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Committee of the Whole

STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT

Update on the Charter Review Commission's final meeting, leading to transmittal of its final report to the Council by May 30, 2008.

SUMMARY OF FINAL CRC ACTION

As reported to the Committee of the Whole on March 31, the Charter Review Commission ("CRC") issued its draft report and recommendations at the end of March. During the first three weeks of April the CRC received public comments on the draft report and held four public hearings for that purpose. Following the public comment period, the CRC held two final meetings, on April 22 and 29, to consider the public comments and to make final changes in the CRC's report and recommendations.

The CRC made the following changes in its draft recommendations:

- Anti-discrimination: The CRC added "disability" and "gender identity or expression" to "sexual orientation" as new prohibited grounds for discrimination. *See Attachment 7 (p. 20)*. A letter from Equal Rights Washington (Attachment 2, p. 7) explains the rationale for adding "gender identity or expression."
- Instant Runoff Voting ("IRV"): The CRC made its recommendation to the Council more specific—that the Council form a citizen task force by January 2010 to consider whether IRV should be adopted in King County and to report back to the Council by January 2011. Attachment 3 is a brief explanation of how IRV works.
- Sheriff's Issues: The CRC changed its recommended charter amendment to provide that if a separately-elected department head and the Executive cannot agree, in advance of contract negotiation, on proposed contract language governing working conditions, the issue will be referred to the Council, "which shall provide guidance on how to proceed in further negotiations concerning the matter in conflict." *See Attachment 18 (p. 56)*.
- Technical Changes: On the advice of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the CRC made technical changes in (1) the election deadlines amendment (*see Attachment 12, p. 25*), (2) the amendment allowing the Council to establish additional qualifications for

separately-elected officials (*see* Attachment 14, p. 38), and (3) the amendment requiring the Council to act on CRC recommendations (*see* Attachment 16, p. 53).¹

Attachment 1 is a summary of the public comments and the CRC's final action.

PHASING OF AMENDMENTS ONTO THE BALLOT

In order to avoid “voter fatigue,” in view of what is expected to be a relatively long ballot in the 2008 general election, the CRC is recommending that its proposed amendments be placed on the ballot in three phases, in 2008, 2009, and 2010. The commission has not made a recommendation on the ordering of this phasing, but rather “polled” members. That polling report, including one modification that the CRC made at its final meeting, is Attachment 4 (p. 11). The commission acknowledged the importance of the council's ability to make the determinations.

NEXT STEPS

- On May 30 the CRC is expected to transmit its final report and recommendations to the Council.
- On June 2, the CRC has been invited to present its report orally to the Committee of the Whole. Councilmembers at that time will have an opportunity to question CRC members about the CRC recommendations.
- On June 16, charter review will be the subject of a COW Town Hall meeting in District 7. This will be an opportunity for King County citizens to address the Council on the CRC recommendations.
- Beginning on June 30, Council staff will brief councilmembers in the Committee of the Whole on each proposed amendment and on options for phasing the amendments onto the ballot over time.
- The **charter deadline** for Council action to place proposed amendments on the November 2008 ballot is **September 19**; however, King County Elections staff have requested that the Council act earlier, so that elections staff will have more than the minimum 45 days before the election. This is intended to allow sufficient time for processing the amendments, resolving any issues that might arise, and laying out the many different styles of ballot in King County. Attachment 5 (p. 12) is a reverse timeline. Attachment 6 (p. 13) is a calendar showing intermediate deadlines and events.

¹ The CRC voted on April 29 to combine the proposed amendment requiring Council action on CRC recommendations with the proposed amendment clarifying the CRC confirmation process, since both amendments address charter section 800.

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Summary of Public Hearing Response and CRC Final Action

CRC Recommendation	Public Response	CRC Final Action
Budget allotments	No comments.	No change.
Budget timeline	One respondent said this should be determined by ordinance.	No change.
Charter amendment by citizen initiative	The League of Women Voters (LWV) and Suburban Cities Association (SCA) support this, though SCA supports a requirement that any amendment receive supermajority approval by the voters. At least one individual respondent also supports the supermajority requirement.	No change.
Clarification of CRC confirmation process	LWV supports this.	No change, except that the CRC now proposes combining this amendment with the amendment requiring Council action on CRC recommendations.
Election deadlines	No comments.	A technical change was made in this amendment on the advice of the PAO.
Election vs. appointment of assessor and sheriff	LWV supports appointment of assessor and sheriff. [CRC supported the status quo, which is that these positions are elected.]	No change.
Election vs. appointment of elections director	LWV supports appointment of elections director. [CRC took no position.]	No change.
Instant runoff voting (IRV) (a/k/a ranked choice voting)	Numerous respondents (possibly a third of all respondents) supported IRV and encouraged the CRC to propose a charter amendment now, or at least to recommend a specific date in the near future for Council consideration of IRV.	The CRC made its recommendation more specific; that the Council form a citizen task force by Jan 2010 to consider IRV and report back to the Council by Jan 2011.
King County Library System	Two respondents thanked the CRC for addressing this issue by letter even though the KCLS is a creature of state law and is not subject to the county charter.	No change.

CRC Recommendation	Public Response	CRC Final Action
Open space amendment	LWV supports this. Two respondents said that open space should be protected by ordinance, which is more flexible, not by charter.	No change in the amendment language. The CRC voted approval of a 10-page listing of properties, which would become an appendix to the charter if the amendment were adopted.
Qualifications of elected officials	LWV supports this, as did some other respondents.	A technical change was made in this amendment on the advice of the PAO.
Regional committees	LWV and SCA support this, though SCA observed that the proposed amendment did not conform entirely to what SCA had asked for, and LWV expressed support for having committee co-chairs (vs. chair and vice-chair).	No change.
Require Council to act on CRC recommendations	LWV and SCA support this as a step in the right direction, but said they would have preferred that CRC recommendations go directly to the ballot, bypassing the Council. Some other respondents also supported this.	On the advice of the PAO, the CRC changed the language of the amendment to require the Council to “decide at an open public meeting how to proceed on each of the commission’s recommended charter amendments.” In addition, the CRC now proposes combining this amendment with the amendment clarifying that CRC appointments are subject to Council confirmation.
Rural and unincorporated affairs – new preamble language and new “senior official” in executive branch	Proposed amendment “may address” SCA’s concerns. One UAC chair said the amendment did not adequately address the concerns of unincorporated areas; in particular, he supported creation of a deputy executive for rural and unincorporated affairs position. Two respondents suggested a requirement that the “senior official” be a resident of unincorporated King County.	No change.

CRC Recommendation	Public Response	CRC Final Action
Sexual orientation as prohibited basis of discrimination	All of the many respondents addressing this proposed amendment, incl. LWV, praised the CRC for recommending it. All except LWV also requested that “gender identity and expression” be included; LWV said it had been unaware of this issue and had not voted on it.	The CRC voted to add “disability” and “gender identity and expression” as well as “sexual orientation” to the prohibited grounds for discrimination.
Sheriff’s issues	Two respondents supported an amendment that would allow creation of a citizen review board. One respondent said that the sheriff’s issues should be addressed by ordinance, not by charter amendment. LWV said it took no position on the proposed amendment.	The CRC heard again from the Sheriff and the Executive and voted to change the amendment to provide that, if the sheriff and the executive cannot agree on an approach to bargaining working conditions, they shall report this to the council, which “shall provide guidance on how to proceed in further negotiations concerning the matter in conflict.”
Transitional provisions	No comments.	No change.



April 18, 2008

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Dear Members of the Charter Review Commission:

Thank you all again for time and attention at the public hearing held on April 8, 2008 regarding the proposed amendments to the King County Charter. We certainly appreciated having the forum to share with you our concerns and proposal regarding the language to be used with regard to sexual orientation in the County Charter.

As we indicated during our remarks, it is the recommendation to the Commission from various legal and community organizations that the Commission propose that the language to be used be as follows:

“sexual orientation, gender identity or expression”

The charter change would therefore read:

Section 840. Anti-Discrimination. There shall be no discrimination in employment or compensation of county officers or employees on account of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm, organization, corporation, or other non-governmental entity which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions.

The addition of the phrase, “gender identity or expression,” to the prohibition of sexual orientation discrimination in county employment and contracting is an important one. The inclusion of the phrase “gender identity or expression” would make it clear that transgender people are covered in King County.

While the term sexual orientation has sometimes been interpreted as including transgender people, that interpretation is not a foregone conclusion. In some instances, e.g. some King County ordinances and some Washington state statutes, the term sexual orientation has been explicitly defined to include gender identity or expression. However, in today’s commonly understood

language, sexual orientation means whether someone identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual or heterosexual. It does not mean that someone identifies as transgender.

Using the language of “sexual orientation” to describe an individual, who has a gender identity or expression that is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth, is at a minimum confusing and potentially non-inclusive of transgender people.

The King County Charter prohibits discrimination on the basis of a variety of classes that have historically faced discrimination. The addition of the term, “sexual orientation,” is not sufficient to make clear to the reader that King County prohibits discrimination on the bases of gender identity or expression. While one may need to go to an ordinance to see precisely how sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression are defined, it is not reasonable to require people to go to an ordinance to see if the Charter prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression. This is what would be required with the proposed Charter change.

