins after the last day that employee used paid parental leave;
- If an employee's position is scheduled to end in a timeframe that would not enable them to return to work for six months following leave, that employee is not entitled to paid parental leave.

*Sick leave and time off for medical and family reasons* (Section 29 of PO, Changes #97-110 of Attachment 5). The PO would make multiple changes to the Code governing sick leave. Most of these edits are to align the Code with state law or for clarity. The first of these updates to comply with state law is that District Court judges shall accrue sick leave but judges pro-tem and commissioners shall not.<sup>14</sup> The next proposed change would remove the requirement to take sick leave in 15-minute increments that was in place for the previous payroll system. Next, proposed language would update the Code governing the cancelation of sick leave when an employee separates or terminates and regarding sick leave restoration should an employee return to County service. An additional proposed change to comply with state law is the removal of language requiring an employee to use all sick leave before taking unpaid leave for selfcare reasons.<sup>15</sup> After that, the subsection requiring an employee to choose between paid or unpaid leave at the start of caring for a family member would also be removed to comply with state law.<sup>16</sup> Next, the eligible uses of sick leave would be adjusted to comply with state law to include when a County facility, school, or place of childcare is closed by a government declaration of emergency. The definition of "family member" would also be expanded to comply with state law and include any individual who regularly resides in the employee's home and depends on the employee for care. Finally, the PO would clarify the Code to align with state law that verification for absences exceeding three days only applies to hourly employees and that salaried employees may be asked to provide verification for any amount of leave at the discretion of the employee's supervisor.<sup>17</sup>

*Emergency medical leave donation program* (Section 35 of PO, Change #118 of Attachment 5). The PO would add language that permits the DHR Director to activate or deactivate the emergency medical leave donation program at their discretion based on the County's perceived need for a program. Executive staff have expressed that this proposed change would provide flexibility and efficiency to the program. The program, which is different than the program allowing employees to donate leave directly to specific individual employees, was created during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although heavily utilized during 2022, Executive staff have indicated that there are now only one or two employees donating to this specific program and that the administrative burden

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<sup>14</sup> RCW 3.34.100 requires that District Court judges accrue sick leave.

<sup>15</sup> According to Executive staff, the practice of requiring an employee use all sick leave prior to unpaid leave for selfcare conflicted with both the Washington Paid Sick Leave Act and the Washington Paid Family Medical Leave Act.

<sup>16</sup> The practice in Code currently conflicts with the Washington Paid Sick Leave Act.

<sup>17</sup> The updated language would comply with the Washington Paid Sick Leave Act.

to maintain it is significant. The proposed change would allow DHR to keep the program for the future but minimize the administrative burden when it is not being utilized.

*Limited duty assignment policy due to pregnancy* (Section 38 of the PO, Changes 122 in Attachment 5) The PO would repeal the current Code governing limited duty assignments due to pregnancy. Executive staff have indicated that the current Code language, which largely dates back to 1995, is outdated and that both state and federal laws enacted since that time are more generous in accommodations for pregnant employees.<sup>18</sup>

*Disciplinary action* (Section 42 of the PO, Changes 125 in Attachment 5) The PO would expand the list of reasons for which an employee may be disciplined. These proposed additions include:

- Harassment, discrimination, inappropriate conduct, or retaliation in violation of federal, state, or local laws or county policy;
- Failing to be respectful to coworkers or the public;
- Fraudulent timekeeping;
- Drug or alcohol use or possession in violation of County policy;
- Use of County time, equipment or facilities for private gain or other non-County purpose;
- Committing an act of workplace violence, including but not limited to verbal assault, threatening behavior, or physical assault;
- Wearing, transporting, or storing firearms or other dangerous weapons within County facilities or vehicles, or on their person while on County business, except as authorized by County policy;
- Theft of County property.

According to Executive staff, almost all of these reasons were examples of just cause discipline that already existed in either labor contracts or personnel policies.

*Personnel Board appeals* (Section 44 of the PO, Changes 127 & 128 in Attachment 5) The PO would add language to clarify the employee grievance process, make timelines more consistent, and eliminate outdated language concerning attorney fees. The first proposed change would clarify the process by requiring an employee to go through the grievance process in the Personnel Guidelines, which is a distinct process from the grievance process in bargaining agreements, prior to appealing to the Personnel Board. Executive staff have expressed that this change would clarify the grievance process and increase the chances of issues being handled at lower levels. The PO would also standardize the three existing separate timelines of 10, 14, and 30 days currently in the Code to 30 days for consistency. Finally, an outdated subsection addressing the recovery of attorney's fees would be removed and allow state law to apply to the situation.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> The laws include the Washington State pregnancy accommodations found in RCW 43.10.005, first enacted in 2017, and the federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which went into effect in June 2023.

<sup>19</sup> The Washington Court of Appeals ruled in the 2008 decision *King County v. King County Personnel Board* that the existing Code language was unenforceable. RCW 49.48.030 governs the recovery of attorney's fees for employees succeeding in recovery of wages or salary owed to them.

*Administration – Personnel Guidelines* (Section 51 of the PO, Change 135 in Attachment 5) The PO would update to whom and how changes to the Personnel Guidelines would be communicated. The current Code requires Executive approval of the guidelines, 45-day notice of intent to change the Personnel Guidelines, and notification to the Council, Executive department directors, collective bargaining units, and specific Council staff. Executive staff have expressed that this level of oversight is difficult, and as a result the Personnel Guidelines have not been updated since 2005. In the proposed language, the DHR Director would be authorized to adopt Personnel Guidelines to implement the Code and Charter, without the existing prior notification. In the proposed language, only after changes to the Guidelines would the department post the updated Guidelines, notify departments and the Office of Labor Relations may notify bargaining units. Executive staff have expressed that this change would allow DHR the flexibility to be more responsive to the needs of employees and changing laws to make changes to the Personnel Guidelines more regularly. Executive staff also indicated a belief that the legislation that created DHR in 2018 provided DHR the authority to develop and administer policies like the Personnel Guidelines.

*Technical changes for Chapter 3.12.* The PO contains many other proposed changes for Chapter 3.12 that are solely technical. Because there are about 140 proposed changes, the majority of the technical changes are not described in this staff report. Every change, including the technical changes, are described in more detail in Attachment 5. For brevity, the proposed changes considered technical are those that include:

- Updates to reflect current County practices;
- Updates to modernize language or remove outdated terms and subsections that are no longer applicable;
- Clarifications to ensure the Code is explicit and understandable;
- Updates to make definitions consistent throughout the Code;
- Updates to make definitions and Code sections compliant with federal and state laws like the Fair Labor Standards Act and Washington Paid Sick Leave Act.

**3.12A Career Service Review.** Chapter 3.12A is a relatively brief chapter in K.C.C. Title 3 that pertains to an annual review on whether the work of part-time and temporary employees is determined to be ongoing and stable enough to be performed by career service employees. There is only one substantive proposed change for Chapter 3.12A. In Section 55 of the PO (and change 138 in Attachment 5), there is new proposed language for the findings and policy statement that clarifies that the policy statement is not meant to limit the number of employees employed in part-time regular positions nor to limit the contracting out of work in appropriate situations. Executive staff expressed that this proposed change would clear up the misconception that the Code prohibits Executive departments from hiring regular part-time employees or contracting out work when appropriate.

