



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

Ordinance 19891

Proposed No. 2025-0044.1

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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 the procedure governing the time, place and conduct of 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 of procedure and the organizational motion have been amended from
 13 time to time to reflect changes desired by the council.

14 D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and by Motion XXXX
 15 (Proposed Motion 2025-0046), effective January 28, 2025, including modifying
 16 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions and duties, this ordinance must be
 17 enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective and ensure that the regular
 18 meeting times of the council's committees are effective at the same time as the
 19 reorganization of the council.

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

22 A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings
23 of the council is 1:30 p.m. on the first, second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
24 However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: from April (~~((8, 2024))~~) 7,
25 2025, through April (~~((12, 2024))~~) 11, 2025; from August (~~((5, 2024))~~) 4 2025, through
26 August (~~((16, 2024))~~) 15, 2025; and from December (~~((11, 2024))~~) 10, 2025, through January
27 2, (~~((2025))~~) 2026. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular or
28 special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

29 b. A committee chair may call a special committee meeting with either the prior
30 written consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of the
31 committee. This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and
32 fiscal management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's budget
33 proposal for the upcoming fiscal period, which shall be called by the chair of the budget
34 and fiscal management committee.

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

41 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
42 imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or

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43 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial
44 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an
45 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the
46 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

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

49 a. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth Wednesday
50 of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

51 b. Committee of the whole: the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.((;
52 ~~except that, for October 7, 2024, through November 18, 2024, the regular committee~~
53 ~~meeting shall occur on the first and third Mondays of each month at 9:30 a.m.));~~

54 c. Employment and administration committee: the first Tuesday of each month
55 at 2:00 p.m.;

56 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second Tuesday of
57 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

58 e. Health, housing, and human services committee: the first Tuesday of each
59 month at 9:30 a.m.;

60 f. Law and justice committee: the ((~~fourth~~)) first Wednesday of each month at
61 ((~~1:00 p.m.~~)) 9:30 a.m.;

62 g. Local services and land use committee: the ((~~first and~~)) third Wednesday((s))
63 of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

64 h. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
65 p.m.;

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

67 j. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00

68 p.m.; and

69 k. Transportation, economy, and environment committee: the third Tuesday of

70 each month at 9:30 a.m.

71 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the times

72 when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this rule.

73 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open

74 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

75 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to

76 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

77 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if

78 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

79 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee

80 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and

81 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be

82 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

83 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees, and those

84 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are

85 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the

86 confidentiality of the proceedings.

87 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney

88 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a

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89 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also
90 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of council committees
91 shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings whose agenda is
92 limited to the committee business.

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

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

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

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

103 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
104 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,

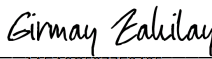
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- 105 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public
106 institutions.

Ordinance 19891 was introduced on 1/28/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/28/2025, by the following vote:


Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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