

McDermott moved Amendment 1.
The motion carried.

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June 23, 2022

Sets forth additional facts that
constitute the emergency

[S. Porter]

Sponsor: Zahilay

Proposed No.: 2022-0235

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-0235, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 19, strike lines 19 through 21, and insert:

3 "D. Under current state law, there are six different types of protection orders
4 codified separately to provide an order for protection for vulnerable adults and people
5 experiencing domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, stalking and other extreme
6 risk. Petitions for relief under those protection orders are processed by judicial officers
7 depending on their authority. Effective July 1, 2022, under a new chapter of state law,
8 Chapter 215, Laws of Washington 2021, all protection orders will be consolidated and
9 harmonized, along with judicial authority for commissioners to provide relief for all
10 protection orders.

11 E. RCW 7.105.580 authorizes superior court to appoint attorneys to act as
12 protection order commissioners and exercise all powers and perform all duties of an
13 appointed court commissioner. That authority must be consented to by the county
14 legislative authority before creating the positions and being implemented by superior
15 court.

16 F. Unless given authorization by the council, after July 1, 2022, statutory
17 commissioners will only be authorized to hear domestic violence protections orders. The
18 remaining types of protection orders must be heard by constitutional commissioners and

19 judges. If this ordinance does not take effect by July 1, 2022, there will likely be an
20 increase in protection order processing time if petitioners qualify for a protection order
21 that does not match the order they filed for.

22 G. It is necessary for this ordinance to take effect immediately to preserve public
23 peace, health, safety and support county government, as RCW 7.105.580 takes effect July
24 1, 2022, and allow any family law, mental health or criminal commissioner in King
25 County superior court to evaluate petitioner claims and provide the applicable protection
26 order in compliance with state law."

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28 **EFFECT prepared by *S. Porter*: Clarifying findings of fact that support the**
29 **enactment of the emergency Proposed Ordinance.**