*Technical changes for 3.12A.* The remainder of the changes proposed for this chapter are technical in nature. These proposed changes include:

- Correcting the name of the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget;

- Making clarifying edits to ensure references for reports and chapters of Code are clear and that the previous calendar year timeframe for working-hour thresholds is updated to a rolling 12-month period to reflect County practice;
- Making technical changes for grammar such as changing "will" to "shall."

**3.12S Voluntary Separation Program.** Chapter 3.12A consists of only one section. The chapter provides for the program that incentivized retirement-eligible employees to voluntarily leave County employment and provide labor cost savings. There are only technical changes proposed for this chapter in the PO. Those technical changes include:

- Clarifying that the five years of service required for eligibility must be current and continuous to reflect County practice;
- Clarifying that prior retirees are not eligible to participate to reflect County practice;
- Correcting the name of the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System;
- Making technical changes for grammar such as changing "will" to "shall."

**3.14 Civil Service Commission.** Chapter 3.14 is another brief chapter in K.C.C. Title 3 that contains four sections and governs the Civil Service Commission. That commission helps ensure employment decisions in the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) are consistent with civil service rules.

The substantive changes proposed in the ordinance concern the rules and regulations for the Commission. The current Code requires that the rules and regulations to administer the civil service personnel system be adopted and amended by the Council through an ordinance. The current Code also requires that the Executive periodically review the rules and regulations for the commission and propose amendments to the Council when appropriate.

The PO would make changes that would allow the DHR Director to draft and amend the civil service personnel system rules without Council action. The PO would also remove the subsection requiring Executive review and proposal of amendments to the Council. Executive staff indicated that these changes would make the Code consistent with state law, which empowers the Civil Service Commission to make rules and regulations for the administration of the civil service personnel system.<sup>20</sup> Executive staff also provided that state law allows the Commission to assign the powers and duties of the commission to County agencies.<sup>21</sup> In the existing Code, the powers of the commission, except for those pertaining to removals, suspensions, and demotions, have been assigned to DHR.<sup>22</sup> Finally, Executive staff shared that Executive review of the rules has not been performed since the original code was adopted in 1995.

*Technical changes for 3.14.* Besides the changes to the rules and regulations, the PO would make several technical changes to the chapter. These include:

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<sup>20</sup> RCW 41.14.060

<sup>21</sup> RCW 41.14.065

<sup>22</sup> K.C.C. 3.14.010

- Removing the word "sheriff's" when referring to the "sheriff's civil service commission" as the word "sheriff's" is redundant;
- Adding language and recommending a change to the subsection title to make it clear that the Civil Service Commission handles removal, suspensions, and demotions;
- Removing outdated language from 1995 that abolished the position of secretary/chief examiner and clarifies that the functions of the secretary/chief examiner are still performed by the DHR Director.

**3.15 Pay Plan and Classification of Positions.** Chapter 3.15 currently has 21 sections and governs the pay plan and classification of positions. The pay plan is not only the schedule of numbered pay ranges with their minimum, maximum, and intermediate steps of pay amounts but also the assignment of each classification to numbered pay ranges, and the rules for administering the plan.

The PO includes about 30 proposed changes to Chapter 3.15. This is the second largest proposed update to Title 3 after the updates to Chapter 3.12. As previously noted, most of the Personnel Guidelines are based on Chapters 3.12 and 3.15. The following items are the more substantive changes proposed in the ordinance for this chapter.

*Reorganization of entire chapter* (Sections 66, 68, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78, 80, 83, 85-87 of PO, Changes #149, 151, 156, 167, 172, 173, 177-181 in Attachment 5). The first substantive change proposed in the ordinance is a reorganization of the entire chapter. Executive staff indicated that these changes would provide more clarity and better flow by putting like items together. While the changes will subsequently be described in greater detail in this staff report, the following table provides the existing order of sections in Chapter 3.15 and the proposed new order after all proposed updates to the chapter.

**Table 1.**  
**Existing Section Order and Proposed Section Order for K.C.C. Chapter 3.15**

Existing Section Order	New Proposed Section Order
3.15.005 Definitions	Definitions
3.15.020 Procedures—schedule of pay ranges—salary schedule— within-range pay increases	Administration
3.15.025 Classification plan	Applicability (New section)
3.15.030 Reclassification and resulting pay	Procedures—schedule of pay ranges— salary schedule— within-range pay increases
3.15.040 Classification changes	Salary limitations
3.15.050 Designations or professional licenses	Classification plan
3.15.060 Administration	Pay on initial employment
3.15.070 Confirmation	Merit increases (New section)

3.15.080 Court Commissioners and Administrators	Reclassification and resulting pay
3.15.100 Minimum wages	Pay on promotion
3.15.110 Salary limitations	Assignment to special duty
3.15.120 Pay on initial employment	Working out of classification
3.15.130 Pay on promotion	Designations or professional licenses
3.15.135 Reduction of salaried employee's salary during emergency budget crisis or financial emergency	Reduction of salaried employee's salary during emergency budget crisis or financial emergency.
3.15.140 Assignment to special duty	Effect of collective bargaining (New section)
3.15.145 Working out of classification	Chapter not a contract
3.15.150 Biweekly pay cycle - transition	
3.15.160 Biweekly pay cycle - transition payments	
3.15.170 Biweekly pay cycle - transition payment amount	
3.15.180 Biweekly pay cycle - transition payment amount – repayment by deductions - recourse	
3.15.200 Chapter not a contract	

*Applicability* (Section 68 of PO, Change #151 in Attachment 5). The PO would add a new section to Chapter 3.15 that would clarify that unless another branch of County government is specifically referenced, the chapter would only apply to employees and positions in the Executive branch. Executive have expressed that this change, like similar changes elsewhere in Title 3, is for clarity.

*Classification plan* (Section 72 of PO, Changes #157-162 in Attachment 5). The PO would make several changes to the section on the classification plan. While many of these changes are technical, there are a couple of more substantive proposed changes. The first of these changes would reorganize and update the language related to the DHR Director's authority and responsibilities around classifications. The new language would maintain the Director's ability to create, amend, or abolish classifications but it would remove the current Code requirement to review the classification plan on a continuing three-year cycle and remove the requirement for a review of market conditions, which is also required by Code on a three-year cycle. Instead, the Director would "periodically" review the plan and "should assess market conditions." Executive staff indicated that three-year review cycle is not the current practice nor is it feasible. The Executive staff has 2,300 classes and the 4-person team in DHR doesn't have the capacity to review them every three years. Instead, the business practice is that targeted reviews happen upon request. Additionally, the market conditions are assessed through the collective bargaining process for the 85% of the County workforce that is represented.

The second substantive change related to the classification plan would remove the current Code requirement for Council confirmation of specific classification changes. In the existing Code, creating a classification for a "regular exempt position or any pay

range adjustments for classifications exceeding Range 54 or movements of four or more pay ranges for an existing pay range or any pay range adjustment affecting two or more classifications in a classification series” are required to be confirmed by the “labor, operations, and technology committee, or its successor committee.”<sup>23</sup> The Government Accountability and Oversight Committee currently confirms these actions.<sup>24</sup> Executive staff expressed a belief that these committee briefings are neither necessary nor desired.

