



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 15, 2009

Ordinance 16658

Proposed No. 2009-0544.1

Sponsors Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE changing the regular meeting time of
2 the council; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as
3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Findings:

8 A. Under Ordinance 16645, from September 17 through December 31 the regular
9 meeting time of the council's committee of the whole is Monday at 9:30 a.m.

10 B. The regular meeting time of the council is currently Monday at 11:00 a.m.,
11 which does not allow sufficient time for a meeting of the committee of the whole that
12 begins at 9:30 a.m. on the same day. To allow sufficient time for meetings of the
13 committee of the whole, this ordinance changes the regular meeting time of the council to
14 1:30 p.m. from September 21 through December 31.

15 C. In order for this ordinance to take effect before September 21, 2009, thereby
16 avoiding a scheduling conflict between the meetings of the council and the committee of
17 the whole, a declaration of emergency is warranted.

18 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C. C. 1.24.035 are
19 each hereby amended to read as follows:

20 A.1.a. The time of regular meetings of the council is 11:00 a.m. on Monday of each
21 week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday or is a legislative branch furlough
22 day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise ordered by the chair or a
23 majority of the council, except that the time is 1:30 p.m. from September 21 through
24 December 31.

25 b. Each Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. shall be reserved for special
26 committee meetings as needed. In order to allow each member sufficient time to review
27 legislation and to meet with constituents, staff and officials of other jurisdictions, no special
28 committee meeting may be called for any other time without the prior written consent of
29 the council chair. If a special meeting for more than one committee is called for the same
30 time and location, the meeting for which the agenda was first filed with the council clerk
31 shall have precedence for use of the meeting location.

32 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
33 committees, except for the employment and administration committee, shall be held in the
34 council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.
35 All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee shall be held in the
36 southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
37 Washington.

38 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
39 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or
40 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial

41 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an
42 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the
43 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

44 B. The times for regular committee meetings are as follows, unless the council is
45 meeting at that time because the preceding Monday was a state or county holiday:

46 1. Committee of the whole: Wednesday of each week at 9:30 a.m. January 1
47 through September 16; thereafter through December 31, Monday of each week at 9:30
48 a.m.;

49 2. Budget and fiscal management committee: the first and third Tuesdays of each
50 month at 1:30 p.m.;

51 3. Employment and administration committee: the first and third Mondays of
52 each month at 9:30 a.m. January 1 through September 7; thereafter through December 31
53 on the first and third Mondays of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

54 4. Government accountability and oversight committee: the first and third
55 Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a. m.;

56 5. Law, justice, health and human services committee: the second and fourth, and
57 fifth if one occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

58 6. Physical environment committee: the second and fourth, and fifth if one
59 occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

60 7. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
61 p.m.;

62 8. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

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64 9. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00
65 p.m.

66 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open
67 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

68 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to
69 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

70 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if
71 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

72 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee
73 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and
74 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be
75 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

76 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those
77 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are
78 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the
79 confidentiality of the proceedings.

80 SECTION 3. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and

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82 that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or
83 safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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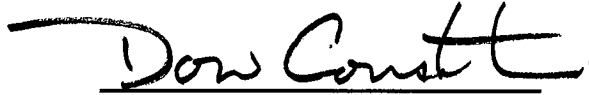
Ordinance 16658 was introduced on 9/14/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/14/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,
Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None