



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 28, 2002**

**Ordinance 14284**

**Proposed No.** 2002-0050.1

**Sponsors** Sullivan

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the employment committee  
2 and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended,  
3 and K.C.C. 1.24.045, Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as  
4 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 and Ordinance 11683,  
5 Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.135.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C 1.24.045 are  
10 each hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **Rule 5: Agenda.**

12 A. Council business must be disposed of in the following order, or in an order the  
13 chair deems appropriate, subject to appeal as provided in Rule 5C, K.C.C. 1.24.045C:

- 14 1. Roll call;
- 15 2. Flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance, the leading of which must be offered by  
16 a member of the council and which must rotate among all members of the council;
- 17 3. Approval of minutes;

- 18           4. Reports from members serving on special and outside committees;
- 19           5. Plat tracings;
- 20           6. Special items;
- 21           7. Hearings and second reading of ordinances from standing committees and
- 22 regional committees;
- 23           8. Introduction of and action on emergency ordinances;
- 24           9. Motions, from standing committees and regional committees, for council
- 25 action;
- 26           10. Introduction of and action on motions;
- 27           11. Consent agenda on reports and recommended actions from employment
- 28 committee;
- 29           12. Other reports and recommended actions from the employment committee;
- 30           13. Consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations;
- 31           ~~((13.))~~ 14. Introduction of ordinances for first reading and referrals;
- 32           ~~((14.))~~ 15. Introduction of motions and referrals;
- 33           ~~((15.))~~ 16. Extra items;
- 34           ~~((16.))~~ 17. Messages from the county executive and other county officials, the
- 35 judiciary, the regional committees and other agencies;
- 36           ~~((17.))~~ 18. Other business; and
- 37           ~~((18.))~~ 19. Adjournment.

38           B. Legislation or other items for placement on the council meeting agenda must

39 be submitted to the clerk of the council by 10:00 a.m. Thursday of the week before the

40 next scheduled meeting, except that:

41           1. If directed by the chair, the clerk may place an item on the council agenda  
42 with a note that the item is contingent on being voted out of committee before the council  
43 meeting;

44           2. Legislation or other items for referral to committee may be added at  
45 committee-of-the-whole or regularly scheduled council meetings at the discretion of the  
46 chair of the council; and

47           3. Legislation or other items needing action by the full council may be added at  
48 the discretion of the chair of the council at committee-of-the whole or regularly  
49 scheduled council meetings. The chair shall apply the following criteria for the additions:

50           a. the legislation is particularly time-sensitive and delay in action either:

51                 (1) might impair the effectiveness of the county's responses to emergencies  
52 such as natural or human-made disasters, or other circumstances seriously affecting the  
53 public health, safety or welfare or the support of county government and its existing  
54 public institutions; or

55                 (2) might impair timely performance under deadlines of a statute, ordinance,  
56 contract, interlocal agreement, real property instrument or other provision requiring  
57 immediate action;

58           b. legislation should be delivered to the chair and the clerk before the  
59 beginning of the committee-of-the-whole meeting. An original and twenty copies should  
60 be provided to the clerk, together with an introduction slip from the sponsor; and

61           c. the sponsor should provide a brief written description to the chair of the  
62 reason for the need to expedite the legislation without regular committee review.

63 C. The chair shall notify the members present of proposed changes to the agenda.  
64 If two members object to a change, a majority of the members present shall decide  
65 whether to change the agenda.

66 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 are  
67 each hereby amended to read as follows:

68 **Rule 6: Standing committees.** The standing committees shall operate as  
69 follows:

70 A. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum except for a committee with  
71 an even number of members, in which case one half of the committee constitutes a  
72 quorum. A committee is considered to have a quorum present unless the question is  
73 raised by a member of the committee. If a member objects to proceeding because of the  
74 lack of a quorum, the committee may not conduct official business, except to conduct a  
75 hearing. The appointment or use of alternate members is not allowed for a standing  
76 committee (~~other than the employment committee. If a regular member of the~~  
77 ~~employment committee cannot attend an employment committee meeting, an alternate~~  
78 ~~member may be appointed. The chair of the council shall appoint the alternate for an~~  
79 ~~absent member from the majority party. The member designated by the minority party to~~  
80 ~~consult with the chair of the council in the exercise of the chair's powers shall appoint the~~  
81 ~~alternate for an absent member from the minority party. An appointment of an alternate~~  
82 ~~must be in writing and filed with the clerk of the council and the chair of the employment~~  
83 ~~committee. Alternate employment committee members may be designated for either a~~  
84 ~~specific meeting or for any meeting at which an absence might occur in the future)).~~

85 B. During its consideration of a vote on legislation, the deliberations of a  
86 committee must be open to the public.

87 C. A vote to report legislation out of committee must be taken by the "ayes" and  
88 "nos," with the committee clerk recording the names of the members voting for and  
89 against, as well as the names of the members absent. On any matter, including but not  
90 limited to an amendment, a vote must be taken by oral roll call if requested by a member  
91 of the committee. A standing committee may not vote by secret ballot on an issue.  
92 Except for a regional committee, legislation may be reported out of committee by less  
93 than a quorum of the committee, subject to signature by a majority of the members of the  
94 committee, unless a member present request a vote on the recommendation by a quorum  
95 of the committee. If a member so requests, the legislation may not be reported out of the  
96 committee at that meeting without an affirmative vote by a majority of the quorum of the  
97 committee. Legislation reported out of committee subject to signature by a majority of  
98 the members of the committee is not effective unless signed by a majority of the  
99 committee and delivered to the clerk by the close of the second business day after the  
100 committee action. A vote in a committee must be recorded and the vote must be  
101 preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council.