*Pay on initial employment* (Section 74 of PO, Changes #163-166 in Attachment 5). The PO would make several changes regarding the pay for an employee at the beginning of their employment. The list of reasons in Code which allow for an employee to begin at a step higher than the first step would be updated to remove the candidate’s current salary from consideration in order to comply with state law.<sup>25</sup> The list would also no longer include a competing higher offer as consideration for a higher step in the salary range. Executive staff expressed that removing this consideration would eliminate internal equity concerns and reflect current County practice.

In addition to these changes, the PO would also update the procedure for submitting notice to DHR when hiring an employee above the first step. Currently, the Code requires a department director to provide their reasoning to the DHR Director. It also requires the DHR Director to approve the hiring of an employee above step 5. The PO would update the language to require directors to provide their reasoning to the Compensation and Classification Services Manager in DHR as well as require the approval of the Compensation and Classification Services Manager before an employee could be hired above step 5. Executive staff indicated that these changes would increase efficiency and reflect current County practice. They also shared that in 2024, there were 4,158 new hires for the County. Roughly 2,300 new employees (55%) of these were hired at step 1, but 946 employees were hired between steps 2-5 and 907 were hired above step 5. The practice reflected for these hires was for the DHR Director to work with the Compensation and Classification Services Manager, who was considered the subject matter expert, for the roughly 1,850 employees hired above step 1.

*Merit increases* (Section 74 of PO, Changes #167-169 in Attachment 5). The PO would add a new section to Chapter 3.15 relating to merit increases. A merit increase is the term that would replace what was previously known as an “incentive increase” and it refers to an increase to an employee’s base salary that is supported by demonstrated performance. Most of this new section was existing Code that was reorganized into this new section but there are a few changes to the existing language. The first change would remove the requirement for departments to notify DHR when granting a probationary step increase above step 5. Executive staff indicated that this change would increase efficiency and reflect current County practice.

The second more substantive change regarding merit increases would remove the current language in the Code that prohibits department directors from receiving merit pay above the top step of the pay range. Executive staff have expressed that removing

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<sup>23</sup> K.C.C. 3.15.040

<sup>24</sup> 2024-B0126 was the most recent compensation request briefing. [\[Link\]](#)

<sup>25</sup> The Washington Equal Pay and Opportunity Act



this language would eliminate potential pay compression issues within departments. Because deputy directors, division directors, and deputy division directors are currently eligible for this merit increase, it is theoretically possible that department directors could be paid the same or less than employees with less authority or responsibilities.

*Court Commissioners and Administrators* (Section 86 of PO, Change #178 in Attachment 5). Among the sections that the ordinance proposes to repeal is K.C.C. 3.15.080, the section that pertains to salaries for Superior Court Commissioners and Administrators for both the Superior and District Courts. Executive staff have indicated that the Courts have the authority to set salaries for Commissioners and Administrators and that the current Code is outdated and not reflective of the Courts' practice for setting salaries.

*Bi-weekly pay cycle—transition* (Section 86 of PO, Change #180 in Attachment 5). The PO would also repeal the four sections in the Code that pertain to transitioning to biweekly pay cycles. Since the County completed the transition to biweekly pay in 2011, these sections are no longer necessary.

*Effect of collective bargaining* (Section 86 of PO, Changes #180 in Attachment 5). The PO would add a new section related to collective bargaining. The proposed language would replicate language found in Chapter 3.12 which reiterates that collective bargaining agreements that are adopted by the Council take precedence over the Code in the event of any conflict.

*Technical changes for 3.15.* The remainder of the changes proposed for this chapter are technical in nature. These proposed changes include:

- Clarifying that the provisions only apply to employees of the Executive branch unless the chapter specifically says otherwise;
- Updating language for clarity and consistency;
- Removing a subsection that was intended to be removed in a previous amendment of the subsection;
- Making technical changes for grammar such as changing "will" to "shall."

**3.16 Labor and Employee Relations.** Chapter 3.16 contains 12 sections and governs labor and employee relations. Among the provisions in the chapter are the designation of the bargaining agent for the County and description of their authorized powers, a mission statement for relations, time limits for ratifying bargaining agreements, the labor policy committee, and the complaint process for negotiations.

The PO would make one primary substantive change for Chapter 3.16. The current language around time limits for transmitting a ratified bargaining agreement requires transmittal to the Council within seven days of the agreement being reached. The PO would amend this language to provide 14 days for the agreement to be transmitted to the Council once it has been signed by the union and received by the Office of Labor Relations (OLR). Executive staff expressed that this reflects current County practice and that seven days is usually not enough time to prepare all the necessary documentation.

*Technical changes for 3.16.* The remainder of the changes proposed for this chapter are technical in nature. These proposed changes include:

- Removing references to an outdated Council motion and a repealed section of the County Charter;
- Rearranging definitions to place them in alphabetical order;
- Clarifying that for the purpose of bargaining, the term “wages” includes leaves and employee benefits;
- Updating the name of the entity for complaints during the negotiation process from DHR to OLR.

**3.28 Compensation for Use of Privately Owned Vehicles.** Chapter 3.28 is an extremely brief chapter in Title 3. It consists of two sections, each composed of only one sentence. There is only one proposed change for this chapter. The first section currently provides that the branches of County government may reimburse for use of privately owned vehicles used for County business in lieu of "permanently assigned county vehicles."<sup>26</sup> The PO would remove the word "permanently" from this section to clarify that vehicles are not assigned on a permanent basis and that assignments can be changed or revoked by departments or agencies.

**3.30 Use of County Vehicles to Commute.** Chapter 3.30 contains seven sections and has the stated purpose of ensuring "the proper use of public funds with regard to the county's practice of allow employees to commute to and from work in county owned vehicles."<sup>27</sup> The following items are the more substantive changes proposed in the ordinance for this chapter.

*Take-home vehicles assignment policies and criteria* (Section 100 of PO, Changes #197-200 in Attachment 5). The PO would update language related to take-home vehicle assignments and the economic benefits to the County of such assignments. Specifically, the proposed update would remove the current language that excludes the cost of lost productivity and time to travel from designated parking facilities to an employee's work station. The PO would also eliminate the subsections currently in the Code related to taking home special equipment vehicles and clean transportation technology demonstration vehicles. Executive staff indicated that these updates are being requested for efficiency purposes, to enable departments to consider assigning a take-home vehicle if it would maximize an employee's productive time, and to eliminate subsections that are no longer needed.

*Usage and reporting requirements* (Section 101 of PO, Change #201 in Attachment 5). The PO would add a new section which states that commuting in a County-owned vehicle is a taxable benefit. While this is not a new policy, Executive indicated that adding a new section would align the Code with the Internal Revenue Service's taxable benefit regulations.

*Semiannual reevaluation and update of take-home vehicle assignments* (Section 103 of PO, Change #203 in Attachment 5). The PO would update the timing for reports from

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<sup>26</sup> K.C.C. 3.28.010

<sup>27</sup> K.C.C. 3.30.010

the Fleet Services Division in the Code. Currently, a semi-annual evaluation of all take-home vehicles is required with a subsequent reporting of the vehicle assignments available to the Council and the public by June 30 and December 31 of each year. The proposed change would remove the June and December deadlines and allow the Fleet Services Division the flexibility to reevaluate the assignments "biannually." Executive staff have indicated that because take home vehicles tend to be seasonal, the Fleet Services Division tends to evaluate assignments in April and October. This change would allow them the flexibility to continue this practice and also prevent future Code updates to adjust dates.

