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ORDINANCE NO.

10065

AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Articles 2 and 6 of the King County Charter concerning the legislative branch and elections; providing for thirteen county councilmembers and for Intergovernmental Committees to review countywide policy plans, and submitting the same to the voters of the county and establishing a date of election; amending provisions of Article 2, Sections 210, 220, 220.10, 230.10, 230.20, 230.30; adding new sections 270 and 280; and amending provisions of Article 6, Section 650, and adding new Section 650.40.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the county for their approval and ratification or rejection at the next general election to be held in the county the following amendment to the King County Charter:

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the metropolitan county council.

Section 220. The Metropolitan County Council.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The metropolitan county council shall consist of ((nine)) thirteen members. The county shall be divided into ((nine)) thirteen districts, and one council((man))member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each council((man))member shall be four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 230. Ordinances.

230.10. Introduction and Adoption.

Proposed ordinances shall be limited to one subject and may be introduced by any council((man))member or by initiative petition. At least seven days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, and prior to

1 its adoption or enactment, the county council shall hold a
2 public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed
3 ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a
4 minimum of (~~five~~) seven affirmative votes shall be required to
5 adopt an ordinance.

6 **230.20. Executive Veto.**

7 Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the county
8 executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance or any
9 object of expense of an appropriation ordinance. Every
10 ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within
11 five days after its adoption or enactment by the county
12 council. Within ten days after its presentation, the county
13 executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it to the
14 county council, veto the ordinance and return it to the county
15 council with a written and signed statement of the reasons for
16 his or her veto or sign and partially veto an appropriation
17 ordinance and return it to the county council with a written
18 and signed statement of the reasons for his or her partial
19 veto. If an ordinance is not returned by the county executive
20 within ten days after its presentation it shall be deemed
21 enacted without his or her signature. Within thirty days after
22 an ordinance has been vetoed and returned or partially vetoed
23 and returned, the county council may override the veto or
24 partial veto by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of
25 (~~six~~) nine affirmative votes.

26 **230.30. Emergency Ordinances.**

27 Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency
28 ordinance if the county council finds as a fact, and states in
29 the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance
30 is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
31 health or safety or for the support of county government and
32 its existing public institutions. A minimum of (~~seven~~) nine
33 affirmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency
34 ordinance; and unless it is an emergency appropriation

1 ordinance, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the
2 county executive.

3 New Section. Section 270. Intergovernmental Committees

4 270.10. Intergovernmental Committees. At least two
5 intergovernmental committees shall be established by ordinance,
6 one for growth management, including land use and
7 transportation and one for utilities, including water quality.
8 Additional committees may be established by ordinance.

9 Section 270.20. Composition of intergovernmental
10 committees. Each committee shall consist of twelve members.
11 Six members shall be metropolitan county councilmembers
12 appointed by the chair of the council. The chair of each
13 committee shall be a metropolitan county councilmember,
14 appointed by the chair of the metropolitan county council. The
15 remaining six members of each committee shall be local
16 government representatives appointed from and based on the
17 relative populations of: (i) the city with the largest
18 population in the county, and (ii) the other cities and towns
19 in the county. Committee members from the city with the
20 largest population in the county shall be appointed by the city
21 council of that city. Committee members from the other cities
22 and towns in the county shall be appointed in a manner agreed
23 to by and among those cities and towns representing a majority
24 of the populations of such cities and towns. In the event any
25 areas are annexed pursuant to powers granted metropolitan
26 municipal corporations under state law, the populations of any
27 cities and towns in such annexed areas shall be considered as
28 if they were within the county for all purposes in this section
29 with regard to intergovernmental committee participation on
30 plans which would be effective within such annexed areas.

31 Allocation of membership of the six committee members who
32 are local government representatives shall be adjusted January
33 1 of each even-numbered year beginning in 1992 based upon
34 current census information or, if more recent, official state
35 population statistics. When the utilities committee considers

1 plans related to water pollution abatement, special purpose
2 districts providing sewer service in the county shall appoint
3 two members to serve on the committee during its review of any
4 such plans, one member to serve in lieu of an appointed
5 representative of the city with the largest population and the
6 other member to serve in lieu of an appointed representative of
7 the other cities and towns.