While certainly the argument could be made that the term sexual orientation is inclusive of transgender people, we suggest that rather than leaving the question for judicial interpretation, that the County Charter adopt language that is clear and concise in its statement of prohibiting discrimination.

The question should not be “what would the legal interpretation of the courts if a case was brought” but rather, “in practice, will sexual orientation be read by the county, by contractors, by supervisors, and covered employees to cover gender identity?” We suggest that is the question that matters. As such, we urge you to recommend that the Charter language be amended to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

The argument that the term sexual orientation in the Charter is inclusive of gender identity because the definition of sexual orientation in ordinance includes gender identity or expression is not sound. This argument would result in the natural conclusion that gender identity or expression could be removed from the classes protected in the Charter by amending the definition sexual orientation in King County’s ordinances.

Simply saying that “The law is inclusive!” is not necessarily helpful or useful in the real world. The audience that uses the Charter to instruct them on their duties or rights may not be in a position to interpret a legal term of art. A transgender person may not see themselves in the definition of sexual orientation and incorrectly conclude that they are not covered under the charter. An employer may not realize that transgender workers are protected and may therefore open themselves to lawsuits. Moreover as our understanding of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression evolves the trend to use the two terms rather than one term is increasing. Hence, even if many people today understand sexual orientation to be inclusive of gender identity or expression this is likely not to be the case in the future.

Lastly there is the question of basic dignity. A transgender person or a person facing discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression should not have to claim that they are facing discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation. In the use of language in the Charter

we should not render transgender people invisible, nor force them to claim discrimination on the basis of a characteristic with which they may not identify simply to secure their rights.

In closing, we again wish to thank the Commission for its work. We agree with the Commission that it is necessary to increase the classes recognized in Section 840, anti-discrimination, but conclude that the term “sexual orientation” alone will not meet the goal of the Commission.

This letter is submitted on behalf of the following groups: Equal Rights Washington, Gender Odyssey, Gender Spectrum, Human Rights Campaign, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NGLR), National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Northwest Women’s Law Center, Pride Foundation, Ingersoll Gender Center, Transgender Law and Policy Institute, and Washington Transgender Equality Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

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How IRV Works

“In IRV voting, as in plurality voting, all candidates are listed on the ballot. But instead of voting for only one candidate, voters rank the candidates in the order of their preference. . . .

“The counting of the ballots is also different from that in plurality voting. First, all the number-one preferences of the voters are counted. If a candidate receives over 50% of the first-choice votes, he or she is declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. The ballots of supporters of this defeated candidate are then transferred to whichever of the remaining candidates they marked as their number-two choice. (It is as if you told the supporters of the last-place candidate, "Your candidate cannot possibly win, so which of the remaining candidates would you like your vote to go to?") After this transfer, the votes are recounted to see whether any candidate now has a majority of the vote. The process of eliminating the lowest candidate and transferring his or her votes continues until one candidate receives a majority of the continuing votes and wins the election.”

From “Behind the Ballot Box: A Citizen’s Guide to Voting Systems,”
by Professor Douglas J. Amy, Mt. Holyoke College

Phasing of Charter Amendments

	2008	2009	2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Discrimination		<input type="checkbox"/> Elections Division Deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitory Provisions
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Committees		<input type="checkbox"/> New Commitments to Unincorporated Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Commission Procedures
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Officials and Collective Bargaining		<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Amendment by Citizen Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Allotments
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Timeline			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space			
<input type="checkbox"/> Qualifications for Assessor & Elections Director			

Reverse Timeline for Charter Amendments

General Election Day 2008	Tuesday, November 4
Last day for Council to approve ordinances proposing charter amendments , assuming <i>special</i> Council meeting is held	Friday, September 19 ¹
Last day for <i>regular</i> Council meeting to approve ordinances proposing charter amendments	Monday, September 15
Last day for introducing ordinances proposing charter amendments , assuming ordinance is added to Council agenda at morning COW meeting	Monday, September 8
Last day to introduce ordinances proposing charter amendments by filing in Clerk's office in usual manner	Thursday, September 4
Last regular meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election as emergency (depends on timing of Council recess). Aug. 12 is last date for special meeting for that purpose.	Monday, August 11
Last regular council meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election with minimum processing time (10 days)	Monday, July 28
Last regular council meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election with maximum processing time (25 days)	Monday, July 14

¹ From Charter Section 800: "The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance." From Charter Section 230.70: "An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the date it is approved by the county council." From Charter Section 800: "An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive."

May 2008

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June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CRC oral presentation of its report in COW	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 COW Town Hall on Charter Review	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30 Council staff briefing on Charter Review in COW					

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14 Last regular council meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election with maximum processing time.	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28 Last regular council meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election with minimum processing time.	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Last regular meeting for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election as emerg.	5	6	7	8 Last day for special mtg. for adopting non-charter ballot measure for general election as emergency.	9
10	11 Council in recess	12 Council in recess	13 Council in recess	14 Council in recess	15 Council in recess	16
17	18 Council in recess	19 Council in recess	20 Council in recess	21 Council in recess	22 Council in recess	23
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September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Last day to introduce ordinance proposing charter amend.	5	6
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14	15 Last regular Council mtg. at which to put charter amends. on the ballot.	16	17	18	19 Last day for Council action to put charter amendments on Nov. ballot.	20
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October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 General Election	5	6	7	8
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Section 840 Anti-Discrimination.

There shall be no discrimination in employment or compensation of county officers or employees on account of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm, organization, ~~or~~ corporation, or other non-governmental entity which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions.

Budget Allotment Requirements - Elimination

~~Section 475 Work Programs and Allotments:~~

~~Within thirty days after the adoption of the appropriation ordinances, each agency of county government except the county council shall present to the county executive work programs and requested allotments by program, project, object of expense or period of time to properly control expenditures and prevent deficits; and the county executive may allot and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, the county executive may transfer current expense appropriations between general classifications of expenditures within the same executive department, administrative office, board or commission.~~

~~During the last quarter of the fiscal year, the county council when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance to transfer appropriations between agencies of county government; but a capital budget project shall not be abandoned thereby unless its abandonment is recommended by the executive department responsible for planning.~~

Budget Timeline

Section 410 Presentation and Adoption of Budgets.

At least ~~seventy-five~~ ninety-five days prior to the end of each fiscal year, the county executive shall present to the county council a complete budget and budget message, proposed current expense and capital budget appropriation ordinances, and proposed tax and revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the budget; and at least thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the county council shall adopt appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances for the next fiscal year. (Ord. 981 § 1, 1971).

Section 420 Budget Information.

At least one hundred ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five days prior to the end of the fiscal year, all agencies of county government shall submit to the county executive information necessary to prepare the budget.

Charter Amendment By Citizen Initiative

800.20 Amendments by the Public. [NEW SECTION]

The public may propose amendments to the charter by filing petitions with the county council bearing signatures equal in number to but not less than twenty percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. The petitions shall contain the full text of the proposed charter amendment. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. Submittal to the voters shall occur at the next general election occurring more than one hundred thirty-five days after the petitions are filed. Within ninety days after the petitions are filed, the county council may enact an ordinance to submit a substitute charter amendment concerning the same subject matter on the same ballot with the proposed amendment; and the voters shall first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue is for either, then the version receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither version shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. Any amendment that is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue shall become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment.

Clarification of CRC Confirmation Process

Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall appoint a citizen commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter.

Appointees shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from each of the county council districts.

The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment. (Ord. 8647 § 1, 1988).

Election Deadlines

230.40 Referendum.

Except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than eight percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. In addition, except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance which pursuant to state law is effective only in unincorporated areas of the county may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the unincorporated areas of the county by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county equal in number to not less than eight percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for county executive, provided however that the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which on the date such petitions are required to be filed are unincorporated areas of the county. Each petition shall contain the full text of the ordinance to be referred. After the petitions are filed, the ordinance to be referred shall be placed on the ballot at the next special or general election occurring more than forty-five days after the petitions are filed after the minimum time established by ordinance for presentation of referendum measures to the county officer responsible for conducting elections, provided that in the case of an ordinance effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, the proposed ordinance shall be voted upon only by the registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county.

An appropriation ordinance; an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; an ordinance providing for collective bargaining; an ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement; an ordinance providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees; or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum. (Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).

230.50 Initiative.

Ordinances except ordinances providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees may be proposed by filing with the county council petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. In addition, an ordinance which pursuant to state law is effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, except an ordinance providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees, may be proposed by filing with the county council petitions bearing signatures of registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for county executive, provided, however that the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which on

the date such petitions are required to be filed are unincorporated areas of the county. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance.

The county council shall consider the proposed ordinance. If the proposed ordinance is not enacted within ninety days after the petitions are presented filed, it shall be placed on the ballot at the next regular general or special election occurring ~~more than one hundred thirty five days after the petitions are filed~~ after the minimum time established by ordinance for presentation of initiative measures to the county officer responsible for conducting elections or at an earlier election designated by the county council. However, if the proposed ordinance is enacted at any time prior to the election, it shall not be placed on the ballot or be voted on unless it is subjected to referendum.

If the county council rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute ordinance concerning the same subject matter, the substitute ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other, provided that in the case of an ordinance effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, the proposed ordinance shall be voted upon only by the registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue is for either, then the ordinance receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither ordinance shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. (Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).

Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall appoint a citizen commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter. This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from each of the county council districts.

The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring ~~more than forty five days after the enactment of the ordinance~~ after the minimum established by ordinance for presentation of proposed charter amendments to the county officer responsible for conducting elections. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment. (Ord. 8647 § 1, 1988).

[NEW SECTION]

Section 897. High Conservation Value Properties.

The clerk of the council shall maintain the list of inventoried high conservation value properties set forth as Appendix A to this charter. The inventory may only include properties in which the county owns a fee simple interest or a lesser interest. No inventoried property or property interest shall ever be conveyed, relinquished, or converted to a different use than was authorized at the time of acquisition, as evidenced by deed, easement, covenant, contract or funding source requirements, except that this section shall not prevent: the conveyance of an inventoried property or property interest to another government, the conveyance of an inventoried property or property interest under the lawful threat or exercise of eminent domain; the grant of an easement, license, franchise or use agreement for utilities or other activities compatible with use restrictions in place at the time of acquisition; or the use of an inventoried property or property interest for habitat restoration, flood control, low-impact public amenities or regionally significant public facilities developed for purposes related to the conservation values of the property, road or utility projects, or emergency projects necessary to protect public health, welfare or safety. This section shall not affect any contractual obligations entered into as part of the county's acquisition of an inventoried property or property interest.

Charter Appendix A: Inventory of High Conservation Value Properties

Site Name	Acres (Fee)	Acres (Easement)	Fee or Easement	Recording Numbers	Parcel Numbers
Auburn Narrows Natural Area - PORTION	16.15	0.00	fee fee	8012220661 20001214000844	1721059040 1721059210
Ames Lake Forest	0.00	425.38	easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement easement	20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20020731002593 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20021230003439 20020731002593 20021230003439	1725079011 1725079063 1725079065 1725079066 1725079067 1725079068 1725079069 1825079016 1825079091 2025079001 2025079002 2025079005 2025079006 2025079007 2025079008 2025079075 2025079076 2025079077 2025079078 2025079080 2025079081
Bass Lake Complex Natural Area	92.79	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee	20021217002675 20060331003640 20070608002352 20050808002316 20050808002316	0220069001 3521069013 3521069021 3521069084 3521069131
Belmondo Reach Natural Area	11.55	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee	20061213000706 20041210000165 20010627002091 20071231000291 20041210000165	2923069007 2923069016 2923069030 3223069006 3223069045
Big Spring Newaukum Creek Natural Area - PORTION	0.00	16.79	easement easement easement easement easement	20031112001681 20051028002893 20060331002471 20051114002184 20060331002471	1420069014 1520069029 1520069037 1520069038 1520069097
Black Diamond Natural Area - PORTION	426.96	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee	20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809 20060323001809	0221069022 0221069023 0321069075 0321069076 0321069077 2121069009 3522069020 3522069043 3522069045 3622069072
BN Peninsula Natural Area	26.57	0.00	fee fee fee	20000131001204 20000131001204 20000302000941	2222069004 2322069009 2322069101
Boxley Creek Site	146.72	0.00	fee fee fee fee	20010607000220 20010607000220 20010607000220 20010607000220	2523089005 2523089006 2523089007 2523089008
Carey Creek Natural Area	0.00	9.91	easement easement	20030612002851 20030612002851	3623069007 3623069046
Carnation Marsh Natural Area	67.82	11.85	fee fee easement easement	9303012221 9303012221 9812070432 9812070432	2925079041 2925079067 2925079027 2925079035
Cavanaugh Pond Natural Area	56.72	0.00	fee fee fee fee	7605190586 7605190586 7605190586 9101100628	2323059018 2323059187 2323059188 2423059100
Cedar Downs Site	77.97	0.00	fee fee	20010503002074 20010503002074	2022069017 2022069018
Cedar Grove Natural Area	74.92	0.00	fee	7912270645	1923069012
Cedar Grove Road Natural Area	2.59	0.00	fee fee fee fee	9706300936 9803021853 9705281428 9810092129	7120400060 7120400065 7120400070 7120400075
Cemetery Reach Natural Area	45.87	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee	20020308002405 20020308002405 20020419001697 20020308002405 20000912900014 20000912900014	3622069127 3622069128 3622069129 3622069130 3622069133 3622069134
Chinook Bend Natural Area	70.98	3.09	easement fee	20071003001492 20000509001356	0825079002 0925079008
Christiansen Pond Natural Area	0.00	19.33	easement	20020423001642	1422029079

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Cold Creek Natural Area	129.53	0.00	fee	8712210733	0726069039
				8712210733	0726069047
				9708292331	0726069062
				20000204000811	0726069064
				9708292331	0726069073
				9708292331	0726069074
				9604051526	0726069078
				20060609001529	0726069079
				20060609001529	0726069080
				9708292331	0726069081
				9708292331	0726069085
				9708292331	0726069086
				9602010462	0726069099
				9602010462	1226059013
				9602010462	1226059027
				9704210822	1226059069
				9708292331	1226059083
				9708292331	1226059113
				9708292331	1226059123
				9707300646	1226059130
9602010462	1226059184				
20030408002176	1226059195				
Cougar Mountain Regional Park - PORTION	2688.45	0.00	fee	9306010865	0523069020
				9105130763	0523069021
				9203190461	0523069023
				9104110422	0523069025
				9306010865	0523069027
				9007091442	0523069028
				8501150666	0623069005
				9009100286	0623069022
				9108021143	0623069023
				9304301864	0623069024
				8408301087	0623069040
				9210162229	0623069063
				8610300784	2524059001
				8504261194	2524059003
				20050118001595	2524059178
				8404260741	2624059071
				9312082165	2924069088
				9312082165	2924069108
				9312082165	2924069150
				9312082165	3024069003
				7902210694	3024069006
				8504261194	3024069011
				7902210694	3024069025
				9312082165	3024069042
				9001121053	3124069001
				8504261194	3524059001
				9001121053	3524059007
				8504261194	3624059001
				8511210687	3624059009
				8511210687	3624059010
				8511210687	3624059011
				8511210687	3624059012
				8511210687	3624059015
				8511210687	3624059016
				9501230588	4309700370
				9501230588	4309700390
				9501230588	4309700400
				9706031373	4309710070
				9706031373	4309710080
				9706031373	4309710090
9501230628	4309710350				
9706031373	4309720130				
9706031373	4309720140				
9501230631	4309720190				
9101020575	7167200010				
9101020575	7167200030				
8411200858	7167200110				
8411200858	7167200150				
Cougar/Squak Corridor	430.74	0.00	fee	9705231482	0523069001
				9007091442	0523069028
Covington Natural Area	55.84	0.00	fee	9012280970	7215400810
Crow Marsh Natural Area - PORTION	0.00	99.97	easement easement	20021217001016 20021217001016	0621079023 0721079049
Dockton Forest	19.42	0.00	fee	20050202001614	2922039002
Dockton Natural Area	26.40	0.00	fee	20070912000796	2922039003
Dorre Don Reach Natural Area - PORTION	28.51	0.00	fee	20060629001953	1522069026
				199909160278	1522069060
				20060224001536	1522069061
				9810081465	1522069123
				6451738	2085200170
				2378787	2085201036

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Ellis Creek Natural Area	3.04	0.00	fee	20061116000571	1535202815
			fee	20061115000418	1535202835
			fee	20061116000571	1535202875
			fee	20061116000571	2316400265
			fee	20061116000571	2316400460
			fee	20061116000571	2316400465
			fee	20061116000571	2316400470
Evans Creek Natural Area	38.22	0.00	fee	8612240758	0825069016
Evans Crest Natural Area	29.84	0.00	fee	20060118000015	7430200170
Fall City Natural Area	49.03	29.41	fee	20000104000050	0924079081
			easement	20050825001807	1024079005
			fee	20000104000050	1024079008
			fee	20001227001895	1024079035
			fee	20010430001179	1024079036
Fall City Park West	33.36	0.00	fee	4894995	0724079014
Girl Scouts Totem Council	0.00	367.28	easement	20050930003784	2225079001
			easement	20050930003784	2225079032
			easement	20050930003784	2325079018
			easement	20050930003784	2325079039
Green River Natural Area - PORTION	756.67	0.00	fee	20060822001129	2521059007
			fee	9509261302	2521059022
			fee	9604020526	2521059038
			fee	9604020526	2521059039
			fee	9509261302	2521059068
			fee	9509261302	2521059069
			fee	20060822001129	2521059081
			fee	9601090958	2621059007
			fee	9509130734	2621059025
			fee	9512291919	2621059027
			fee	9601090958	2621059029
			fee	9512291919	2621059043
			fee	9509130734	2621059055
			fee	9509130734	2621059056
			fee	9509130734	2621059057
			fee	9710140846	2921069006
			fee	9610091109	2921069090
			fee	9508020582	2921069091
			fee	9710140846	2921069095
			fee	9710140846	2921069096
			fee	9710140846	2921069097
			fee	7706171065	3021069007
			fee	20030909002352	3021069012
			fee	9509261302	3021069016
			fee	9509261303	3021069018
			fee	7706171065	3021069019
			fee	9509261303	3021069021
			fee	9507270373	3021069022
			fee	9509261302	3021069025
			fee	9509261303	3021069028
			fee	9509261303	3021069029
			fee	9509261302	3021069030
fee	9509261302	3021069031			
fee	9507270373	3021069032			
fee	9510180830	3121069001			
fee	9810150733	3121069024			
fee	9512291919	3521059044			
fee	20030418001018	7327710100			