*Exemption* (Section 104 of PO, Changes #204-205 in Attachment 5). The PO would update the exemptions for this chapter. First, the PO would remove the exemption for "commissioned police officers."<sup>28</sup> Executive staff have indicated that this exemption is no longer necessary because take-home provisions are covered in the collective bargaining agreements with King County Sheriff's Office. The PO would also clarify the existing exemption language around bargaining agreements to state that an "agreement that provides for take home vehicle assignments shall supersede this chapter."

*Technical changes for 3.30.* The remainder of the changes proposed for this chapter are technical in nature. These proposed changes are to update and clarify definitions and terms to conform with terminology used in other County vehicle and travel-related policies.

**3.36 Charitable Contributions from County Employees.** Chapter 3.36 establishes the guidelines for the administration of County employee charitable contributions to qualified nonprofit organizations. These contributions normally occur through the Employee Giving Program but may also occur during other charitable solicitations, such as natural disaster relief. The following items are the more substantive changes proposed in the ordinance for this chapter.

*Employee giving program committee* (Section 104 of PO, Change #210 in Attachment 5). The PO would update the existing subsection around committee membership and pay practices.<sup>29</sup> The proposed updates include making that content a new standalone subsection, that committee members serve voluntarily and with new addition of the approval of their department, and that committee members covered by the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act shall ensure that their working hours, including hours worked for the committee, are approved by their supervisors in advance. Executive staff indicated that these changes reflect current County practices.

*Technical changes for 3.36.* The remainder of the changes proposed for this chapter are technical in nature. These proposed changes include:

- Updating terminology for clarity, consistency, and to reflect the year-round activities of the Employee Giving Program;
- Updating terms and charitable giving options to conform with existing language in K.C.C. 3.12.222 and 3.12.225;

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<sup>28</sup> K.C.C. 3.30.080.A.

<sup>29</sup> K.C.C. 3.36.030.B.5.

- Adding the use of County resources "online" to allow employees who work remotely to participate in program events;
- Removing a subsection that restates the sections of the Revised Code of Washington.

## **UPDATE**

At the May 13, 2025, meeting of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, the proposed ordinance was briefed by Council staff. Both Council staff and Executive staff answered questions from the Committee members. The proposed ordinance was then deferred until the next Committee meeting in June.

## **INVITED**

- Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources
- Denise Pruitt, Chief of Policy & Legislation, Department of Human Resources

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0085
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Fiscal Note
4. Summary of Proposed Changes
5. Title 3 Update Matrix



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2025-0154.1

**Sponsors** Zahilay

1                   A MOTION approving the job description for the position  
2                   of hearing examiner.

3                   WHEREAS, Section 896 of the King County Charter states that the King County  
4 council shall by ordinance provide the opportunity for an administrative appeal to a hearing  
5 examiner for appeals regarding the granting or rejecting of an application for zoning  
6 variance or conditional use permit, and

7                   WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.22.020 directs the King County council to appoint a hearing  
8 examiner for a term of four years, and

9                   WHEREAS, OR- 0230 of the council's organizational motion compilation requires that  
10 the employment and administration committee to recommend all job descriptions within  
11 the legislative branch of King County to the council for approval, and

12                  WHEREAS, the King County council seeks to update the job descriptions for the  
13 position of hearing examiner;

14                  NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

15           The job description of the hearing examiner is approved as Attachment A to this  
16 motion.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Hearing Examiner Position Description 2025

# Metropolitan King County Council

## Position Description



Position: Hearing Examiner	FLSA: salaried, overtime exempt
Department: Hearing Examiner's Office	Salary Grade: 134
Council Approved:	

### **Summary**

The King County Hearing Examiner leads an independent agency responsible for conducting fair, efficient, and inclusive quasi-judicial administrative hearings on a variety of matters. Under the King County Code, the Hearing Examiner's Office has jurisdiction over 80 distinct subject areas—examples include animal control, public health, for-hire transportation, and land use, including permitting, preliminary plats, and code enforcement. In addition to drafting and issuing written decisions, orders, and recommendations for the office, the Examiner also supports the King County Personnel Board in producing its written opinions.

The Hearing Examiner supervises a staff of three full-time employees and several pro tem examiners, in addition to managing the agency's budget. This is a salaried, at-will position that reports to the Chair of the King County Council, with a dotted-line relationship to the Council's Chief of Staff.

### **Distinguishing Career Features**

The Hearing Examiner is appointed by the King County Council for a renewable term under the guidelines set forth in [King County Code Section 20.22](#). This is a high-profile position with significant autonomy and independence, requiring a fair-minded, principled professional with experience as an attorney, administrative law judge, or other role that requires adjudication in compliance with the law. The incumbent must also be a strong people manager and administrator who can apply an equity and social justice lens to their work.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

#### *Hearings and Proceedings*

- Manage the scheduling, preparation, and conduct of public hearings on a variety of land use applications, appeals from agency decisions, and other administrative matters. Ensure that hearings are timely scheduled and that notices and other communications are sent within appropriate deadlines.
- Conduct proceedings including hearings and conferences. Prepare reports of hearings conducted that include written findings of fact and conclusions, final decisions, or recommendations for Council action.
- Assign cases to pro tem examiners and monitor status throughout all stages of the hearing process; ensure that pro tem decisions are legally sound and comply with applicable laws and standards.
- Coordinate with Hearing Examiner staff to manage case files, ensuring that hearing exhibits and official documents are properly included, identified, and maintained as a

permanent record.

- Maintain poise and empathy during stressful and emotional situations involving adversarial hearings, including viewing exhibits and listening to testimony that may be graphic or distressing.

### *Information and Policy*

- Submit complete case file packets and conduct briefings for the Council on decisions that are being appealed to the Council or higher legal authority. Prepare and deliver summaries, respond to questions, and advise on issues to consider.
- Review and periodically revise procedural rules and guides for the conduct of public hearings. Advise the Council on areas where County policy can be revised, clarified, and strengthened; work with Council to propose or revise legislation as appropriate. Prepare periodic reports of office activity and outcomes, and provide briefings to Council as needed.
- Work with Council staff, County agencies, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and other interested parties to as needed to research, clarify, and convey information; periodically provide public briefings at Council meetings.
- Initiate and respond to requests for information on official policies and procedures dealing with the conduct of examiner hearings. Ensure that the Hearing Examiner's Office complies with all Public Records Act requirements.
- Establish physical and electronic information storage and retrieval systems to support hearing activity and decisions.

### *Personnel and Office Management*

- Manage and support Hearing Examiner staff by setting clear expectations and short- and long-term goals; provide regular coaching and feedback; conduct periodic performance evaluations; and foster professional development.
- Work with the Council Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer to research and prepare budget proposals, including projecting staffing and material needs and costs. Present budget requests to the Council as needed and administer approved budgets.
- Periodically evaluate hearing procedures, including scheduling and decision-making processes. Consult with and seeks advice from other County agencies. Design and implements processes that make for efficient scheduling and handling of documents, and enhanced resources to enable faster hearings.
- Perform other duties as required to coordinate office functions with Council policies and procedures.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Knowledge and Skills**

- Advanced knowledge of King County Code provisions; federal, state, and local laws; court decisions; and other legal requirements relevant to quasi-judicial administrative



hearings, including rules of evidence and procedure.

- Project management skills to organize and oversee complex assignments, implement policies and processes, and develop ideas from concept to completion.
- Understanding of the theory, principles, and practices involved with land use planning and implementation, land development processes, and related code.
- Advanced communication skills, including a strong command of the English language to write decisions, reports, and other documents that convey complex, sensitive issues in a thoughtful and accessible manner.
- Knowledge of the principles and practices associated with supervision, leadership style, team building, and performance management.
- Interpersonal communication skills and a high level of emotional intelligence to be able to work with others in difficult situations and manage conflict, employ lines of questioning for fact-finding, and deliver information in a variety of settings.
- Proficiency with a range of technology and applications related to a hybrid work environment: word processing and spreadsheet applications, databases, videoconferencing, cloud storage systems, etc.
- Appropriate math skills to prepare budgets, account for expenditures, and develop and interpret statistical and operating information.

## **Abilities**

- Organize, facilitate, and execute a high volume of critical thinking and decision-making processes, including conducting research and analysis.
- Learn, interpret, and apply relevant sections of the King County Code, and local, state and federal legislation dealing with subject matter that comes before the Hearing Examiner's Office.
- Maintain order in hearings, remaining fair and impartial to all parties, and properly handle private and confidential communications; ability to de-escalate emotionally charged interactions and maintain decorum.
- Remain fair and impartial at all times, maintaining the ability to render decisions free from political or personal influence.
- Communicate and present information in a clear, concise, and accessible manner, both verbally and in writing.
- Develop and maintain positive, professional work relationships with diverse people, including staff, hearing participants, community members, councilmembers, county agencies, and others.
- Prioritize workload and manage competing needs and interests across the agency; manage a variable schedule.

## **Education and Experience**

The successful candidate must have at a minimum any combination of education and experience

equivalent to the following:

- A Juris Doctor from an accredited law school—or the successful completion of a Law Clerk program—and be an active attorney with membership in good standing with the Washington State Bar;
- Five years of progressively responsible experience conducting or assisting with conducting administrative or other contested hearings, or experience adjudicating matters in areas applicable to the County’s hearing process.
- Three years of supervisory or program management experience.

Candidates who have experience with planning and land use issues such as land development processes, zoning, and permitting are preferred.

### **Licenses and Certificates**

License to practice law in the State of Washington



**Signature Report**

**Motion**

**Proposed No. 2025-0178.1**

**Sponsors Zahilay**

1           A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mike Flood  
2           to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the  
3           representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization  
4           active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot  
5           measures.

6           WHEREAS, the Municipal League Foundation has identified Mike Flood to  
7   represent the organization on the citizens' election oversight committee, and

8           WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair  
9   elections, and

10          WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee help to ensure that  
11   accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent  
12   manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and

13          WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and  
14   administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight  
15   committee, and

16          WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, appointments to the citizens'  
17   elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,  
18   and

19          WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the  
20   employment and administration committee reappointed Mike Flood to the citizens'

21 elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2028;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

23 The reappointment of Mike Flood to the citizens' elections oversight committee as  
24 the representative from the Municipal League Foundation, for a three-year term to expire  
25 on July 31, 2028, is confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Employment and Administration Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Erica Newman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0178 2025-0179 2025-0180 2025-0181	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

### SUBJECT

The proposed motions would confirm the following reappointments and appointment to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC):

- Reappointment of Mike Flood, as the representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Christopher Hays, as a registered King County voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Kathy Sakahara, as a representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Appointment of a candidate as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

### BACKGROUND

In May 2006, Council adopted Ordinance 15453, which established the CEOC and added a new chapter King County Code (K.C.C).<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allows the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to solicit nominations to the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allowed for twelve committee members and the CEOC duties and membership representation are outlined in K.C.C. 2.53

**Ordinance 17273.** In March 2012, the Council adopted ordinance 17273, to comply with the additional language requirement that was placed on King County by Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which required political subdivisions to provide alternate language ballots and voter education materials if there were more than ten thousand or over five percent of the total voting age citizens who were members of a single minority language group with limited English language proficiency. Following the results of the 2010 Census, the County amended the CEOC membership representation to include a representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community and a representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. The ordinance also outlined the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC.

**Ordinance 18795.** In September 2018, the Council adopted ordinance 18795, which updated the CEOC's membership composition from twelve to sixteen members. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections". The ordinance also outlines the CEOC's tasks and support provided by staff within the Department of Elections.

**Ordinance 19823.** In June 2024, Council adopted ordinance 19823, which added new CEOC guidelines under the King County Code.<sup>2</sup> The new guidelines are as follows:

- At least twenty-eight days before any election, the department of elections shall request from the citizens' elections oversight committee a list of committee members designated as observers.
- At least a reasonable time before any election, the department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of when ballot processing will begin and shall request observers from the committee for the processing of ballots at the counting center. The absence of observers from the committee will not prevent the processing of ballots.
- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe official logic and accuracy tests for each vote tallying system to be used at elections.
- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe recounts.

The ordinance amended language regarding the CEOC's membership. The ordinance outlines the composition of the CEOC as listed below.

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<sup>2</sup> K.C.C. 2.16

1. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League;*
2. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters;*
3. *One representative from the disability community;*
4. *One representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand;*
5. *One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;*
6. *One representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community;*
7. *One representative of the Spanish-speaking community;*
8. *One representative from the Korean-speaking community;*
9. *One representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act;*
10. *Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the groups listed in subsection A.1. through 9. and 11. through 16. of this section;*
11. *One representative from the King County Democratic Party;*
12. *One representative from the King County Republican Party;*
13. *One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State;*
14. *One representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections;*
15. *One representative who has experience in technology; and*
16. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.*

Also, the ordinance updated the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC that included the following changes:

- Except the positions for the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party, vacant positions shall be advertised at a minimum in the county's newspaper of record.
- Except for the ex officio position, members are required to reside in King County. However, members, who during their tenures on the committee temporarily live outside the United States but maintain King County as their residences, may continue to serve on the committee during their temporary absences from the county.
- The representative from the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party are not eligible to serve as the chair of the committee.

### **ANALYSIS**

Proposed motions 2025-0178, 2025-0179, 2025-0180, and 2025-0181 would confirm the reappointments and appointment to the CEOC. As outlined under K.C.C. 2.53, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 below, lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

**Table 1: CEOC Membership as of June 2025**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY</b>
<b>Mike Flood</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League
<b>Kathy Sakahara</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters
<b>Carolyn Stevens</b>	Disability community
<b>LeAnn Blanco</b>	representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with a population under 20,000
<b>Stanley Tsao</b>	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Vietnamese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Spanish-speaking community
<b>Julie Kang</b>	Korean-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting



MEMBER	ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY
	Rights Act
Hillary De La Cruz Christoper Hays	registered King County voters
Hanna Floss	King County Democratic Party
Mathew Thomas Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	King County Republican Party
Stuart Holmes	ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State
Jason Lambacher	representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections
Tyson Hartman	representative who has experience in technology
Vacant	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

### Reappointments.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0178** would reappoint Mike Flood to the CEOC as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. The Municipal League Foundation provided a letter designating Mr. Flood as its representative. Mr. Flood has served on the CEOC since 2022 and serves as a board member of the King County Municipal League, Camp Patriot, and Empower Youth Network. Mr. Flood previously served as a board member of the Lt. Governor's Washington State Leadership Board, and many other community organizations.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0179** would reappoint Christopher Hays to the CEOC as a King County registered voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. Mr. Hays has served on the CEOC since 2022 and is a graduate of the University of Washington who has interned with the Washington State Legislature and worked with the National Conference of State Legislatures. Mr. Hays is passionate about accessible voting, ensuring the transparency of elections, and preserving the integrity of the election process.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0180** would reappoint Kathy Sakahara to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public. The League of Women Voters of Seattle King County (LWVSKC) submitted written correspondence designating Mrs. Sakahara as its representative. Mrs. Sakahara is a retired professional and has served on the

CEOC since 2022. Mrs. Sakahara previously served as a Lead Lobbyist and partnered with legislative leadership, Secretary of State, auditors, the Washington Voting Justice Coalition, and leading advocates for voting rights, campaign finance reform and election security.