8 **270.30 Powers and Duties.** Intergovernmental committees
9 shall review and recommend the countywide comprehensive policy
10 plan and those elements of other plans which under state law
11 are effective both in unincorporated and in incorporated areas
12 and for which an intergovernmental committee has been
13 established. The council shall by ordinance assign each such
14 plan to an intergovernmental committee for review and establish
15 a reasonable time limit for such review. Intergovernmental
16 committees also may consider issues which are
17 interjurisdictional in nature but which are not effective
18 within incorporated areas; however, such issues shall not be
19 required to be reviewed by intergovernmental committee or
20 approved other than by a simple majority of the county council.

21 After time limits for required review have expired, with
22 or without recommendation of the intergovernmental committee
23 and with or without amendment by the county council, the
24 council may adopt by an affirmative vote of at least nine
25 members countywide plans which have been referred to an
26 intergovernmental committee.

27 The first countywide comprehensive policy plan enacted
28 after the effective date of this section shall not take effect
29 until it has been ratified by units of general government in
30 King County, including King County on behalf of unincorporated
31 King County, representing at least one-third in number of all
32 such units of government and three-fourths of the population of
33 King County. Such first plan shall describe approval or
34 ratification procedures for subsequent amendments and major
35 updates to the plan.

1 New Section. Section 280. Effective date of 1991
2 amendment.

3 Upon approval by the voters at the November 5, 1991
4 county-wide general election of the amendment to Articles 2 and
5 6 of the charter provided in Ordinance 10065; and of the
6 proposed assumption by the county of the rights, powers,
7 functions and obligations of the Municipality of Metropolitan
8 Seattle (METRO) pursuant to RCW ch. 36.56, such amendment shall
9 take effect on January 1, 1992; provided, however, that
10 sections 220.10, 230.10, 230.20 and 230.30 and new section 270
11 of the charter shall take effect on January 1, 1993.

12 Article 6. Section 650. Council(~~men~~)members.

13 650.10. Districts. The county shall be divided into
14 (~~nine~~) thirteen districts numbered one through (~~nine~~)
15 thirteen.

16 New Section. 650.40 Transitional Provisions.

17 650.40.10. Districting in 1992. Notwithstanding any
18 other provision of this charter, the districting committee
19 called for in section 650.30 of this charter also shall be
20 appointed and shall perform its duties in 1992 according to the
21 months and days specified in section 650.30 to prepare a
22 districting plan for thirteen council districts.

23 650.40.20. Initial elections and terms of office for
24 districts ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen. Notwithstanding
25 any other provision of this charter, the initial primary and
26 general elections for council districts ten, eleven, twelve,
27 and thirteen shall be held in 1992, with members elected at
28 such general election to commence their term of office January
29 1, 1993. Councilmembers elected at that election to represent
30 districts ten and twelve each shall serve an initial term of
31 three years. Councilmembers elected at that election to
32 represent districts eleven and thirteen each shall serve an
33 initial term of one year. All subsequent elections shall be
34 held according to the existing provisions of this charter.

1 Districts ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen shall not be deemed
2 vacant during 1992.

3 SECTION 2. It is hereby found that an urgent need exists
4 for consideration by the electors of King County of the
5 proposition set forth in this ordinance. Pursuant to RCW
6 29.13.010, it is hereby deemed that an emergency exists
7 requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the
8 county at a special county election to be held therein on
9 November 5, 1991, in conjunction with the statewide general
10 election to be held on the same date, of the proposition set
11 forth in this ordinance. The manager of the division of
12 records and elections shall cause notice of this proposed
13 amendment of the King County Charter to be published in
14 accordance with the state constitution and general law, and
15 shall place it upon the ballot of the county-wide general
16 election November 5, 1991. The ballot title for this proposed
17 amendment shall be in substantially the following form:

18 Shall the King County Charter be amended to provide
19 for a thirteen member metropolitan county council
20 with intergovernmental committees to review county-
21 wide policy plans, such amendment to be contingent
22 upon voter approval of King County Proposition _____
23 ratifying the county's assumption of the rights,
24 powers, functions and obligations of the Municipality
25 of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO)), all as provided for
26 in Ordinance No. 10065.

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SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 1st day of July, 1991.

PASSED this 20th day of August, 1991.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 6th day of September, 1991.

Jim Hill
King County Executive