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Griffin Creek Natural Area	61.55	0.00	fee	9703200160	2725079039
				9511291280	3425079023
				9401121994	3425079036
				20011130003820	3425079037
				20011130003822	3425079038
				20020328002606	3425079039
				20020328002607	3425079040
				20031125001407	3425079042
				20020107001503	3425079044
				20011130003759	3425079045
				20070921001138	3425079046
				9511291280	3425079047
				20011130003821	3425079048
				20030930001410	3425079049
				20031028002252	3425079050
				20020328002607	3425079051
				20020328002607	3425079052
				20011130003822	3425079053
				20060727000892	3425079054
				199809181520	3425079055
				20031020002418	3425079056
				20020107001502	3425079057
				20011130003819	3425079058
				20011130003819	3425079059
				20020107001504	3425079060
				20020816001817	3425079061
				20020328002608	3425079062
				9511291280	3425079063
				20060727000892	3425079064
				20011130003815	3425079065
				20011130003815	3425079066
				20011130003836	3425079067
20011130003822	3425079068				
20060322002403	3425079081				
20060322002403	3425079082				
20051222000632	3425079094				
20070602002280	3425079095				
Hatchery Natural Area	24.46	0.00	fee	7911061003	1621059039
Hazel Wolf Wetlands Natural Area	0.00	115.93	easement	9512290553	0224069193
			easement	9512290553	3525069139
Inspiration Point Natural Area	5.88	0.00	fee	20070925000338	2522029101
				20070924001560	2522029103
				20070924001560	2522029104
				20070924001560	2522029109
Island Center Forest	287.92	0.00	fee	20050202001614	3123039023
				20050202001614	3623029012
				20050202001614	3623029013
				20050202001614	3623029015
				20050202001614	3623029016
				20070814002289	3623029077
Island Center Forest Natural Area	81.46	0.00	fee	20070706001969	3123039019
				20040311001458	3123039021
				20040311001458	3123039038
				20050406001386	3123039116
				20050406001386	3123039119
				20050926003379	3123039120
				20050406001386	3123039121
				20040311001458	3123039122
				20050926003379	3123039123
				Issaquah Creek Natural Area - PORTION	38.18
20010102000251	0323069021				
Jones Reach Natural Area	2.56	0.00	fee	20030227001428	3570200020
Kanaskat Natural Area	170.49	0.00	fee	20021115002436	1121079039
				20050418001738	1121079041
				20070615001353	1121079042
				20070112000557	1121079043
				20021115000292	1121079044
				20031016000181	1121079045
				20021122001961	1121079046
				20021230003442	1221079015
				20021230003442	1221079018
				20021230003442	1221079053
				20021230003442	1221079062
				20021230003442	1221079063
				20061227000973	1221079064
				20021230003442	1321079005
				20021230003442	1321079031
				20050421001098	1421079024
				Kathryn C. Lewis Natural Area	10.05

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Landsburg Reach Natural Area	50.14	0.00	fee	20060325002453 20020930003999 20010430001936 20060325002453 20000223001400 20020930003999 199906090895 199906090895 20020930003999 199906090895 199906090895	2422069012 2422069023 2422069038 2422069047 2422069076 2422069107 2422069109 2422069113 2422069116 2422069120 2422069121
Little Soos Creek Wetlands Natural Area	7.25	0.00	fee	9712171715	3022069006
Log Cabin Reach Natural Area	118.20	0.00	fee	20031218001559 20031218001559 20031218001559 20031218001560 20031218001559 20031218001559	2223069053 2223069054 2223069055 2223069056 2223069057 2223069058
Lower Bear Creek Natural Area	11.39	0.00	fee	20030923002627 199812292095	3126069016 3126069038
Lower Lions Reach Natural Area	2.25	0.00	fee	20030915001592 20030915001592	3223069034 3223069115
Lower Newaukum Creek Natural Area	30.01	0.00	fee	20060919000298 20060919000298 20060919000298 20060919000298 20060919000298	3321069033 3321069034 3321069042 3321069043 3321069044
Lower Peterson Creek Corridor Natural Area	66.64	0.00	fee	20000315001600 20011011000415 20000315001600	0922069014 0922069151 0922069152
Manzanita Natural Area	2.03	0.00	fee	20070912002057 20070912002057	8550000650 8550000655
Marjorie R. Stanley Natural Area	17.61	0.00	fee	20050202001614	0722039122
Maury Island Marine Park - PORTION	269.63		fee	9409140817 9409140817 9409140817 9409140817 9409140817	2122039031 2222039026 2222039032 2222039033 2822039030
May Valley 164th Natural Area	3.66	0.00	fee	20001228001137 20020520002456	0638100003 5229300004
Middle Bear Creek Natural Area	66.05	25.06	fee easement	9510061397 9610010933 9601050622 9512080737 9505010721 9604261830 9801120655 20030806002881 9711070621 20050311001567 8906200220	0625100115 0625100116 0625100210 0625100215 1726069012 2026069008 3026069103 3026069103 3026069104 7273100080 7701961400
Middle Evans Creek Natural Area		38.29	easement easement	20010618000042 20010618000042	1525069066 1525069097
Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area	644.47	0.00	fee	9606282497 9604251182 9603151370 20010420001747 20001031002152 9612201198 9604301827 9806303103 20021205000700 9701300799 20021205000700 20000517000751 20000517000751 9806303103 20001031002152 20001031002152 20001031002152 20001031002152	0223099016 0223099017 0223099018 0223099019 1023099005 1023099017 1023099019 1123099018 1123099022 1123099024 1123099025 1123099027 1123099028 1123099029 1523099002 1623099002 1623099009 1723099001
Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area	13.90	0.00	fee	20060531003499 20060531003320 20060531003320	2223069016 2223069076 2223069077

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Mitchell Hill Connector Forest	426.00	0.00	fee	20000328001168	1924079003	
				20000328001168	1924079073	
				20000328001168	1924079077	
				20000328001168	1924079080	
				20000328001168	1924079083	
				20000328001168	1924079085	
				20000328001168	1924079087	
				20000328001168	1924079092	
				20000328001168	1924079093	
				20000328001168	1924079094	
				20000328001168	1924079095	
				20000328001168	1924079096	
				20000328001168	1924079097	
				20000328001168	1924079098	
20000328001168	1924079099					
20001205001900	2024079075					
Moss Lake Natural Area - PORTION	318.37	0.00	fee	9009061764	3626079001	
				9009061764	3626079002	
				9009061764	3626079046	
				9009061764	3626079047	
				9009061764	3626079048	
				9009061764	3626079049	
				9009061764	3626079050	
				9009061764	3626079051	
				9507190761	3626079052	
				9009061764	3626079053	
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				9009061764	3626079057	
				9507190761	3626079061	
9507190761	3626079062					
9009061764	3626079063					
9507190761	3626079064					
Mouth Of Taylor Reach Natural	11.70	0.00	fee	20040206000848	0422069019	
				20010119001294	0422069055	
				20010119001294	0422069076	
				20041028002316	5112400064	
				20070622001154	5112400065	
				20041028002316	5112400067	
				20041028002316	5112400068	
				20001101000284	5112400075	
				20030310002119	5112400076	
				20030310002119	5112400080	
Neely Bridge Natural Area	28.08	0.00	fee	7811210805	2221059007	
				7811210805	2221059010	
				7811210805	2221059056	
Neill Point Natural Area	52.19	0.00	fee	20071017002180	0121029005	
				20070927001038	0121029013	
				20071017002180	0121029128	
				20071017002180	0121029129	
				20071017002180	0121029132	
				20070920000263	0121029134	
Nowak Natural Area	8.08	0.00	fee	8712220918	0423079002	
				20021230003438	3324079058	
Paradise Lake Natural Area	122.66	31.28	fee	9704111160	0526069001	
				9704111160	0526069002	
				easement	9501030978	0526069018
				easement	9510230979	0526069018
				fee	9407220689	0526069021
				fee	20031230001132	0526069025
				fee	9704111160	0526069028
				easement	9509291652	0526069050
				fee	9602221500	0526069058
				fee	9411170762	6626300010
				fee	9411170762	6626300020
fee	9504140968	6626300031				
Paradise Valley Natural Area	4.72	0.00	fee	20060829001571	0722039134	
Patterson Creek Natural Area	205.48	0.00	fee	19991103000995	2325069017	
				9606040260	2525069006	
				9605091516	2525069008	
				9606040260	2525069015	
				9606040260	2525069019	
				9606040260	2525069022	
				9606040260	2525069026	
				9606040260	2525069027	
				9606040260	2525069028	
				20050224002094	2525069089	
				9605091516	2525069089	
				9605091516	2525069096	
				9510161134	2625069004	
				9712011870	3025079174	
20010508001276	6134500310					

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Patterson Creek Preserve Forest	0.00	242.92	easement easement easement easement easement easement easement	20030829004801 20030829004801 20030829004801 20030829004801 20030829004801 20030829004801 20030829004801	0524079009 0524079010 0524079011 0524079012 0524079014 0524079015 0624079018
Peterson Lake Natural Area	144.89	0.00	fee fee	9606101882 20060124000988	0522069009 0522069020
Piner Point Natural Area	6.82	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee	20051024002087 20051024002087 20051024002087 20051024002087 20051024002087 20070925001647 20070925001647 20070925001647 20070925001647	6175800001 6175800005 6175800010 6175800014 6175800115 6175800205 6175800240 6175800875 6175800880
Pinnacle Peak Park	227.77	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee	20080102001470 20080102001470 20080102001471 8806060137 20010607000268 20010607000268 20010607000268 9210162231	0119069002 0119069029 0119069030 3120079062 3120079085 3620069013 3620069016 3620069049
Porter Levee Natural Area	55.80	0.00	fee fee fee fee	9902251838 9902251838 9806292082 9810272347	1621059020 2121059001 2121059004 2121059004
Raab's Lagoon Natural Area	9.55	0.00	fee fee	20071231001749 20071217001523	1622039008 3874400102
Raging River Natural Area	50.88	0.00	fee fee fee fee	20001006001274 20001006001274 20001006001274 20001006001274	2724079024 2724079028 2824079025 2824079032
Ravenhill Open Space	25.68	0.00	fee fee	20010322000987 20010322000987	7167600240 7167600250
Ravensdale Retreat Natural Area	137.97	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee	20021227001875 20021227001875 20021227001875 20021227001875 20021227001875 20030630005541 20030630005541 20030630005541	3122079005 3122079010 3122079015 3122079020 3122079025 3122079030 3622069063 3622069137
Ricardi Reach Natural Area	9.61	0.00	fee fee fee	20020319001935 7701120493 9812312323	2423059051 2423059103 2423059115
Ring Hill Forest	320.52	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee fee	9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9806032269 9806032269 9806032269 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9708150996 9806032269 9806032269	1526069001 1526069002 1526069003 1526069004 1526069005 1526069014 1526069015 1526069016 1526069047 1526069057 1526069120 1526069121 1526069122 1526069123 1526069124 1526069125 1526069126
Rock Creek Natural Area - PORTION	86.26	0.00	fee fee fee fee fee	9801201757 9503241294 9608302189 9606280761 9806021208	2222069006 2222069018 2222069036 2622069001 2622069027
Shadow Lake Natural Area	0.00	59.21	easement easement	20050630003056 20061018002513	0722069015 1822069002
Shinglemill Creek Natural Area	0.00	45.66	easement	20070907001299	1923039026

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Stillwater Natural Area	45.39	101.38	fee	9410121535	3126079010				
			fee	9402182065	3126079017				
			fee	9402182065	3226079015				
			easement	9402182066	3126079014				
			easement	9402182066	3126079019				
Snoqualmie Forest	0.00	90476.03	easement (all)	20041214002392 (all)	0124079001, 0124089001, 0125089001, 0125099001, 0126089001, 0224079001, 0224089001, 0225089001, 0225089005, 0225099009, 0226089001, 0226099013, 0324089001, 0324099001, 0325089001, 0326089001, 0326099001, 0424089001, 0424099001, 0425089001, 0426089001, 0426099001, 0426099017, 0524089001, 0524099001, 0525089001, 0525099001, 0624089001, 0624099001, 0625089001, 0625099001, 0625099009, 0626089001, 0626099001, 0724089001, 0724099001, 0725089001, 0725089002, 0726099001, 0824089001, 0824099001, 0825089001, 0825099013, 0826089001, 0826099005, 0924089001, 0924099001, 0924099016, 0925089001, 0925099001, 0926089001, 0926099001, 1024089001, 1024099001, 1024099004, 1024099013, 1024099015, 1024099016, 1025089001, 1025089005, 1025099001, 1025099009, 1026089001, 1026099001, 1124079001, 1124089001, 1125089001, 1125099001, 1126089001, 1126099001, 1126099013, 1224079001, 1224089001, 1225079001, 1225079011, 1225089001, 1225089003, 1225089010, 1225099001, 1226089001, 1226099001, 1226099009, 1324079001, 1324089001, 1325079001, 1325089001, 1326089001, 1326099001, 1425079001, 1425089001, 1425099001, 1425099013, 1426089001, 1426099001, 1524089001, 1525089001, 1525099001, 1526089001, 1526099001, 1624089001, 1624099001, 1625089001, 1625099001, 1626089001, 1626099001, 1724089001, 1724099001, 1725089001, 1725099001, 1726099001, 1824089001, 1824099001, 1825089001, 1826099001, 1826099005, 1924099001, 1925089001, 1925099001, 1926099001, 2024099001, 2024099001, 2025099001, 2026099001, 2124089001, 2124099001, 2125089001, 2125099001, 2126089001, 2126099001, 2224089001, 2225089001, 2225089005, 2226089001, 2226099001, 2226099009, 2324089001, 2325079001, 2325079002, 2325089001, 2326089001, 2326099001, 2425079001, 2425079005, 2425089001, 2426089001, 2426099005, 2426099009, 2525079001, 2525089001, 2526079001, 2526089001, 2625089001, 2626089001, 2626089002, 2626089003, 2724089001, 2724089005, 2724089013, 2725089001, 2726089001, 2824099005, 2825089001, 2825099001, 3026089005, 2924099001, 2925089001, 2925099001, 2926089001, 3024099009, 3025089001, 3025099001, 3025099005, 3026089001, 3026089006, 3026099001, 3125089001, 3125099001, 3126089001, 3126099001, 3225089001, 3225099001, 3226089001, 3226089013, 3325089001, 3325099001, 3326089001, 3425089001, 3426089001, 3426089005, 3426089008, 3426089011, 3426089013, 3525079001, 3525089001, 3526089001, 3625079001, 3625079002, 3625089001, 3625089009, 3626089001				
				3705000170					
				Soos Creek 140th Open Space	15.85	0.00	fee	9712220851	3705000170
				Spring Lake/Lake Desire Park	386.24	0.00	fee	9012240445	0622069059
								9012240445	3023069011
								9012240445	3123069016
								20011105000568	3123069016
								9012240445	3123069017
								9012240445	3123069020
								9012240445	3123069024
								9012240445	3123069025
								9012240445	3123069027
								9012240445	3123069028
								9701290955	3123069029
								9012240445	3123069030
								9401142082	3123069038
								9202100408	3623059021
								199202041026	3623059023
								9103060340	3623059045
								9101090226	3623059092
9202100408	3623059113								
9012240445	7937600325								
9012240445	7937600835								
9012240445	7937600875								
9401142082	7937800002								
9401142082	7937800003								
9401142082	7937800004								
9401142082	7937800005								
9012240445	7937800118								
9012240445	7937800125								
Squak Mt/Tiger Mt Corridor	265.90	0.00	fee	9007091442	0323069017				
				20000413001131	0323069152				
				9606212047	0323069161				
				9202251577	1023069005				
				8905080988	1023069029				
9606212047	1023069051								
Sugarloaf Mountain Forest	284.28	0.00	fee	20010102000330	3422079003				
				20010102000330	3422079009				
				20010102000330	3422079011				
				20010102000330	3422079081				
				20010102000330	3422079082				
				20010102000330	3422079083				
				20010102000330	3422079084				
				20010102000330	3422079085				
				20010102000330	3422079086				
				20010102000330	3422079087				
				20010102000330	3422079088				
				20010102000330	3422079089				
20010102000330	3422079090								

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Taylor Mountain Forest	1844.51	0.00	fee	9710101069	0522079001
			fee	9710101069	0522079019
			fee	199911121764	0622079021
			fee	20031231000677	3023079001
			fee	20020102002079	3023079022
			fee	20020521002187	3023079023
			fee	20020521002187	3023079024
			fee	9710101069	3123079003
			fee	9710101069	3223079001
			fee	9710101069	3223079011
			fee	20010918000268	3223079014
			fee	9710101069	3223079021
			fee	9710101069	3223079027
			fee	9710101069	3323079005
			fee	9710101069	3323079009
Three Forks Natural Area	267.42	0.00	fee	9611070455	0323089002
			fee	9009130663	3224089080
			fee	8810120739	3324089005
			fee	9010010815	3324089031
			fee	9404151411	3324089032
			fee	9707310459	3324089035
			fee	9408310922	3324089037
			fee	9410131120	3324089038
			fee	9411231904	3324089039
			fee	9403211582	3324089040
			fee	9403021764	3324089041
			fee	9403021764	3324089042
			fee	9812112657	3324089059
			fee	9206080603	3424089003
			fee	9206080603	3424089006
			fee	8805110850	3424089011
			fee	0000000000	3424089012
			fee	9008170662	3424089022
			fee	9006290906	3424089027
			fee	8012220660	3424089038
			fee	20001228000803	3424089074
			fee	9611070455	3424089077
			fee	8910131380	3424089099
			fee	8012220660	3424089100
			fee	9308202064	3424089115
			fee	9405271544	3424089116
			fee	9804010866	3424089120
Tollgate Farm - PORTION	161.23	0.00	fee	20021230003464	0523089009
			fee	20021230003464	0523089010
			fee	20021230003464	0523089011
			fee	20021230003464	0523089012
			fee	20021230003464	0523089015
Tolt River Natural Area	263.92	0.00	fee	20041214002391	0125079001
			fee	20041214002391	1125079013
			fee	20060818000252	1125079020
			fee	20060317002434	1125079041
			fee	991021000293	1125079044
			fee	20060317002434	1125079056
			fee	20060818000252	1125079065
			fee	9310061053	1125079067
			fee	9310061053	1125079074
			fee	20060818000252	1125079076
			fee	20060818000252	1125079077
			fee	20060818000252	1125079078
			fee	20060818000252	1125079089
			fee	20020725002223	1425079010
			fee	9905141848	1425079013
			fee	20031027000767	1425079031
			fee	20030819002189	1425079032
			fee	20031231000336	1425079033
			fee	20031202001534	1425079035
			fee	20020628000898	1425079036
			fee	20020930004048	1425079040
			fee	20040114001712	1425079042
			fee	20031010001241	1425079044
			fee	19991222001463	1425079050
			fee	20021212001814	1425079052
			fee	991021000293	1425079058
Uplands Forest	0.00	352.66	easement	20010103000335	8835770350
			easement	20010103000335	8835770360
			easement	20010103000335	8835770380

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Upper Bear Creek Conservation Area	21.56	15.99	easement	9606051044	0826069020
			fee	199105221371	0826069042
			easement	9606050592	0826069049
			fee	9508170517	0826069064
			easement	9808071438	0826069100
			fee	9603250611	0826069144
			easement	9606121519	0826069202
			fee	9508170517	0826069218
			fee	9705011108	0826069246
			fee	9805182363	1726069040
			fee	9704180334	1726069097
			fee	20050421002256	1726069098
			fee	20050421002256	1726069107
			Upper Raging River Forest	0.00	2723.74
easement	20010813001364	1123079001			
easement	20010813001364	1123079004			
easement	20010813001364	1323079001			
easement	20010813001364	1423079015			
easement	20010813001364	1423079018			
easement	20010813001364	1423079019			
easement	20010813001364	1523079001			
easement	20010813001364	2023079003			
easement	20010813001364	2023079004			
easement	20010813001364	2023079012			
easement	20010813001364	2123079003			
easement	20010813001364	2223079001			
easement	20010813001364	2323079001			
easement	20010813001364	2923079001			
Wetland 14 Natural Area	40.53	0.00	fee	9804152030	3023069043
Wetland 79 Natural Area	6.87	0.00	fee	9811121286	2222069005

Total Acreage	Fee	Easement	Total
	13,249.13	95,211.15	108,460.29

Qualifications of Elected Officials

630 Qualifications

Each county officer holding an elective office shall be, at the time of his appointment or election and at all times while he holds office, at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County; and each councilman shall be a resident of the district which he represents. Any change in the boundaries of a councilman's district which shall cause him to be no longer a resident of the district which he represents shall not disqualify him from holding office during the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed. Additional qualifications ~~of the office of sheriff, for those separately elected officials who head departments that are subject to this charter~~ may be established by ordinance.

Regional Committees

Section 230 Ordinances.

230.10 Introduction and Adoption.

Proposed ordinances shall be limited to one subject and may be introduced by any councilmember, by initiative petition, [by proposal of a regional committee in accordance with Section 270.30 of this charter](#) or by institutional initiative. At least seven days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, and prior to its adoption or enactment, the county council shall hold a public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a minimum of five affirmative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance. (Ord. 14767 § 1, 2004; Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).

Section 270 Regional Committees.

270.10 Regional Committees.

Three regional committees shall be established by ordinance to develop, recommend and review regional policies and plans for consideration by the metropolitan county council: one for transit, one for water quality and one for other regional policies and plans. (Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).

270.20 Composition of regional committees.

Each regional committee shall consist of ~~twelve~~nine voting members. ~~Six~~Three members shall be metropolitan county councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council, and shall include councilmembers from districts with unincorporated residents. Each county councilmember vote shall be weighted as two votes. The remaining ~~six~~ members of each committee except the water quality committee shall be local elected city officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative populations of: (i) the city with the largest population in the county and (ii) the other cities and towns in the county. Committee members from the city with the largest population in the county shall be appointed by the legislative authority of that city. Committee members from the other cities and towns in the county shall be appointed in a manner agreed to by and among those cities and towns representing a majority of the populations of such cities and towns, provided, however, that such cities and towns may appoint two representatives for each allocated committee membership, each with fractional (1/2) voting rights.

The special purpose districts providing sewer service in the county shall appoint two members to serve on the water quality committee in a manner agreed to by districts representing a majority of the population within the county served by such districts. The remaining four local government members of the water quality committee shall be appointed in the manner set forth above for other regional committees. The council may by ordinance authorize the appointment of additional, non-voting members to the water quality committee, representing entities outside of the county that receive sewerage treatment services from the county. Allocation of membership of each committee's members who are city and town representatives shall be adjusted January 1 of each even-numbered year beginning in 1996 based upon current census information or, if more recent, official state office of financial management population statistics.

In the event any areas are annexed pursuant to powers granted to metropolitan municipal corporations under state law, the populations of any cities and towns in such annexed areas shall be considered as if they were within the county for purposes in this section with regard to regional committee participation on policies and plans which would be effective in such annexed areas.

Members representing six and one-half votes constitute a quorum of a regional committee. In the absence of a quorum, the committee may perform all committee

functions except for voting on legislation or a work program. Each committee shall have a chair and a vice-chair with authority as specified by ordinance. The chair shall be a county councilmember appointed by the chair of the county council. The vice-chair shall be appointed by majority vote of those committee members who are not county councilmembers, in accordance with voting rights that are apportioned as provided in this section.

270.30 Powers and Duties.

Each regional committee shall develop, propose, review and recommend action on ordinances and motions adopting, repealing, or amending county-wide transit, water quality or other regional countywide policies and plans relating to within the subject matter area for which a regional of the committee has been established. The subject matter area of the regional policies committee may, by majority vote, request that the county council assign to the committee proposed policies and plans concerning other regional issues including but not limited to public health, human services, regional services financial policies, criminal justice and jails, and regional facilities siting shall consist of those countywide plans and policies included in the committee's work program by a majority of the members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative votes.

The metropolitan county council shall assign-refer each such proposed ordinance or motion, except those developed and proposed by a regional committee, to a regional committee for review. When a proposed policy or plan is referred to a The regional committee for shall review, a time limit for such review shall be and recommend action within one hundred twenty days or such other time as is jointly established by the metropolitan county council and the committee, which shall be confirmed in the form of a motion by the metropolitan county council. If the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or plan ordinance or motion within the established time limit, the metropolitan county council may adopt the proposed policy or plan ordinance or motion upon six affirmative votes. The committee may request, by motion to the county council, additional time for review.

A proposed policy or plan recommended ordinance or motion that has been reviewed and recommended or developed and proposed by a regional committee may be adopted, without amendment, by the metropolitan county council by five affirmative votes. If the metropolitan county council votes prior to final passage thereof to amend a proposed policy or plan ordinance or motion that has been reviewed, or recommended or proposed by a regional committee, the proposed policy or plan ordinance or motion, as amended, shall be referred back to the appropriate committee for further review and recommendation. The committee may concur in, dissent from, or recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan ordinance or motion. After the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all metropolitan county council amendments, final action to adopt any proposed policy or plan which ordinance or motion that differs from the committee recommendation shall require six affirmative votes of the metropolitan county council.

Each regional committee may develop and propose directly to the council, an ordinance or motion adopting, amending, or repealing a county-wide policy or plan within the subject matter area of the committee. Such proposals must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half affirmative votes. Within 120 days of introduction or such other time as is jointly established by the metropolitan county council and the committee, which shall be confirmed in the form of a motion by the metropolitan county council, the council shall consider the proposed legislation and take such action thereon as it deems appropriate, as provided by ordinance.

The council shall not call a special election to authorize the performance of an additional metropolitan municipal function under state law unless such additional function is recommended by a regional policy committee, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 230.50.10 of this charter. Such recommendation shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each of: (1) metropolitan councilmembers of the committee; (2) members from the city with the largest population in the county; and (3) other city or town members of the committee. Nothing in this section prohibits the metropolitan county council from calling a special election on the authorization of the performance of one or more additional metropolitan functions after receiving a valid resolution adopted by city councils as permitted by RCW 35.58.100(1)(a) and RCW 35.58.100(1)(b), or a duly certified petition as permitted by RCW 35.58.100(2). (Ord. 14767 § 1, 2004; Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).

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Sponsors:	
Attachments:	

1 ..Title

2 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
3 business for Regional Committees; and amending
4 Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C.
5 1.24.065.

6 ..Body

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C.
8 1.24.065 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **Rule 7: Regional committees.**

10 A. Establishment. Three regional, standing committees are established as
11 provided under the King County Charter to develop, recommend and review regional
12 policies and plans for consideration by the council: the regional transit committee, the
13 regional water quality committee and the regional policies committee.

14 B. Membership.

15 1. Composition of committees.

16 a. The regional policies committee and regional transit committee are to each
17 have ~~((twelve))~~ nine voting members. ~~((Six))~~ Three members of each committee, including
18 the chair of each, must be county councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council and
19 must include councilmembers from districts with unincorporated residents. Each county
20 councilmember shall have two votes. The chair of the county council shall also appoint the
21 chair of each committee. The remaining members of each committee must be local elected

22 city officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative populations of the city of
23 Seattle and the other cities and towns in the county. Cities and towns other than the city of
24 Seattle may appoint two persons for each of their allocated memberships in each
25 committee, each person with one-half vote. A vice-chair of each committee shall be elected
26 by majority vote of the committee members who are not county councilmembers.

27 b. The regional water quality committee is to have (~~twelve~~) nine voting
28 members. (~~Six~~) Three members of the committee, including the chair, must be county
29 councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council, and must include councilmembers
30 from districts with unincorporated residents. The chair of the county council shall also
31 appoint the chair of the committee. Each county councilmember shall have two votes. The
32 remaining members of the committee must be local elected city officials appointed from
33 and in proportion to the relative populations of the city of Seattle and the other cities and
34 towns in the county, and two members from special purpose districts providing sewer
35 service in King County. Cities and towns other than the city of Seattle may appoint two
36 persons for each of their allocated memberships, each person with one-half vote. Special
37 purpose districts located outside of the county that receive sewerage treatment services
38 from the county may jointly designate one non-voting representative to serve on the
39 committee. A vice-chair of the committee shall be elected by majority vote of the
40 committee members who are not county councilmembers.

41 2. Alternating memberships. Each appointing authority may alternate members
42 in accordance with the procedures established by the authority. The appointments must be
43 announced at the beginning of each regional committee meeting to the committee chair or
44 vice-chair and committee secretary by a person authorized by the appointing authority.

45 Each appointing authority shall identify those members to receive mailings and notices of
46 meetings.

47 3. Powers and duties of the chair. The chair of the committee has the following
48 powers and duties:

49 a. The chair shall:

50 (1) Call the committee to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a
51 quorum is present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved;

52 (2) Proceed with the order of business; and

53 (3) Adjourn the committee upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority
54 of members present;

55 b. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency
56 may impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the public
57 and members of the committee;

58 c. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the committee. The chair's act
59 of adding to, removing from or taking out of order an item on a distributed and posted
60 agenda may be appealed to the full body by members whose cumulative voting power is at
61 least two votes. The chair shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The
62 chair shall endeavor to facilitate the will of the majority of members present at all times;

63 d. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference
64 to other members. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any
65 members whose cumulative voting power is at least two votes to immediately request that
66 the decision be placed before the body. If a majority of votes present agree to the ruling of
67 the chair, the business of the committee must proceed without further debate. If a majority

68 of the votes present do not support the ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately allow
69 a procedural motion to dispense with the issue in question, proceeding until a decision of
70 the committee is secured and the business of the committee is allowed to proceed;

71 e. The chair shall provide copies to all committee members of all official
72 communications and requests for committee action addressed to the chair.

73 4. Powers and duties of the vice-chair.

74 a. There shall be one vice-chair of each committee.

75 b. At committee meetings, the vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers, and
76 prerogatives of the committee chair in the chair's absence.

77 5. Chair actions, vice-chair consultation. The chair shall consult with the vice-
78 chair in: (a) developing a draft work program for consideration by the full committee; (b)
79 setting a schedule for carrying out the committee's work program; and (c) cancelling or
80 changing the date, time or place of committee meeting. If the vice-chair disagrees with a
81 chair's proposed decision regarding such matters, the chair shall not take unilateral action
82 and shall refer such matters to the full committee.

83 C. Quorum, notice and voting. Members representing six and one-half votes
84 constitute a quorum of a regional committee. In the absence of a quorum, the committee
85 may perform all committee functions except for voting on legislation or a work program.
86 Notice of all regular and special meetings must be provided as specified in the Open Public
87 Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW, and notice must be given to members of the
88 committees, including members who at any time during the calendar year have served on
89 the committee or have been designated by their appointing authority to receive notice. All
90 recommendations of a regional committee on council referred ordinances or motions must

91 be approved by a majority of the members present and voting and must consist of at least
92 three and one-half affirmative votes. All recommendations must be signed only by
93 members who were present and voting on the matter and be made on a committee report
94 form supplied by the council. There may not be voting by proxy.

95 D.1.a. Referral to the regional transit committee. The chair of the council shall
96 refer to the regional transit committee countywide policies and plans related to the transit
97 services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. If a standing
98 committee of the council is considering an issue that, upon the standing committee's
99 subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be considered as a countywide
100 policy or plan related to transit, then the standing committee shall so inform the chair of the
101 council. The chair of the council may then determine whether the policy or plan is to be
102 referred to a regional committee.

103 b. Referral to the regional water quality committee. The chair of the council
104 shall refer to the regional water quality committee countywide policies and plans related to
105 the water quality services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. If
106 a standing committee of the council is considering an issue that, upon the standing
107 committee's subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be considered as a
108 countywide policy or plan related to water quality, then the standing committee shall so
109 inform the chair of the council. The chair of the council may then determine whether the
110 policy or plan is to be referred to a regional committee.

111 2. Regional policies committee work program. The regional policies committee
112 shall establish its subject matter through a work program adopted by ~~((ordinance by the~~
113 ~~council))~~ a majority of those committee members present and voting, with no fewer than

114 three and one-half affirmative votes, provided that the work program shall be limited as
115 provided by charter or ordinance, including but not limited to section K of this rule, K.C.C.
116 1.24.065.K. Once the work program is adopted, all regional policies and plans related to
117 the subject matter must be referred to the committee by the council.

118 3. Provisions applicable to referrals by council chair and rereferrals. Referrals
119 by the council chair or rereferrals are subject to the procedures, rights and constraints of
120 Rules 13, 17 and 26, K.C.C. 1.24.125, 1.24.165 and 1.24.255.

121 ~~((4. Proposals and recommendations. If a regional committee develops a~~
122 ~~proposed countywide policy or plan, or amendment or repeal of a policy or plan, and~~
123 ~~adopts a recommendation with respect to the policy, plan, amendment or repeal, a county~~
124 ~~councilmember may introduce the appropriate legislation to adopt the recommended policy~~
125 ~~or plan.))~~

126 E. Time for review -- committees. A regional committee shall review legislation
127 referred to it by the county council within one hundred twenty days of the legislation's
128 referral or such other time as is jointly established by the council and the committee, which
129 shall be confirmed in the form of a motion adopted by the council. However, the
130 committee may request, and the county council may grant by motion, additional time for
131 review. If the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or plan within the
132 established time limit, the county council may adopt the proposed policy or plan upon six
133 affirmative votes.

134 F. Time for review – council. The council shall amend, adopt or defeat the
135 legislation referred to a regional committee within ninety days after receipt of an initial
136 regional committee recommendation. However, upon receipt of the council chair's written

137 request for an extension of the time limit, the committee may approve the request in writing
138 by a majority vote at a special meeting or the next regular meeting of the committee.

139 G. Adoption.

140 1. A proposed policy or plan recommended by a regional committee may be
141 adopted, without amendment, by the county council by five affirmative votes.

142 2. A proposed policy or plan that differs from the policy or plan recommended
143 by a regional committee may be adopted by the county council by six affirmative votes
144 after the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all county council
145 amendments.

146 H. Amendments and rereferral.

147 1. If the county council votes before the final passage to amend a proposed policy
148 or plan that has been reviewed or recommended by a regional committee, the proposed
149 policy or plan, as amended, must be referred to the appropriate regional committee for
150 further review and recommendation.

151 2. The timeline for the committee's review after rereferral may not be greater
152 than sixty days. However, the committee may request, and the county council may grant
153 by motion, additional time for review. The committee may concur in, dissent from or
154 recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan.

155 3. The council shall amend, adopt or defeat the legislation within sixty days after
156 receipt of a regional committee recommendation following rereferral by the council.

157 I. Regional committee consideration of other regional issues. The chair of the
158 council may request that one or more regional committees examine and comment upon
159 other pending issues that are not countywide policies or plans but would benefit from

160 interjurisdictional discussion. The issues may include, but are not limited to, operational,
161 organizational or implementation measures for countywide plans and policies. This type of
162 regional committee analysis and comment is not subject to the mandatory procedural
163 requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County Charter and the county council may
164 need to act on such issues before comment from the regional committee.

165 J. The regional committee is governed by the King County Charter, the King
166 County Code and, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise, the rules and
167 procedures established for standing and special committees in this chapter.

168 K. Role of regional committees.

169 1. A regional committee shall focus on planning and policy setting in program
170 areas where it has been determined that regional service or facility planning is required and
171 in area where it is agreed the opportunity and need for the planning exist. A regional
172 committee is not responsible for routine review and recommendation on operational and
173 administrative matters such as contracts, budgets, appropriations, and fares and rates,
174 formerly performed by the council of metropolitan Seattle. A regional committee may,
175 however, deal with policies to develop fares and rates within the committee's subject matter
176 area.

177 2. The regional transit committee shall develop, review and recommend
178 countywide policies and plans related to the transportation services formerly provided by
179 the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies that must be assigned to the
180 committee include, but are not limited to, the long-range transit system and capital
181 improvement plans, service design, development and allocation policies, financial policies,

182 fare policies, facility siting policy and major facilities siting process, and review and
183 comment upon Regional Transit Authority plans.