### Appointment.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181** would appoint a candidate to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

The position has been vacant since August 2024. The Council provided notice of the vacancy and accepted applications to fill the position from April 4, 2025 through May 2, 2025 and one application was received. The Employment and Administration Committee intends to interview the candidate, Latasha Mae at the July 1, 2025 meeting.

### AMENDMENT

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181.** An oral amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 6, line 20, and line 26 of the proposed motion, and to insert the name of the sponsoring nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans on line 6 and 27 of the proposed motion.

An oral title amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 1 of the proposed motion.

### INVITED

- Latasha Mae, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0178
2. Proposed Motion 2025-0179
3. Proposed Motion 2025-0180
4. Proposed Motion 2025-0181



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2025-0179.1

**Sponsors** Zahilay

1           A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Christopher  
2           Hays to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a  
3           registered King County voter.

4           WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair  
5           elections, and

6           WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee help to ensure that  
7           accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent  
8           manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and

9           WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and  
10          administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight  
11          committee, and

12          WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, appointments to the citizens'  
13          elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,  
14          and

15          WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the  
16          employment and administration committee reappointed Christopher Hays to the citizens'  
17          elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2028;

18          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

19           The reappointment of Christopher Hays to the citizens' elections oversight  
20 committee as a registered King County voter, for a three-year term to expire on July 31,  
21 2028, is confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Employment and Administration Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Erica Newman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0178 2025-0179 2025-0180 2025-0181	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

### SUBJECT

The proposed motions would confirm the following reappointments and appointment to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC):

- Reappointment of Mike Flood, as the representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Christopher Hays, as a registered King County voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Kathy Sakahara, as a representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Appointment of a candidate as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

### BACKGROUND

In May 2006, Council adopted Ordinance 15453, which established the CEOC and added a new chapter King County Code (K.C.C.).<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allows the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to solicit nominations to the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allowed for twelve committee members and the CEOC duties and membership representation are outlined in K.C.C. 2.53

**Ordinance 17273.** In March 2012, the Council adopted ordinance 17273, to comply with the additional language requirement that was placed on King County by Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which required political subdivisions to provide alternate language ballots and voter education materials if there were more than ten thousand or over five percent of the total voting age citizens who were members of a single minority language group with limited English language proficiency. Following the results of the 2010 Census, the County amended the CEOC membership representation to include a representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community and a representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. The ordinance also outlined the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC.

**Ordinance 18795.** In September 2018, the Council adopted ordinance 18795, which updated the CEOC's membership composition from twelve to sixteen members. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections". The ordinance also outlines the CEOC's tasks and support provided by staff within the Department of Elections.

**Ordinance 19823.** In June 2024, Council adopted ordinance 19823, which added new CEOC guidelines under the King County Code.<sup>2</sup> The new guidelines are as follows:

- At least twenty-eight days before any election, the department of elections shall request from the citizens' elections oversight committee a list of committee members designated as observers.
- At least a reasonable time before any election, the department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of when ballot processing will begin and shall request observers from the committee for the processing of ballots at the counting center. The absence of observers from the committee will not prevent the processing of ballots.
- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe official logic and accuracy tests for each vote tallying system to be used at elections.
- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe recounts.

The ordinance amended language regarding the CEOC's membership. The ordinance outlines the composition of the CEOC as listed below.

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<sup>2</sup> K.C.C. 2.16

1. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League;*
2. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters;*
3. *One representative from the disability community;*
4. *One representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand;*
5. *One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;*
6. *One representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community;*
7. *One representative of the Spanish-speaking community;*
8. *One representative from the Korean-speaking community;*
9. *One representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act;*
10. *Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the groups listed in subsection A.1. through 9. and 11. through 16. of this section;*
11. *One representative from the King County Democratic Party;*
12. *One representative from the King County Republican Party;*
13. *One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State;*
14. *One representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections;*
15. *One representative who has experience in technology; and*
16. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.*

Also, the ordinance updated the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC that included the following changes:

- Except the positions for the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party, vacant positions shall be advertised at a minimum in the county's newspaper of record.
- Except for the ex officio position, members are required to reside in King County. However, members, who during their tenures on the committee temporarily live outside the United States but maintain King County as their residences, may continue to serve on the committee during their temporary absences from the county.
- The representative from the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party are not eligible to serve as the chair of the committee.

### **ANALYSIS**

Proposed motions 2025-0178, 2025-0179, 2025-0180, and 2025-0181 would confirm the reappointments and appointment to the CEOC. As outlined under K.C.C. 2.53, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 below, lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

**Table 1: CEOC Membership as of June 2025**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY</b>
<b>Mike Flood</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League
<b>Kathy Sakahara</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters
<b>Carolyn Stevens</b>	Disability community
<b>LeAnn Blanco</b>	representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with a population under 20,000
<b>Stanley Tsao</b>	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Vietnamese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Spanish-speaking community
<b>Julie Kang</b>	Korean-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting



MEMBER	ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY
	Rights Act
Hillary De La Cruz  Christopher Hays	registered King County voters
Hanna Floss	King County Democratic Party
Mathew Thomas Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	King County Republican Party
Stuart Holmes	ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State
Jason Lambacher	representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections
Tyson Hartman	representative who has experience in technology
Vacant	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

### Reappointments.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0178** would reappoint Mike Flood to the CEOC as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. The Municipal League Foundation provided a letter designating Mr. Flood as its representative. Mr. Flood has served on the CEOC since 2022 and serves as a board member of the King County Municipal League, Camp Patriot, and Empower Youth Network. Mr. Flood previously served as a board member of the Lt. Governor's Washington State Leadership Board, and many other community organizations.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0179** would reappoint Christopher Hays to the CEOC as a King County registered voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. Mr. Hays has served on the CEOC since 2022 and is a graduate of the University of Washington who has interned with the Washington State Legislature and worked with the National Conference of State Legislatures. Mr. Hays is passionate about accessible voting, ensuring the transparency of elections, and preserving the integrity of the election process.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0180** would reappoint Kathy Sakahara to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public. The League of Women Voters of Seattle King County (LWVSKC) submitted written correspondence designating Mrs. Sakahara as its representative. Mrs. Sakahara is a retired professional and has served on the

CEOC since 2022. Mrs. Sakahara previously served as a Lead Lobbyist and partnered with legislative leadership, Secretary of State, auditors, the Washington Voting Justice Coalition, and leading advocates for voting rights, campaign finance reform and election security.

