



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

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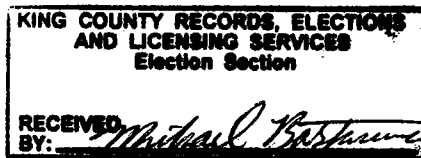
Ordinance 14767

Proposed No. 2003-0447.1

Sponsors Initiative

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King
2 County Charter reducing in size the King County council
3 from thirteen to nine members; consequently reducing
4 council voting requirements related to the size of the
5 council; phasing in the reduction of council members with
6 elections and terms of office; amending Section 220.10 of
7 the King County Charter, Section 230.10 of the King
8 County Charter, Section 230.20 of the King County
9 Charter, Section 230.30 of the King County Charter,
10 Section 270.30 of the King County Charter, Section 460 of
11 the King County Charter and Section 650.10 of the King
12 County Charter, adding a new Section 650.40.15 to the
13 King County Charter, adding a new Section 650.40.25 to
14 the King County Charter, repealing Sections 650.40.10 and
15 650.40.20 of the King County Charter and submitting the
16 same to the voters of the county for their ratification or
17 rejection at the November 2003 general election.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, or in the event that the council fails to enact this ordinance, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than one-hundred-thirty-five days after presentation of the Petition Ordinance No. _____, an amendment to the King County Charter by amending Section 220.10 of Article 2, Section 230.10 of Article 2, Section 230.20 of Article 2, Section 230.30 of Article 2, Section 270.30 of Article 2, Section 460 of Article 4 and Section 650.10 of Article 6, amending Article 6 by adding new Sections 650.40.15 and 650.40.25 and amending Article 6 by repealing Sections 650.40.10 and 650.40.20, to read as follows:

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The metropolitan county council shall consist of ~~((thirteen))~~ nine members. The county shall be divided into ~~((thirteen))~~ nine districts, and one councilmember shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each councilmember shall be four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

230.10. Introduction and Adoption.

Proposed ordinances shall be limited to one subject and may be introduced by any councilmember, by initiative petition or by institutional initiative. At least seven days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, and prior

41 to its adoption or enactment, the county council shall hold a public hearing after due
42 notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a
43 minimum of ~~((seven))~~ five affirmative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance.

44 **230.20. Executive Veto.**

45 Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the county executive shall have the
46 right to veto any ordinance or any object of expense of an appropriation ordinance.
47 Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five days after its
48 adoption or enactment by the county council. Within ten days after its presentation, the
49 county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it to the county council, veto
50 the ordinance and return it to the county council with a written and signed statement of
51 the reasons for his or her veto or sign and partially veto an appropriation ordinance and
52 return it to the county council with a written and signed statement of the reasons for his
53 or her partial veto. If an ordinance is not returned by the county executive within ten
54 days after its presentation it shall be deemed enacted without his or her signature. Within
55 thirty days after an ordinance has been vetoed and returned or partially vetoed and
56 returned, the county council may override the veto or partial veto by enacting the
57 ordinance by a minimum of ~~((nine))~~ six affirmative votes.

58 **230.30. Emergency Ordinances.**

59 Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the county
60 council finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the
61 ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or
62 for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. A minimum of
63 ~~((nine))~~ six affirmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance; and

64 unless it is an emergency appropriation ordinance, it shall not be subject to the veto
65 power of the county executive.

66 **270.30. Powers and Duties.**

67 Each regional committee shall develop, review and recommend ordinances and
68 motions adopting, repealing, or amending county-wide policies and plans relating to the
69 subject matter area for which a regional committee has been established. The regional
70 policies committee may, by majority vote, request that the county council assign to the
71 committee proposed policies and plans concerning other regional issues including but not
72 limited to public health, human services, regional services financial policies, criminal
73 justice and jails, and regional facilities siting.

74 The metropolitan county council shall assign each such proposed ordinance or
75 motion to a regional committee for review. When a proposed policy or plan is referred to
76 a regional committee for review, a time limit for such review shall be ~~((120))~~ one
77 hundred twenty days or such other time as is jointly established by the metropolitan
78 county council and the committee, which shall be confirmed in the form of a motion by
79 the metropolitan county council. If the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or
80 plan within the established time limit, the metropolitan county council may adopt the
81 proposed policy or plan upon ~~((eight))~~ six affirmative votes. The committee may request,
82 by motion to the county council, additional time for review.

