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ORDINANCE NO. **12370**

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2 AN ORDINANCE revising the process for  
3 considering citizen-initiated road  
4 closure requests; amending Ordinance No.  
5 10962 and K.C.C. 14.38.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 10962, Section 1 and K.C.C.  
8 14.38.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

9 Authority. The department of (~~public works~~)  
10 transportation shall be responsible for receiving and  
11 processing all road closure petitions, and for (~~determining~~)  
12 recommending to the council whether or not the roads  
13 identified in the petition (~~shall~~) should be closed. The  
14 authority to make and issue said (~~determinations~~)  
15 recommendations shall be vested in the director, department of  
16 (~~public works~~) transportation. Nothing in this chapter  
17 shall be construed to abrogate or abridge the powers of the  
18 county road engineer to temporarily (~~or permanently~~) close  
19 county roads, as may be authorized by law.

20 SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 10962, Section 2 and K.C.C.  
21 14.38.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

22 Petitions. A. Petitions to close King County roads shall  
23 be filed with the director, department of (~~public works~~)  
24 transportation.

25 B. Said petitions shall include: the names, signatures  
26 and legal addresses of the persons filing the petition; the  
27 location of the roads or streets which the petitioners wish to  
28 have closed, including the intersections delineating the  
29 boundaries of the road or street sections to be closed; a map  
30 depicting the road or streets sections requested to be closed;  
31 and the reasons for petitioning for closure of the street or  
32 road. Other information or documents as the petitioners deem  
33 pertinent may be included. Petitions for road closures shall

1 include the names and signatures of at least a simple majority  
 2 of the owners of property residing along the sections(s) of  
 3 road being petitioned for closure and the signatures of at  
 4 least ten percent of the owners of property being served by  
 5 arterial roads and neighborhood collector streets to which  
 6 traffic would be diverted within a distance of 660 feet from  
 7 the road section petitioned for closure.

8 C. Reasons for petitioning the county for the closure of  
 9 a road shall be limited to safety hazards posed to  
 10 pedestrians, contiguous real property, and/or traffic such as,  
 11 but not limited to, traffic speeds, volume, or types of  
 12 vehicle using the road or street, the adequacy of road  
 13 signage, and road design considerations.

14 D. Petitioners shall submit whatever quantitative or  
 15 other analyses they may possess in support of their petition,  
 16 such as traffic volumes or counts, or numbers of accidents  
 17 which have occurred on the road or street petitioned to be  
 18 closed.

19 E. The director may consider a request for road closure  
 20 which is not in conformance with the petition provisions of  
 21 this chapter from any person. The decision of the director on  
 22 such a request shall not be subject to the provisions of  
 23 Section((s)) .030((and .050)).

24 SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 10962, Section 3 and K.C.C.  
 25 14.38.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

26 Determination. A. The director, department of ((public  
 27 works)) transportation, shall do the following upon the  
 28 receipt of a petition for road closure:

29 1. Acknowledge in writing within ten calendar days the  
 30 receipt of the petition.

31 2. Refer the petition to the county road engineer for  
 32 investigation, determination, and for the making of a  
 33 recommendation on road closure to the director.

34 B. The county road engineer's recommendation shall be  
 35 submitted to the director in writing no later than sixty days  
 36 after the receipt of the petition.

37 C. The director shall notify the petitioners in writing  
 38 of his ((decision)) recommendation within ten days of the  
 39 receipt of the county road engineer's recommendation on the  
 40 road closure petition. Said notification shall delineate the

1 process for (~~appealing a denial~~) council consideration of  
2 the director's recommendation on a petition to close a county  
3 road.

4 D. The director may (~~reject~~) oppose the petition for  
5 road closure or may determine that the portion of the road  
6 specified in the petition (~~is to~~) should be fully closed,  
7 closed to through traffic only, open to emergency vehicles  
8 only, closed in one direction only, closed to certain types of  
9 vehicles or temporarily closed in one of the ways specified.

10 E. In addition to making a determination on the merits of  
11 the road closure petition, the director may also identify  
12 safety measures for the area defined by the road closure  
13 petition as an alternative to road closure and may implement  
14 those road safety-related mitigations.

15 F. The (~~decision~~) recommendation of the director to  
16 close a county road shall be forwarded to the council for  
17 consideration and adoption by ordinance (~~, unless an appeal of~~  
18 ~~the director's decision is filed pursuant to the requirements~~  
19 ~~of Section .040~~)).

20 G. The recommendation of the director to reject a  
21 petition to close county road shall be conveyed by letter to  
22 the council which reserves the option, following such  
23 notification, of closing all or a portion of the road that is  
24 the subject of the petition.

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SECTION 4. Ordinance No. 10962, Sections 7 and 8 and K.C.C. 14.38.040 and 14.38.050 are each repealed.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1996.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller  
VICE Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1996.

Ben Lohr  
King County Executive

Attachments: