

ORDINANCE NO. 5869

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the Office of Citizen Complaints; amending Ordinance ~~1871~~, Section 2 and K.C.C. 2.52.180; amending Ordinance 473, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 15 & K.C.C. 2.52.010, .020, .040, .050, .080, .130, .140, & .150; repealing Ordinance 473, Sections 3, 6, 7, K.C.C. 2.52.030, .060, .070; adding a new section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No 473, Section 1 and K.C.C. 2.52.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. As used in this chapter, the term:

~~((1))~~ A. "Administrative agency" means any department, office or other governmental unit, or any employee of ~~((Seattle-and/or))~~ King County acting or purporting to act by reason of a connection with the ~~((city-of))~~ county; but "administrative agency" does not include:

~~((A))~~ 1. any court or judge or appurtenant judicial staff,

~~((B))~~ 2. the members or staffs of the ~~((city-of))~~ county council~~((s))~~,

~~((C))~~ 3. the ~~((mayor-of-Seattle-or-the))~~ King County executive or ~~((their))~~ his ~~((respective))~~ personal staff, ~~((or,))~~

~~((D))~~ 4. the county prosecuting attorney or his staff. ~~((or-the-Seattle-cooperation-counsel-or-his-staff))~~

~~((2))~~ B. "Administrative act" includes every action (such as decisions, omissions, recommendations, practices, or procedures) of an administrative agency.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 473, Section 2 and K.C.C. 2.52.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Establishment of office. The ~~((joint-Seattle))~~ King County ~~((office))~~ Office of ~~((citizen))~~ Citizen ~~((complaints))~~ Complaints is established.

SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 473, Section 3 and K.C.C. 2.52.030 are hereby repealed.

1 hereby repealed.

2 SECTION 9. Ordinance No. 473, Section 8 and K.C.C. 2.52.080 are
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 Organization of office. ~~((a))~~ A. the director may with concurrence
5 of the council select, appoint, and compensate, within the amount
6 available or budgeted by appropriation, such assistants and employees as
7 he may deem necessary to discharge his responsibilities under this
8 chapter. ~~((in order that both the city and the county will be provided~~
9 ~~equal services.))~~ Such assistants and employees shall not be included in
10 the classified civil or career service of the ~~((city or))~~ county.

11 ~~((b) -- The director shall appoint one deputy to be confirmed by the~~
12 ~~city council of Seattle for matters originating in the city of Seattle --~~
13 ~~and another deputy to be confirmed by the King County council for matters~~
14 ~~originating outside Seattle. -- One assistant shall be the deputy director,~~
15 ~~with authority to act in his stead when he himself is disabled or~~
16 ~~otherwise absent.))~~

17 ~~((e))~~ B. The director may delegate to other members of his staff
18 any of his authority or duties under this chapter except this power of
19 delegation and the duty formally to make recommendations to
20 administrative agencies or reports to ~~((the mayor of Seattle and/or the~~
21 ~~city council and))~~ the King County executive and/or the county council.

22 SECTION 10. Ordinance No. 473, Section 13 and K.C.C. 2.52.130 are
23 hereby amended to read as follows:

24 Recommendations. ~~((a))~~ A. If, having considered a complaint and
25 whatever material he deems pertinent, the director is of the opinion that
26 an administrative agency should:

27 ~~((1))~~ 1. Consider the matter further;

28 ~~((2))~~ 2. Modify or cancel an administrative act;

29 ~~((3))~~ 3. Alter a regulation or ruling;

30 ~~((4))~~ 4. Explain more fully the administrative act in
31 question; or

32 ~~((5))~~ 5. Take any other step,

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1 he shall state his recommendations to the administrative agency. If the
2 director so requests, the agency shall inform him, within the time he has
3 specified, about the action taken on his recommendations or the reasons
4 for not complying with them.

5 ((~~b~~)) B. If the director believes that an administrative action
6 has been dictated by laws whose results are unfair or otherwise
7 objectionable, he shall bring to the attention of the ((~~appropriate~~))
8 council his views concerning desirable legislative change.

9 SECTION 11. Ordinance No. 473, Section 14 and K.C.C. 2.52.140 are
10 hereby amended to read as follows:

11 Publication of recommendations. The director may publish his
12 conclusions, recommendations and suggestions by transmitting them to the
13 ((~~mayer-and/or~~)) county executive, the ((~~city-and/or~~)) county
14 council((~~s~~)) or to any appropriate committee of ((~~either~~)) the council,
15 the press and others who may be concerned. When publishing an opinion
16 criticizing an administrative agency or person, the director, unless
17 excused in writing by the agency or individual affected, shall include
18 such statement or document that may have been made available to him by
19 way of explaining past conduct or present rejection of the director's
20 proposals. The director shall not publish any interim or confidential
21 reports.

22 SECTION 12. Ordinance No. 473, Section 15 and K.C.C. 2.52.150 are
23 hereby amended to read as follows:

24 Written reports. In addition to whatever reports he may make from
25 time to time, the director on the fifteenth day of January, May and
26 September of each year shall report to the ((~~city-and~~)) county council
27 concerning the exercise of his functions during the preceding calendar
28 period. In discussing matters with which he has dealt, the director need
29 not identify those immediately concerned if to do so would cause
30 unnecessary hardship. Insofar as the report may criticize named agencies
31 or persons, it must also include their replies to the criticism.

32 SECTION 13. Ordinance No. 1891, Section 2 and K.C.C. 2.52.180 are
33 hereby amended to read as follows:

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Division of property tax/evaluation advisor - Office created -
Transferral. There is established the division of property
tax/evaluation advisor to provide advice to any person liable for payment
of property taxes in King County. The ~~((re-evaluation-advisor))~~ staff is
transferred to the ~~((office))~~ Office of ~~((the-Seattle))~~ King County
~~((ombudsman))~~ Citizen Complaints and shall receive administrative support
and direction as part of that office.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 4th day
of January, 1982.

PASSED this 1st day of February, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet M. Owens
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE
DATED: 2/11/82
King County Executive