### Appointment.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181** would appoint a candidate to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

The position has been vacant since August 2024. The Council provided notice of the vacancy and accepted applications to fill the position from April 4, 2025 through May 2, 2025 and one application was received. The Employment and Administration Committee intends to interview the candidate, Latasha Mae at the July 1, 2025 meeting.

### AMENDMENT

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181.** An oral amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 6, line 20, and line 26 of the proposed motion, and to insert the name of the sponsoring nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans on line 6 and 27 of the proposed motion.

An oral title amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 1 of the proposed motion.

### INVITED

- Latasha Mae, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0178
2. Proposed Motion 2025-0179
3. Proposed Motion 2025-0180
4. Proposed Motion 2025-0181



**Signature Report**

**Motion**

**Proposed No. 2025-0180.1**

**Sponsors Zahilay**

1           A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy  
2           Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a  
3           representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization  
4           active in King County that provides elections information  
5           to the public.

6           WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has identified Kathy Sakahara to  
7   represent the organization on the citizens' election oversight committee, and

8           WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair  
9   elections, and

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17   elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,  
18   and

19          WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the  
20   employment and administration committee reappointed Kathy Sakahara to the citizens'

21 elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2028;  
22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:  
23 The reappointment of Kathy Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight  
24 committee as the representative from the League of Women Voters, for a three-year term  
25 to expire on July 31, 2028, is confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Employment and Administration Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Erica Newman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0178 2025-0179 2025-0180 2025-0181	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

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### Reappointments.

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**Proposed Motion 2025-0180** would reappoint Kathy Sakahara to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public. The League of Women Voters of Seattle King County (LWVSKC) submitted written correspondence designating Mrs. Sakahara as its representative. Mrs. Sakahara is a retired professional and has served on the

CEOC since 2022. Mrs. Sakahara previously served as a Lead Lobbyist and partnered with legislative leadership, Secretary of State, auditors, the Washington Voting Justice Coalition, and leading advocates for voting rights, campaign finance reform and election security.

### Appointment.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181** would appoint a candidate to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

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### AMENDMENT

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181.** An oral amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 6, line 20, and line 26 of the proposed motion, and to insert the name of the sponsoring nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans on line 6 and 27 of the proposed motion.

An oral title amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 1 of the proposed motion.

### INVITED

- Latasha Mae, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0178
2. Proposed Motion 2025-0179
3. Proposed Motion 2025-0180
4. Proposed Motion 2025-0181



**Signature Report**

**Motion**

**Proposed No. 2025-0181.2**

**Sponsors Zahilay**

1           A MOTION confirming the appointment of Latasha Mae to  
2           the citizens' elections oversight committee as a  
3           representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in  
4           King County that promotes equality and the advancement  
5           of Black or African Americans.

6           WHEREAS, Advocacy Queen, has identified Latasha Mae to represent the  
7           organization on the citizens' elections oversight committee, and

8           WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair  
9           elections, and

10          WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee helps to ensure that  
11          accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent  
12          manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and

13          WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and  
14          administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight  
15          committee, and

16          WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, appointments to the citizens'  
17          elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,  
18          and

19          WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the  
20          employment and administration committee will appoint Latasha Mae to the citizens'

21 elections oversight committee to fill the vacant position for a representative sponsored by  
22 a nonpartisan organization that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or  
23 African Americans for the remainder of that position's three-year term, to expire on  
24 September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term, to expire on September 30, 2028;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

26 The appointment of Latasha Mae to the citizens' elections oversight committee as  
27 a representative of Advocacy Queen, for the remainder of that position's three-year term,

28 to expire on September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term, to expire on September  
29 30, 2028, is confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



## King County

### Metropolitan King County Council Employment and Administration Committee

#### REVISED STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Items:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Erica Newman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0178 2025-0179 2025-0180 2025-0181	<b>Date:</b>	July 1, 2025

***Proposed Substitute Motion 2025-0181.2, which would fill a position on the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee for a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and advancement of Black and African Americans, passed out of committee on July 1, 2025 with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion was amended in committee with an oral amendment that inserted the name Latasha Mae on lines 6, 20, and 26 of the proposed motion, and to insert Advocacy Queen on line 6 and 27 of the proposed motion. The motion as also amended by a title amendment to insert the name Latasha Mae on line 1 of the proposed motion.***

#### SUBJECT

The proposed motions would confirm the following reappointments and appointment to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC):

- Reappointment of Mike Flood, as the representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Christopher Hays, as a registered King County voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Kathy Sakahara, as a representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Appointment of a candidate as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

## **BACKGROUND**

In May 2006, Council adopted Ordinance 15453, which established the CEOC and added a new chapter King County Code (K.C.C).<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allows the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to solicit nominations to the Committee.

**Ordinance 17273.** In March 2012, the Council adopted ordinance 17273, to comply with the additional language requirement that was placed on King County by Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, which required political subdivisions to provide alternate language ballots and voter education materials if there were more than ten thousand or over five percent of the total voting age citizens who were members of a single minority language group with limited English language proficiency. Following the results of the 2010 Census, the County amended the CEOC membership representation to include a representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community and a representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. The ordinance also outlined the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC.

**Ordinance 18795.** In September 2018, the Council adopted ordinance 18795, which updated the CEOC's membership composition from twelve to sixteen members. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections". The ordinance also outlines the CEOC's tasks and support provided by staff within the Department of Elections.

**Ordinance 19823.** In June 2024, Council adopted ordinance 19823, which added new CEOC guidelines under the King County Code.<sup>2</sup> The new guidelines are as follows:

- At least twenty-eight days before any election, the department of elections shall request from the citizens' elections oversight committee a list of committee members designated as observers.
- At least a reasonable time before any election, the department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of when ballot processing will begin and shall request observers from the committee for the processing of ballots at the counting center. The absence of observers from the committee will not prevent the processing of ballots.

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<sup>1</sup> The ordinance allowed for twelve committee members and the CEOC duties and membership representation are outlined in K.C.C. 2.53

<sup>2</sup> K.C.C. 2.16

- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe official logic and accuracy tests for each vote tallying system to be used at elections.
- The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of opportunities to observe recounts.

The ordinance amended language regarding the CEOC's membership. The ordinance outlines the composition of the CEOC as listed below.

1. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League;*
2. *One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters;*
3. *One representative from the disability community;*
4. *One representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand;*
5. *One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;*
6. *One representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community;*
7. *One representative of the Spanish-speaking community;*
8. *One representative from the Korean-speaking community;*
9. *One representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act;*
10. *Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the groups listed in subsection A.1. through 9. and 11. through 16. of this section;*
11. *One representative from the King County Democratic Party;*
12. *One representative from the King County Republican Party;*
13. *One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State;*
14. *One representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections;*



15. One representative who has experience in technology; and

16. One representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

Also, the ordinance updated the process for filling vacancies on the CEOC that included the following changes:

- Except the positions for the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party, vacant positions shall be advertised at a minimum in the county's newspaper of record.
- Except for the ex officio position, members are required to reside in King County. However, members, who during their tenures on the committee temporarily live outside the United States but maintain King County as their residences, may continue to serve on the committee during their temporary absences from the county.
- The representative from the King County Democratic Party and the King County Republican Party are not eligible to serve as the chair of the committee.