102 D. With the exception of legislation referred to committee-of-the-whole,  
103 legislation reported to the council from a standing committee must have a majority  
104 recommendation report, which must be prepared upon a printed standing committee  
105 report form and must be signed by a majority of the committee with one of the following  
106 recommendations:

- 107 1. Do pass;

- 108           2. Do pass -- consent;
- 109           3. Do pass substitute;
- 110           4. Do pass substitute -- consent;
- 111           5. Do not pass;
- 112           6. Postpone indefinitely;
- 113           7. Pass out of committee with no recommendation; or
- 114           8. Refer to another committee.

115           E. The rules and procedures contained in this chapter must be observed, when  
116 applicable, in all proceedings of a standing or special committee of the council.

117           F. The chair of the committee shall set the agenda for the committee, including  
118 whether and when to include on a specific agenda for action proposed legislation referred  
119 to the committee by the council chair. A change to the last distributed and posted agenda  
120 made at a meeting must be announced by the chair and is subject to appeal to the full  
121 committee present by any two members of the committee. A majority of the members  
122 present shall decide an appeal under this subsection.

123           G. Notice of a special meeting must be made in compliance with the Open Public  
124 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW. The committee chair may call up to six  
125 special meetings per calendar year. An additional special meeting may be called only  
126 upon the request of the chair and the written consent of either the vice-chair of the  
127 committee or the chair of the council before the meeting. A special meeting may be  
128 called only when:

- 129           1. There is time-sensitive legislation or information that cannot be presented and  
130 considered in the ordinary committee meeting schedule;

131           2. A joint meeting of two or more committees is necessary to consider a matter;  
132 or

133           3. An unusual and extreme workload of a committee does not allow its full  
134 consideration during the ordinary committee meeting schedule.

135           H. A committee may not recess a meeting for longer than eight hours unless  
136 consent is given consistent with Rule 6G, K.C.C. 1.24.055G. Such a recess constitutes a  
137 special meeting solely for the purpose of counting the six discretionary special meetings  
138 provided for in this rule. If recess is until the next day but less than twenty-four hours,  
139 then the maximum possible notice must be given. If recess is for greater than twenty-four  
140 hours, then at least twenty-four hours' notice must be given.

141           SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.135 are  
142 each hereby amended to read as follows:

143           **Rule 14: Adoption by consent.**

144           A. A consent agenda may be established by the chair of the council. A proposed  
145 ordinance may be placed on the consent agenda if a committee or council hearing was  
146 previously held on the measure and if a council member does not object to the placement.  
147 If a member objects to the placement of a proposed ordinance on the consent agenda, the  
148 proposed ordinance must be removed from the consent agenda. A proposed motion may  
149 be placed on the consent agenda upon recommendation by the committee. Proposed  
150 legislation on the consent agenda is not subject to amendment except as recommended in  
151 the committee report. All items on the consent agenda may be adopted in one motion by  
152 oral roll call vote.

153           B. Employment committee recommendations shall be contained in a written  
154 recommendation report that shall(~~(, upon signature of three committee members,)~~) be  
155 sent to the full council in the manner set forth in the council's organizational motion.  
156 The council shall consider the recommendation reports from the committee on an  
157 employment committee consent agenda. However, in the event the employment  
158 committee forwards two recommendations to the council on the same matter, the two  
159 recommendations shall be considered separately from the consent agenda. Upon the  
160 request of any member present before the full council, any specific recommendation from  
161 the employment committee shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered  
162 separately by the council (~~(prior to)~~) after adoption of the employment consent agenda.

163           C. A consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations may be established  
164 by the chair of the council. A hearing examiner recommendation may be placed on the  
165 agenda on hearing examiner recommendations if a hearing was previously held on the  
166 measure and if a council member does not object to the placement. If a member objects  
167 to the placement of a hearing examiner recommendation on the consent agenda on  
168 hearing examiner recommendations, the recommendation must be removed from the  
169 consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations. All items on the consent agenda

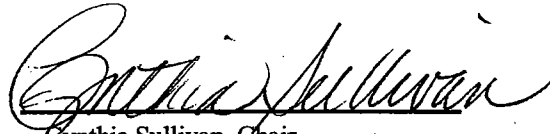


170 on hearing examiner recommendations may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call  
171 vote.  
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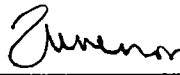
Ordinance 14284 was introduced on 1/22/02 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/28/02, by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Ms. Sullivan, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 3 - Ms. Edmonds, Mr. Pelz and Ms. Hague

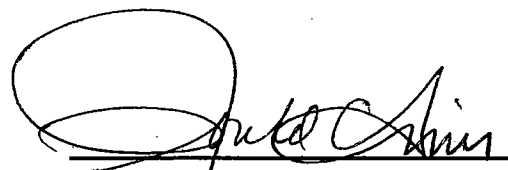
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None