



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 23, 2008**

**Ordinance 16006**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0038.2

**Sponsors** Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules; and amending  
2 Ordinance 11683, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.  
3 1.24.025 and Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and  
4 K.C.C. 1.24.035.

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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025 are  
8 each hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **Rule 3: Powers and duties of the vice-chair – acting chair in absence of chair**  
10 **and vice-chair.**

11 A. There shall be two vice-chairs: the vice-chair of policy and administration and  
12 the vice-chair of ~~((employment and administration))~~ council relations. For the purposes of  
13 this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair  
14 of policy and administration and, in the absence of the vice-chair of policy and  
15 administration, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair of ~~((employment and administration))~~  
16 council relations.

17 B. The vice-chair of policy and administration shall exercise the duties, powers and  
18 prerogatives of the council chair in the event of the chair's absence.

19 C. If the chair and the vice-chair of policy and administration are both absent at a  
20 meeting of the council, the vice-chair of ~~((employment and administration))~~ council  
21 relations shall preside as acting chair.

22 D. If ~~((recommended))~~, after recommendation by ~~((action of))~~ the employment and  
23 administration committee, ~~((and))~~ the chair is the subject of a motion that proposes to  
24 censure a councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment policy, the vice-chair of  
25 ~~((employment))~~ policy and administration shall introduce the motion.

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

28 **Rule 4: Meetings.**

29 A.1. The time of regular meetings of the council is one-thirty p.m. on Monday of  
30 each week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday, unless otherwise ordered by  
31 the chair or a majority of the council.

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

40 ~~Wednesday meetings of the external affairs committee shall be held in the council~~  
41 ~~chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.))~~

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

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

51 1. Committee of the whole: Monday of each week at 9:30 a.m., or Tuesday at  
52 9:30 a.m. if Monday is a state or county holiday;

53 2. Capital budget committee: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at  
54 9:30 a.m.;

55 3. Employment and administration committee: the first and third Tuesdays of  
56 each month at 2:00 p.m.;

57 4. ~~((External affairs committee: the second Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m.~~  
58 ~~and the fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.;~~

59 5.)) General government and labor relations committee: the second and fourth  
60 Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

61 ~~((6.))~~ 5. Growth management and natural resources committee: the first,  
62 second~~((;))~~ and third ~~((and fourth))~~ Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

63           ~~((7-))~~ 6. Law, justice and human services committee: the first and third Thursdays  
64 of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

65           ~~((8-))~~ 7. Operating budget, fiscal management and ~~((mental health))~~ select issues  
66 committee: the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

67           ~~((9-))~~ 8. Transportation committee: the second and fourth Wednesdays of each  
68 month at 1:30 p.m.;

69           ~~((10-))~~ 9. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at  
70 3:00 p.m.;

71           ~~((11-))~~ 10. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at  
72 3:00 p.m.; ~~((and))~~

73           ~~((12-))~~ 11. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month  
74 at 3:00 p.m.; and

75           12. Utilities and parks committee: the fourth and fifth Tuesday, if one occurs, of  
76 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

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

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

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

83           2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee  
84 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and

85 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be  
86 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

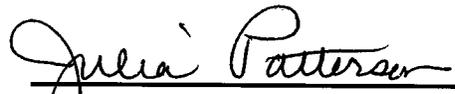
87 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those  
88 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are  
89 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the  
90 confidentiality of the proceedings.

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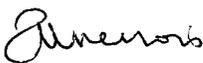
Ordinance 16006 was introduced on 1/14/2008 and passed as amended by the  
Metropolitan King County Council on 1/22/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

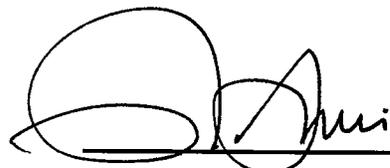
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30 day of January, 2008.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

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