## **ANALYSIS**

Proposed motions 2025-0178, 2025-0179, 2025-0180, and 2025-0181 would confirm the reappointments and appointment to the CEOC. As outlined under K.C.C. 2.53, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 below, lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

**Table 1: CEOC Membership as of June 2025**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY</b>
<b>Mike Flood</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League
<b>Kathy Sakahara</b>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters
<b>Carolyn Stevens</b>	Disability community
<b>LeAnn Blanco</b>	representative sponsored by either a junior taxing district or a city with

MEMBER	ORGANIZATION/CONSTITUENCY
	a population under 20,000
<b>Stanley Tsao</b>	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Vietnamese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Spanish-speaking community
<b>Julie Kang</b>	Korean-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	representative from each of any other language minority community for which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act
<b>Hillary De La Cruz</b>	registered King County voters
<b>Christopher Hays</b>	
<b>Hanna Floss</b>	King County Democratic Party
<b>Mathew Thomas</b> Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	King County Republican Party
<b>Stuart Holmes</b>	ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of State
<b>Jason Lambacher</b>	representative sponsored by an academic institution and has knowledge of elections
<b>Tyson Hartman</b>	representative who has experience in technology
<i>Vacant</i>	representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

### Reappointments.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0178** would reappoint Mike Flood to the CEOC as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. The Municipal League Foundation provided a letter designating Mr. Flood as its representative. Mr. Flood has served on the CEOC since 2022 and serves as a board member of the King County Municipal League, Camp Patriot, and Empower Youth Network. Mr. Flood previously served as a board member of the Lt. Governor's Washington State Leadership Board, and many other community organizations.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0179** would reappoint Christopher Hays to the CEOC as a King County registered voter, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. Mr. Hays has served on the CEOC since 2022 and is a graduate of the University of Washington who has interned with the Washington State Legislature and worked with the National

Conference of State Legislature. Mr. Hayes is passionate about accessible voting, ensuring the transparency of elections, and preserving the integrity of the election process.

**Proposed Motion 2025-0180** would reappoint Kathy Sakahara to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public. The League of Women Voters of Seattle King County (LWVSKC) submitted written correspondence designating Mrs. Sakahara as its representative. Mrs. Sakahara is a retired professional and has served on the CEOC since 2022. Mrs. Sakahara previously served as a Lead Lobbyist and partnered with legislative leadership, Secretary of State, auditors, the Washington Voting Justice Coalition, and leading advocates for voting rights, campaign finance reform and election security.

**Appointment.**

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181** would appoint a candidate to the CEOC as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans, to fill an unexpired term ending September 30, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

The position has been vacant since August 2024. The Council provided notice of the vacancy and accepted applications to fill the position from April 4, 2025 through May 2, 2025 and one application was received. The Employment and Administration Committee intends to interview the candidate, Latasha Mae at the July 1, 2025 meeting.

**AMENDMENT**

**Proposed Motion 2025-0181.** An oral amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 6, line 20, and line 26 of the proposed motion, and to insert the name of the sponsoring nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans on line 6 and 27 of the proposed motion.

An oral title amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 1 of the proposed motion.



**Signature Report**

**Motion**

**Proposed No. 2025-0211.1**

**Sponsors Zahilay**

1                   A MOTION appointing a qualified person to serve as  
2                   hearing examiner pro tempore.

3                   WHEREAS, Section 896 of the King County Charter requires that the council  
4                   shall provide an opportunity for an administrative appeal to a hearing examiner or other  
5                   body for appeals from the granting or rejecting of an application for zoning variance or  
6                   conditional use permit, and

7                   WHEREAS, the positions of hearing examiner and deputy hearing examiner are  
8                   currently vacant, and additional hearing examiners pro tempore are urgently needed to  
9                   process the current and expected hearings, and

10                  WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, the council adopted Ordinance 19952 to temporarily  
11                  empower the council to appoint by motion qualified persons to serve as hearing  
12                  examiners pro tempore if the positions of hearing examiner and deputy hearing examiner  
13                  are both vacant, and

14                  WHEREAS, K.C.C. 20.22.020.C. permits the council to authorize by motion  
15                  persons who hold another elective or appointed public office or position in King County  
16                  government to serve as hearing examiners pro tempore, and

17                  WHEREAS, the council seeks to appoint senior principal auditor Peter  
18                  Heineccius, a current county employee, to serve as hearing examiner pro tempore with  
19                  the powers and duties authorized by K.C.C. 20.22.020.E. for assigned cases;

20                  NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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21           The King County council hereby appoints Peter Heineccius to serve as hearing  
22 examiner pro tempore with the powers and duties found in K.C.C. 20.22.020.E. for  
23 assigned cases.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No. 2025-0126.1**

**Sponsors**

1                   A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of  
2                   Fartun Mohamed, who resides in council district seven, to  
3                   the King County mental illness and drug dependency  
4                   advisory committee, as a representative of a grassroots  
5                   organization serving a cultural population or cultural  
6                   populations.

7                   BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

8                   The county executive's reappointment of Fartun Mohamed, who resides in council  
9                   district seven, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory  
10                  committee, as a representative of a grassroots organization serving a cultural population

- 11 or cultural populations, for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on June 30, 2028,  
12 is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None



# King County

## Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Chinook Building  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 810  
Seattle, WA 98104

June 20, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

Consistent with the requirements of King County code 4A.100.080 Emergent need contingency project, this letter represents the exception notification form for transfer in excess of twenty-five percent of total project costs. Specifically:

*D.2. For transfers of twenty-five percent or more of total project costs, the director of the office of performance, strategy and budget or its successor shall be responsible for electronically filing a capital project exception notification with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and the lead staff for the budget and fiscal management committee or its successor. The notification must be sent and authorized as set forth in subsection E. of this section in accordance with this section before any transfer may occur.*

*E. When the clerk of the council receives a capital project exception notification, the clerk of the council shall list the capital project exception notification under other business on the next two council agenda. Councilmembers may object to the proposed transfer of emergent need contingency expenditure authority to another project in the same fund at either of those two council meetings. If an objection is not made at either council meeting, the transfer may proceed. If an objection to the transfer of emergent need contingency is made at a council meeting, the transfer may not proceed. The clerk of the council shall notify the director of the office of performance, strategy and budget or its successor of the council's action.*

*(Ord. 19534§ 3, 2022).*



Details of the proposed transfer are noted below:

**Capital Fund Name:** Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital

**Capital Fund:** 3641

**Emergent Need Contingency Project Number:** 1111770

**Justification for Transfer:** Funds will be used for security camera infrastructure at Metro bases, including local video archivers needed for business continuity, network security enhancements, and power infrastructure upgrades. Metro will not be able to progress in 2025 on the relevant sub-project (1146868 Facility Access Video System Replacement) without the contingency transfer; delaying until the 2026-2027 budget would require pausing the project mid-effort.

Receiving Project Number	Receiving Project Name	Original Project Budget (1/1/25 Balance)	Transfer Amount	Final Project Budget
1141996	TDC FAC SECURITY IMPRVMNT BUD	\$2,977,221	\$1,724,231	\$4,701,452

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dwight Dively, PSB Director, at 206.263.9687.

Sincerely,



Dwight Dively  
Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Enclosures

cc: Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council  
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