



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19346

**Proposed No.** 2021-0403.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1           AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of  
 2           business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as  
 3           amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035; and declaring an  
 4           emergency.

5           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6           SECTION 1. Findings:

7           A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by  
 8 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

9           B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of  
 10 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the  
 11 organization and administration of the council.

12           C. The rules ordinance and the organizational motion have been amended from  
 13 time to time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure and  
 14 organization.

15           D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and its committees by Motion  
 16 XXXXX (Proposed Motion 2021-0404), effective October 12, 2021, including modifying  
 17 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions and duties, this ordinance must be  
 18 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective and ensure that the regular  
 19 meeting times of the council's committees are effective contemporaneously with the  
 20 reorganization of the council.

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

23            **Rule 4: Meetings.**

24            A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings  
25 of the council is 1:00 p.m. on the first, second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month;  
26 the time of work sessions is 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.  
27 However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: from April 12, 2021,  
28 through April 16, 2021; from August 2, 2021, through August 13, 2021; and from  
29 December 15, 2021, through January 3, 2022. All regular or special meetings of council  
30 committees shall be regular or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F.  
31 of this rule.

32            b. A special committee meeting may not be called without the prior written  
33 consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of the committee.  
34 This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and fiscal  
35 management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's biennial budget  
36 proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management  
37 committee.

38            2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's  
39 committees, except for employment and administration committee meetings and work  
40 sessions of the council, shall be held in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King  
41 County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and  
42 administration committee meetings and work sessions of the council shall be held in the

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43 southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,  
44 Washington.

45           b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is  
46 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or  
47 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial  
48 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an  
49 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the  
50 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

51           B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and  
52 special committee meetings are as follows:

53           a. Budget and fiscal management committee: the third Tuesday of each month at  
54 9:30 a.m.;

55           b. Committee of the whole: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30  
56 a.m.;

57           c. ~~((Community, health and housing services committee: the second Wednesday of~~  
58 ~~each month at 9:30 a.m.;~~

59           ~~d.))~~ Employment and administration committee: the fourth Tuesday of each month  
60 at 1:30 p.m.;

61           ~~((e.))~~ d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second Tuesday  
62 of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

63           ~~((f.))~~ e. Law ~~((and))~~ justice, health and human services committee: the first  
64 Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

65           ~~((g.))~~ f. Local services committee: the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

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66           ~~((h-))~~ g. Mobility and environment committee: the fourth Wednesday of each  
67 month at 9:30 a.m.;

68           ~~((i-))~~ h. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00  
69 p.m.;

70           ~~((j-))~~ i. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00  
71 p.m.; and

72           ~~((k-))~~ j. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at  
73 3:00 p.m.~~((;))~~

74           2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the times  
75 when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this rule.

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

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

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

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

86           3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those  
87 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are

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88 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the  
89 confidentiality of the proceedings.

90 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney  
91 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a  
92 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also  
93 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings, including work sessions,  
94 of council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings  
95 whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

96 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with  
97 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,  
98 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but is  
99 not limited to:

100 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise  
101 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,  
102 making motions and voting;

103 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee, and  
104 the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and

105 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.

106 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency

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

Ordinance 19346 was introduced on 10/12/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/12/2021, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

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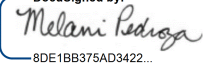
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