King County

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1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 13, 2012

Ordinance 17262

	Proposed No. 2011-0494.1 Sponsors Gossett and Dunn
1	AN ORDINANCE relating to the adoption, amendment and
2	repeal of labor policies and the maintenance of adopted
3	labor policies; and amending Ordinance 12014, Section 55,
4	as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050.
5	STATEMENT OF FACTS:
6	1. There currently is no explicit procedure for the adoption, amendment
7	and repeal of labor policies or for the maintenance of adopted labor
8	policies.
9	2. It would be helpful to adopt such a procedure.
LO	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
11	SECTION 1. Ordinance 12014, Section 55, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050 are
12	each hereby amended to read as follows:
13	A. The <u>labor</u> policy committee shall meet as it deems necessary to obtain the
14	testimony of members of the public, the bargaining agent, bargaining representatives or
1.5	their designees, county department management and others in order to consider such
16	testimony in policy decisions before the committee ((but)). The labor policy committee
17	shall not engage in bargaining with bargaining representatives or represented employees.
18	B. The <u>labor</u> policy committee shall provide an opportunity for bargaining
19	representatives or their designees to address the ((policy)) committee ((prior to)) before

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20	the adoption of overall policy. Overall policy, and all amendments to adopted policies,
21	shall be established only upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members of the
22	labor policy committee.
23	C. The bargaining agent shall recommend to the <u>labor</u> policy committee overall
24	changes to adopted policies that would be required to implement the changes proposed in
25	K.C.C. 3.16.055,D, and an overall estimate of the monetary value, if any, of these
26	changes, including both costs and benefits.
27	D. The bargaining agent may seek further clarification of adopted policies from
28	the <u>labor</u> policy committee at any time during the negotiations.
29	E. By June 30 of each year, the executive shall report to the <u>labor</u> policy
30	committee regarding employment policies applicable to nonrepresented employees.
31	F. By June 30 of each year, the prosecuting attorney shall, in conjunction with the
32	executive, report to the <u>labor</u> policy committee on all pending litigation involving
33	nonrepresented employees.
34	G. For the purpose of maintaining an effective collective bargaining process, the
35	strategies and related information presented by the bargaining agent shall be maintained
36	as confidential. In addition, proposed or adopted policies designated as confidential shall
37	be considered policy formulation documents and be maintained as confidential and
38	exempt from public disclosure as provided in RCW 42.56.280. The labor policy
39	committee shall develop guidelines to assist in accomplishing such confidentiality.
40	H. Any councilmember may propose the adoption, amendment or repeal of any
41	labor policy by filing with the clerk of the council a memorandum that includes the

proposed policy. Any proposed amendment shall set forth the existing policy and show

43	proposed changes as in the form required for ordinances by K.C.C. 1.24.075. The clerk
44	shall provide a copy of the proposal to the executive, each councilmember and the lead
45	staff for the labor policy committee. The proposal shall be designated by the
46	councilmember either as public or as confidential pending action by the committee on the
47	policy. Adopted policies may be designated as confidential by an affirmative vote of a
48	majority of the members of the policy committee.
49	I. The clerk of the council shall maintain a compilation of adopted policies. The

- 50 clerk shall make publicly available all public policies, and shall maintain as confidential
- 51 <u>all labor policies designated as confidential policy formulation documents.</u>

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Ordinance 17262 was introduced on 12/5/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/13/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 3 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. McDermott

Larry Gossett, Chair

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ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 23 day of FERRINE 12012.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None