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Introduced By: Chris Vance
Proposed No.: 95 - 388

ORDINANCE NO. **11907**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Metropolitan King County Council, establishing rules related to the adoption of legislation, amending Ordinance 11683, Sections 10 and 17.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 10: Public Hearing and Second Reading

A. At least seven days must elapse after ((the introduction)) first reading at a council meeting of a proposed ordinance, other than an emergency ordinance, before the council may conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. This rule may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected. The council must conduct a public hearing before adopting an ordinance.

B. The proposed ordinance shall be subject to amendment, and shall comply with the provisions of Rule 16. Amendments shall be considered section by section with perfecting amendments considered first and striking amendments considered last. Only one amendment and one amendment to the amendment are permitted at a time, but any number of each can be offered in succession so long as they do not again raise questions already decided. Title amendments shall be considered after the amendments to the main text of the proposed ordinance. No amendment shall be considered by the

1 council until it has been provided to the clerk of the
2 council in writing, distributed to each councilmember, and
3 read by the clerk. No substitute amendments shall be
4 considered except substitute motions and ordinances coming
5 before the council from a standing committee. Any member may
6 demand a vote on the question of whether the committee
7 substitute shall be substituted for the original proposed
8 ordinance. Substitute ordinances must be within the scope
9 and object of the original ordinance. Striking amendments
10 may be offered in writing by councilmembers. The council
11 chair may, in order to promote efficiency, accept for
12 consideration any oral amendment that is easily understood.
13 All amendments adopted on the second reading shall be
14 incorporated into the original proposed ordinance.

15 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 17 is hereby
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **Rule 17: Parliamentary Motions**

18 Rules relating to parliamentary motions are as follows:

19 A. Parliamentary Motions In Order During Debate

20 When a motion has been made and stated by the council
21 chair, the following motions are in order, in the rank named:

22 1. Privileged motions

23 Adjourn

24 Adjourn to a time certain

25 Recess to a time certain

26 Reconsider

27 Demand for division

28 Question of privilege

29 Orders of the day

30 2. Subsidiary motions

31 First rank: Question of consideration

32 Second rank: To lay on the table

33 Third rank: For the previous question

1 Fourth rank: To postpone to a day certain
 2 To commit or recommit (To refer or
 3 rerefer)
 4 To postpone indefinitely

5 Fifth rank: To amend

6 3. Incidental motions

7 Points of order and appeal

8 Methods of consideration

9 Suspension of the rules

10 Reading papers

11 Withdraw a motion

12 Division of a question

13 B. Motions - How Presented

14 No motion shall be entertained or debated until
 15 announced by the chair of the council. The chair shall place
 16 the motion before the council for consideration if
 17 appropriate and recognize the mover of the motion for further
 18 remarks.

19 C. Effect Of Postponement - Motions To Postpone or
 20 Commit

21 No motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to
 22 postpone indefinitely being decided shall again be allowed on
 23 the same day and at the same stage of the proceedings. When
 24 a question has been postponed indefinitely, it shall not
 25 again be introduced during the remainder of the calendar
 26 year. The motion to postpone indefinitely may be made at any
 27 stage of the proposed ordinance except when on first reading.

28 D. Motions Decided Without Debate

29 A motion to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table and
 30 to call for the previous question shall be decided without
 31 debate.

32 The motion to lay on the table enables the Council to
 33 lay the pending question aside temporarily when something

1 else of immediate urgency has arisen. The motion to lay on
2 the table is out of order if the evident intent is to kill or
3 avoid dealing with a measure. A motion to lay an amendment
4 on the table does not carry with it the main question.

5 All incidental motions shall be decided without debate,
6 except that councilmembers may speak to points of order and
7 appeal as provided in Rule 26.

8 A motion for suspension of the rules shall not be
9 debatable except that the chair may allow the maker of motion
10 to briefly explain the purpose of the motion and at the
11 discretion of the chair a rebuttal may be allowed.

12 Any member may object to the consideration of any

1 question, including amendments. A two-thirds vote of those
2 present against consideration is required to sustain the
3 objection.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 30th
5 day of May, 1995.

6 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 24th day of
7 July, 1995.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Kent Pullen
11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Gerald G. Pastore
14 Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this 4th day of August, 1995.

16 Sam Locke
17 King County Executive

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19 Attachments: None