



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 18, 2006**

**Ordinance 15358**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0036.1

**Sponsors** Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of  
2 business; and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as  
3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 and declaring an emergency.

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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings.

8 A. King County Charter Section 220.40 requires the council to adopt by  
9 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings. King  
10 County Charter Section 240 permits the council to organize and administer the legislative  
11 branch by motion.

12 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of  
13 procedure (the "rules ordinance"), which are codified in K.C.C. 1.24, and passed a motion  
14 related to the organization and administration of the council (the "organizational  
15 motion").

16 C. The rules ordinance and the organizational motion have been amended from  
17 time to time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure, organization  
18 and administration.

19 D. K.C.C. 1.24.015 states that one of the duties of the chair of the council is to  
20 preside over the committee of the whole. In considering how to organize for 2006, the  
21 council has approved changes to the organizational motion that, among other things,  
22 confer the duty of presiding over the committee of the whole to a new vice-chair of  
23 administration.

24 E. In order to conform K.C.C. 1.24.015 to the organization and administration of  
25 the council as reflected in the organizational motion, it is necessary to amend K.C.C.  
26 1.24.015.

27 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 are  
28 each hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **Rule 2: Powers and duties of the chair.** The chair of the council has the  
30 following powers and duties:

31 A. The chair shall:

32 1. Call the council to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a quorum is  
33 present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved;

34 2. Proceed with the order of business; and

35 3. Adjourn the council upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of  
36 members present;

37           B. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency may  
38 impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the public and  
39 members of the council;

40           C. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the council, which shall include  
41 setting the agenda and expediting parliamentary debate or, if there is no objection from any  
42 other member, expediting the passage of routine motions. The chair's act of adding to,  
43 removing from or taking out of order an item on a distributed and posted agenda may be  
44 appealed to the full body by any two members under Rule 5<sub>2</sub>C, K.C.C. 1.24.045<sub>2</sub>C. The  
45 chair shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The chair shall endeavor to  
46 facilitate the will of the majority of members present at all times;

47           D. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to  
48 other members. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any  
49 two members to immediately request that the decision be placed before the body. If a  
50 majority of members present agree to the ruling of the chair, the business of the council  
51 must proceed without further debate. If a majority of the members present do not support  
52 the ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately allow a procedural motion to dispense  
53 with the issue in question, proceeding until a decision of the council is secured and the  
54 business of the council is allowed to proceed;

55           E. The chair shall refer legislation to committees unless there is an objection to a  
56 referral. If there is an objection by a member, the chair's referral will stand unless a  
57 majority of the members present vote to support the objection. If the objection is sustained,  
58 the chair shall refer the legislation to another committee, unless there is an objection to the  
59 referral.

60 F. Any motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the council's  
61 antiharassment policy shall be referred to the employment committee.

62 G. The chair shall introduce all legislation relating to land use appeals, road  
63 vacations, plat applications, current use assessments and other similar land use decisions.  
64 If recommended by action of the employment committee, the chair shall introduce any  
65 motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment  
66 policy, unless the chair is the subject of the motion; and

67 H. The chair shall provide copies to all councilmembers of all official  
68 communications and requests for council action addressed to the chair from the executive,  
69 the sheriff, the assessor, the presiding judge of the district or superior court or the  
70 prosecuting attorney(~~and~~

71 ~~I. The chair shall preside over the committee of the whole)).~~

72 SECTION 3. The King County council finds as a fact and declares that an  
73 emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of

Ordinance 15358

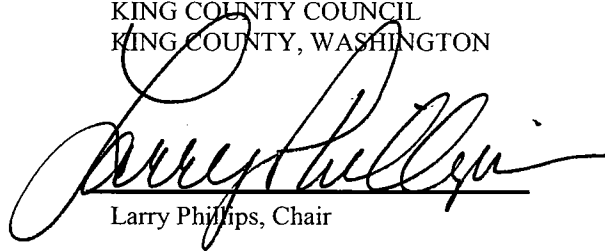
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74 public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing  
75 public institutions.  
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Ordinance 15358 was introduced on 1/17/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/17/2006, by the following vote:

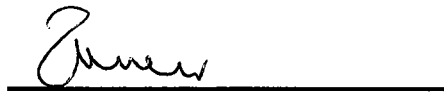
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Ron Sims, County Executive

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