



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 13, 2000

Ordinance 13872

Proposed No. 2000-0301.2

Sponsors Nickels

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health; and amending
2 Ordinance 13218, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.35.020,
3 Ordinance 13218, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2.35.040 and
4 Ordinance 13218, Section 9, and K.C.C. 2.35.100.

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7 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

8 **SECTION 1. Findings.** A. RCW 70.05.035, which was effective on January 1,
9 1996, requires that the county legislative authority establish a local board of health with
10 jurisdiction coextensive with the boundaries of the county. It also provides that the
11 legislative authority may prescribe the membership of and the selection process for the
12 board.

13 B. To comply with the law and ensure the maximum extent of coordination of
14 public health programs between the county and the cities in the county, the council
15 adopted Ordinance 12098 in December 1995. Ordinance 12098 amended Ordinance
16 11178, which had been adopted in 1993 and had designated the county legislative
17 authority as the local board of health. Ordinance 12098 created a twenty-two-member,
18 federated King County board of health with countywide jurisdiction and also readopted

19 and ratified existing rules and regulations of the former board of health of the city of
20 Seattle, pending amendment or repeal by the newly created King County board of health.

21 C. In recognition that further discussions and analysis of the appropriate structure
22 for public health governance would be necessary, the council placed an expiration clause
23 in Ordinance 12098 so that the ordinance would expire on December 31, 1996.

24 Ordinance 12526 extended the expiration date to June 30, 1998. Ordinance 13218
25 extended the expiration date to June 30, 2000. Ordinance 13218, adopted in June 1998,
26 also reduced the size of the board from twenty-two to thirteen voting members, and
27 repealed Ordinance 11178, Sections 1, 2 and 3, Ordinance 12098, Section 1, Section 2.1
28 through 5, Section 5 and Section 6 and Ordinance 12526 in its entirety.

29 D. The council now finds that sufficient progress has been made in the process of
30 amendment or repeal of rules and regulations of the former board of health of the city of
31 Seattle. The council is also satisfied that the board of health is fulfilling its statutory
32 duties and responsibilities under state and local law. The council is further interested in
33 broadening the opportunity for representation on the board from cities of King County
34 other than Seattle. Additionally, the council wishes to extend the ability to use alternates
35 to health professional members of the board. Finally, the council wishes to revise
36 Ordinance 13218, Section 8, to authorize the board to establish its regular meeting date
37 by rules of the board.

38 SECTION 2. Ordinance 13218, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.35.020 are each hereby
39 amended to read as follows:

40 **Membership.** A. The King County board of health shall consist of the following
41 members:

42 1. Six members of the metropolitan King County council to be appointed by the
43 chair of the council, provided that the chair shall consider appointing members who
44 represent districts in which a significant proportion of the population resides in
45 unincorporated areas; ((and))

46 2. Three elected officials of the city of Seattle to be appointed by the city;
47 ((and))

48 3. Two elected officials from ~~((suburban cities of King County to be appointed
49 in the manner agreed to by cities and towns representing a majority of the number of
50 cities and towns and of the population in incorporated areas of King County other than
51 the city of Seattle))~~ cities of King County other than Seattle to be appointed by the
52 executive from nominations submitted by those cities, individually or jointly; and

53 4. Two health professionals who shall be appointed by the other members of the
54 board of health. One of the health professionals should have knowledge of
55 environmental health, including knowledge of septic systems and groundwater quality. A
56 third nonvoting member, who shall also be a health professional, may be appointed by the
57 other members of the board. These members shall be from diverse backgrounds such as,
58 for example, community health clinics, traditional medical practice and alternative
59 medicine or naturopathy. The terms of health professional members shall be established
60 by the rules of the board.

61 B. ~~((Alternates:))~~ 1. Each official or authority appointing elected officials to the
62 board under subsection((s)) A.1, 2 and 3 of this section also may appoint one alternate
63 elected official for each of its regular members in accordance with the procedures
64 established by such authority. Such appointments shall be announced at the beginning of

65 each meeting by a person authorized by the appointing official or authority and shall be
66 duly noted in the minutes.

67 2. If the board appoints a third nonvoting health professional member as provided
68 under subsection A.4 of this section, that member shall serve as an alternate for the two
69 voting health professional members.

70 SECTION 3. Ordinance 13218, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2.35.040 are each hereby
71 amended to read as follows:

72 **Meetings.** The time of regular meetings of the King County board of health shall
73 be ~~((at nine thirty a.m. on the third Friday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the~~
74 ~~board))~~ established by the rules of the board.


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SECTION 4. Ordinance 13218, Section 9, and K.C.C. 2.35.00 are each hereby amended to read as follows:


Expiration date. The provisions of Ordinance 13218 shall expire on June 30, ~~((2000))~~ 2004.


Ordinance 13872 was introduced on 5/15/00 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/12/00, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons
No: 1 - Mr. Pelz
Excused: 1 - Mr. McKenna

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17 day of June, 2000. 
Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None