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Introduced By: Greg Nickels

Proposed No.: 98-302

ORDINANCE NO. **13218**

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health, repealing Ordinance
3 11178, sections 1, 2, and 3; Ordinance 12098, section 1,
4 subsections 1 through 5 of section 2, and sections 5 and 6; and
5 Ordinance 12526 and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 2.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings. RCW 70.05.035, which was effective on January 1, 1996,
8 requires that the county legislative authority establish a local board of health with
9 jurisdiction coextensive with the boundaries of the county. It also provides that the
10 legislative authority may prescribe the membership of and the selection process for the
11 board. In order to comply with the law and ensure the maximum extent of coordination of
12 public health programs between the county and the cities in the county, in December 1995,
13 the council adopted amendments to Ordinance 11178, which had designated the county
14 legislative authority as the board of health. These amendments, adopted in Ordinance
15 12098 and effective on January 1, 1996, created a 22-member, federated King County
16 board of health with countywide jurisdiction. Ordinance 12098 also readopted and ratified
17 existing rules and regulations of the former board of health of the city of Seattle, pending
18 amendment or repeal by the newly-created King County board of health. In recognition
19 that further discussions and analysis of the appropriate structure for public health
20 governance would be necessary, the council placed a sunset clause in Ordinance 12098 so

1 that the ordinance would expire on December 31, 1996. Ordinance 12526 later extended
 2 the expiration date to June 30, 1998. The council now finds that the process of amendment
 3 or repeal of rules and regulations of the former board of health of the city of Seattle is
 4 underway and the council is satisfied that sufficient progress has been made toward its
 5 completion. The council is also satisfied that the board of health is fulfilling its statutory
 6 duties and responsibilities under state and local law and that continuation of the expiration
 7 date is warranted in order to support the continuity and stability of the board's operations.
 8 Additionally, the council wishes to reduce the number of members of the board of health in
 9 order to increase its efficiency and to establish the correct time of the regular meetings of
 10 the board. Finally, the council finds it necessary to repeal prior ordinances related to the
 11 board and consolidate into a single ordinance appropriate provisions for codification in the
 12 King County Code.

13 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11178, sections 1, 2 and 3; Ordinance 12098, section 1,
 14 subsections 1 through 5 of section 2, and sections 5 and 6; and Ordinance 12526 are each
 15 hereby repealed.

16 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. **Created.** There is hereby created the King
 17 County board of health, as authorized by RCW 70.05.035.

18 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. **Membership.** The King County board of health
 19 shall consist of the following members:

- 20 1. Six members of the metropolitan King County council to be appointed by the
 21 chair of the council, provided that the chair shall consider appointing members who
 22 represent districts in which a significant proportion of the population resides in
 23 unincorporated areas; and

1 2. Three elected officials of the city of Seattle to be appointed by the city; and

2 3. Two elected officials from suburban cities of King County to be appointed in the
3 manner agreed to by cities and towns representing a majority of the number of cities and
4 towns and of the population in incorporated areas of King County other than the city of
5 Seattle; and

6 4. Two health professionals who shall be appointed by the other members of the
7 board of health. One of the health professionals should have knowledge of environmental
8 health, including knowledge of septic systems and groundwater quality. A third nonvoting
9 member, who shall also be a health professional, may be appointed by the other members
10 of the board. These members shall be from diverse backgrounds such as, for example,
11 community health clinics, traditional medical practice and alternative medicine or
12 naturopathy. The terms of health professional members shall be established by the rules of
13 the board.

14 5. Alternates. Each official or authority appointing elected officials to the
15 board under subsections 1, 2 and 3 of this ordinance also may appoint one alternate elected
16 official for each of its regular members in accordance with the procedures established by
17 such authority. Such appointments shall be announced at the beginning of each meeting by
18 a person authorized by the appointing official or authority and shall be duly noted in the
19 minutes.

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1 NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. Administration. In accordance with chapters
2 70.05 and 70.08 RCW, the local board of health shall designate the administrative officer
3 of the board.

4 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. Budgetary authority. Nothing in this chapter
5 shall be construed to reduce or limit the budgetary authority or responsibility of the
6 metropolitan King County council. Any program initiatives undertaken pursuant to this
7 measure which require funding support utilizing county budget resources shall be subject
8 to the budgetary process established by the county council. The city of Seattle will, in
9 accordance with an interlocal agreement between the county and the city, exercise policy
10 and expenditure control over its financial contribution to the health department over and
11 above the city of Seattle motor vehicle excise tax dollars contributed according to state law

12 NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. Travel and parking expenses. Official travel and
13 parking expenses of board members who would not otherwise have these expenses covered
14 through their workplace will be reimbursed by the county at the rates established for
15 county employees and officials.

16 NEW SECTION. SECTION 8. Meetings. The time of regular meetings of the
17 King County board of health shall be at nine-thirty a.m. on the third Friday of each month,
18 unless otherwise ordered by the board.

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SECTION 9. The provisions of this ordinance shall expire on June 30, 2000.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11th day of May, 1998.

PASSED by a vote of 8 to 5 this 17th day of June

1998.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18 day of June, 1998

Donald Amundson
King County Executive

Attachments: None