83 A proposed policy or plan recommended by a regional committee may be
84 adopted, without amendment, by the metropolitan county council by ~~((seven))~~ five
85 affirmative votes. If the metropolitan county council votes prior to final passage thereof
86 to amend a proposed policy or plan that has been reviewed or recommended by a regional

87 committee, the proposed policy or plan, as amended, shall be referred back to the
88 appropriate committee for further review and recommendation. The committee may
89 concur in, dissent from, or recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan.
90 After the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all metropolitan county
91 council amendments, final action to adopt any proposed policy or plan which differs from
92 the committee recommendation shall require ((eight)) six affirmative votes of the
93 metropolitan county council.

94 The council shall not call a special election to authorize the performance of an
95 additional metropolitan municipal function under state law unless such additional
96 function is recommended by a regional policy committee, notwithstanding the provisions
97 of Section 230.50.10 of this charter. Such recommendation shall require an affirmative
98 vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each of: (1) metropolitan
99 councilmembers of the committee; (2) members from the city with the largest population
100 in the county; and (3) other city or town members of the committee. Nothing in this
101 section prohibits the metropolitan county council from calling a special election on the
102 authorization of the performance of one or more additional metropolitan functions after
103 receiving a valid resolution adopted by city councils as permitted by RCW
104 35.58.100(1)(a) and RCW 35.58.100(1)(b), or a duly certified petition as permitted by
105 RCW 35.58.100(2).

106 **Section 460. Consideration and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinances.**

107 Prior to the adoption of any appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year, the
108 county council shall hold a public hearing to consider the budget presented by the county
109 executive and shall hold any other public hearing on the budget or any part thereof that it

110 deems advisable. The county council in considering the appropriations ordinances
111 proposed by the county executive may delete or add items, may reduce or increase the
112 proposed appropriations and may add provisions restricting the expenditures of certain
113 appropriations; but it shall not change the form of the proposed appropriation ordinances
114 submitted by the county executive. The appropriation ordinances adopted by the county
115 council shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for
116 each fund including surpluses and reserves, but the county council may increase the
117 amount of the estimated revenues contained in the budget presented by the county
118 executive by reestimating the amount by motion passed by a minimum of ~~((nine))~~ six
119 affirmative votes or by creating additional sources of revenue which were not included in
120 the proposed tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive.

121 **650.10. Districts.**

122 The county shall be divided into ~~((thirteen))~~ nine districts numbered one through
123 ~~((thirteen))~~ nine.

124 **650.40.15. Districting in 2004.**

125 Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the districting committee
126 called for in Section 650.30 of this charter also shall be appointed and shall perform its
127 duties in 2004 according to the months and days specified in Section 650.30 of this
128 charter to prepare a districting plan for nine council districts.

129 **650.40.25. Elections and terms of office for 2004 and thereafter.**

130 Elections for all council districts, as redistricted under Section 650.40.15 of this
131 charter, shall be held in 2005. Councilmembers elected in 2005 to represent districts one,
132 three, five, seven and nine each shall serve four-year terms. Councilmembers elected in

133 2005 to represent districts two, four, six and eight each shall serve an initial term of two
134 years. Councilmembers elected in 2007 to represent districts two, four, six and eight
135 each shall serve a term for four years. All subsequent elections shall be held according to
136 the existing provisions of this charter.

137 **650.40.10 and 650.40.20 repealed.** Sections 650.40.10, "Districting in 1993,"
138 and 650.40.20, "Initial Elections and Terms of Office for Districts Ten, Eleven, Twelve
139 and Thirteen," of the King County Charter are each hereby repealed.

140 SECTION 2. Effective date. Upon approval by the voters at the November 4,
141 2003, countywide general election of the amendment to Articles 2, 4 and 6 of the charter
142 as provided in this ordinance, the amendment takes effect January 1, 2006, except that

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143 new Sections 650.40.15 and 650.40.25 and the repeals of Sections 650.40.10 and
144 650.40.20 take effect January 1, 2004.

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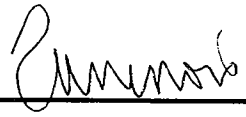
Ordinance 14767 was introduced on 9/29/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/29/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Mr.
Gossett, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 1 - Ms. Hague
Excused: 0

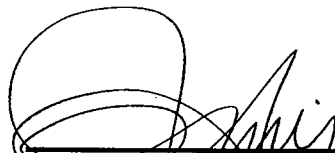
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 29 day of September 2003.


Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None