184 3. The regional water quality committee shall develop, review and recommend
185 countywide policies and plans related to the water pollution control functions formerly
186 provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies that must be
187 assigned to the committee include, but are not limited to, water quality comprehensive and
188 long-range capital improvement plans, service area and extension policies, rate policies,
189 and the facility siting policy and major facilities siting process.

190 4. The regional policies committee shall review and recommend regional policies
191 and plans, other than transit and water quality plans, that are within the subject matter area
192 for the committee. Also, the committee may develop proposed policies and plans on issues
193 of countywide significance but, unless referred to the committee by the county council, the
194 policies and plans are not subject to the procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the
195 King County Charter. Issues that may be referred to the committee or be the subject of the
196 committee's policy development include, but are not limited to, public health, human
197 services, open space, housing, solid waste management, regional services financial policies,
198 criminal justice, jails and district court services, and regional facilities siting. In addition,
199 the regional policies committee may consider major regional governance transition and
200 consolidation issues, particularly those involving potential changes in organization and
201 responsibilities with other county, city or regional organizations.

202 L. Policies or plans proposed by regional committees.

203 A regional committee may develop and propose directly to the council, an
204 ordinance or motion adopting, amending, or repealing a county-wide policy or plan

205 regarding regional transit, water quality or other county-wide policies and plans within the
206 subject matter area of the committee. Such proposals must be approved by a majority of
207 the committee members present and voting, with no fewer than three and one-half
208 affirmative votes. For purposes of this section, the subject matter of the regional policies
209 committee shall include matters set forth in the committee's adopted work program. Within
210 120 days of introduction by the committee, the council or a standing committee shall
211 consider the proposed legislation and take such action thereon as it deems appropriate,
212 including approval, rejection, amendment and re-referral, postponement, or any other
213 action of record during a council or standing committee meeting. Within five calendar
214 days following council or standing committee action, the clerk of the council or the
215 standing committee shall notify the vice-chair of the committee of the action taken. If the
216 council amends the proposed legislation, the procedures described in Section H shall be
217 followed, except that the council's duty to act on such legislation under Section H.3 shall
218 be satisfied by approval, rejection, amendment and re-referral, postponement, or any
219 other action of record taken during a council or standing committee meeting within sixty
220 days following receipt of the legislation from the regional committee.

221 ~~(E)~~M. To assist each regional committee in evaluating countywide policies and
222 plans, the committee may conduct public meetings and hearings and request briefings and
223 other information from citizens, county, state and local agencies, business entities and other
224 organizations.

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Require Council to Act on CRC Recommendations

Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall appoint a citizen commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter. This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from each of the county council districts. *The county council shall consider the commission's report and recommendations and decide at an open public meeting how to proceed on each of the commission's recommended charter amendments.*

The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment. (Ord. 8647 § 1, 1988).

Rural and Unincorporated Affairs

PREAMBLE

We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just and orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability [for local and regional county governance and services](#), enable effective citizen participation, preserve a healthy [urban and rural](#) environment [and economy](#) and secure the benefits of home rule and self government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

220.20 Powers. [Legislative]

The county council shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The county council shall exercise its legislative power by the adoption and enactment of ordinances; shall levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets for the county; shall establish the compensation to be paid to all county officers and employees and shall provide for the reimbursement of expenses; except as otherwise provided herein shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to establish their powers and responsibilities; [shall designate within the administrative offices or executive departments a structure or structures with the power and responsibility to serve unincorporated King County](#); shall adopt by ordinance comprehensive plans including improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; shall have the power to conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist it in performing its legislative responsibilities and to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence and to administer oaths, but the subpoena power of the county council shall be limited to matters relating to proposed ordinances which are being considered by the county council, and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel. The specific statement of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the county council.

320.20 Powers and Duties. [Executive]

The county executive shall be the chief executive officer of the county and shall have all the executive powers of the county which are not expressly vested in other specific elective officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county council; [shall designate within the office of the executive a senior official with primary responsibility for the communication with and oversight of service provision to rural unincorporated King County and to urban unincorporated King County including services to facilitate transition of urban unincorporated areas to cities](#); shall be the chief peace officer of the county and shall execute and enforce all ordinances and state statutes within the county; shall serve on all boards and commissions on which a county commissioner was required to serve prior to the adoption of this charter, but if more than one county commissioner was required to serve, the county council shall appoint a councilman or councilmen to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the county council an annual statement of the

financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary; shall prepare and present to the county council budgets and a budget message setting forth the programs which he proposes for the county during the next fiscal year; shall prepare and present to the county council comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; shall have the power to veto any ordinance adopted by the county council except as otherwise provided in this charter; shall have the power to assign duties to administrative offices and executive departments which are not specifically assigned by this charter or by ordinance; and shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments. The specific statement of particular executive powers shall not be construed as limiting the executive powers of the county executive.

Section 890 Employee Representation.

The county council ~~may~~ shall enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive; and it shall designate the county executive as the bargaining agent of the county. Any such ordinance shall provide for the effective participation in bargaining by those separately elected officials who head departments that are subject to this charter. *Language controlling working conditions (including work rules, shift schedules, discipline and termination) in any collective bargaining agreement covering employees of such a separately elected county official must be consented to by that official prior to the bargaining agent agreeing to such language, proposing its inclusion in a bargaining agreement or sending the bargaining agreement to the county council for ratification. If the executive and separately elected official are unable to resolve a conflict that arises regarding such language, they shall report this in writing to the council, which shall provide guidance on how to proceed in further negotiations concerning the matter in conflict.* Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

2.16.035 Department of executive services. The county administrative officer shall be the director of the department of executive services. The department shall include the records, elections and licensing division, the finance and business operations division, the human resources management division, the facilities management division, the administrative office of risk management, the administrative office of emergency management and the administrative office of civil rights. In addition, the county administrative officer shall be responsible for providing staff support for the board of ethics.

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C. The duties of the human resources management division shall include the following:

1. Developing and administering training and organizational development programs, including centralized employee and supervisory training and other employee development programs;
2. Developing proposed and administering adopted policies and procedures for employment (recruitment, examination and selection), classification and compensation, and salary administration;
3. Developing proposed and administering adopted human resources policy;
4. Providing technical and human resources information services support;
5. Developing and managing insured and noninsured benefits programs, including proposing policy recommendations, negotiating benefits plan designs with unions, preparing legally mandated communications materials and providing employee assistance and other work and family programs;
6. Developing and administering diversity management and employee relations programs, including affirmative action plan development and administration, management and supervisory diversity training and conflict resolution training;
7. Developing and administering workplace safety programs, including inspection of work sites and dissemination of safety information to employees to promote workplace safety;
8. Administering the county's self-funded industrial insurance/worker's compensation program, as authorized by Title 51 RCW;
9. [Consulting with and R](#)representing county agencies in the collective bargaining process as required by chapter 41.56 RCW;
10. [Consulting with and R](#)representing county agencies in labor arbitrations, appeals and hearings including those in chapter 41.56 RCW and required by K.C.C. Title 3;
11. Administering labor contracts and providing consultation to county agencies regarding the terms and implementation of negotiated labor agreements;
12. Advising the executive and council on overall county labor and employee policies;
13. Providing labor relations training for county agencies, the executive, the council and others;
14. Overseeing the county's unemployment compensation program;
15. Developing and maintaining databases of information relevant to the collective bargaining process; and

16. Collecting and reporting to the office of management and budget on a quarterly basis information on the numbers of filled and vacant full-time equivalent and term-limited temporary positions and the number of emergency employees for each appropriation unit.

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(Ord. 15559 § 3, 2006: Ord. 14561 § 2, 2002: Ord. 14199 § 11, 2001).

3.16.020 Powers. The bargaining agent is authorized on behalf of King County to meet, confer and negotiate with bargaining representatives of the public employees of King County for the purpose of collective bargaining as contemplated by chapter 41.56 RCW and Section 890 of the King County Charter, and to timely recommend to the King County council proposed wages, hours, and employee benefits and other conditions of county employment for the purposes of county budgets and such collective bargaining agreement or agreements as may be required and authorized by ordinance. The bargaining agent shall not negotiate new collective bargaining agreements prior to preparing for bargaining and conferring with the labor policy committee as required in K.C.C. 3.16.012, 3.16.025 and 3.16.050. The bargaining agent shall additionally prepare for bargaining concerning departments headed by elected officials in accordance with KCC 3.16.025. (Ord. 14287 § 2, 2002: Ord. 11480 § 4, 1994: Ord. 197 § 2, 1969).

3.16.025 General provisions.

A. The bargaining agent shall establish and conduct a process to prepare for negotiations that performs at least the following functions:

1. The bargaining agent should continue to use collaborative or interest-based bargaining where both parties agree, and this chapter shall not be construed to restrict or inhibit such bargaining;

2. The bargaining agent shall cause to be developed and maintained a database of information within King County government on wages, hours, employee benefits, vacation and other leave, job classifications and substantial and factual information to provide knowledge of working conditions necessary to conduct effective negotiations. Such information shall be made available to the bargaining representatives to the extent provided by RCW 41.56.030(4), Public Employees' Collective Bargaining law of the state of Washington, as set forth by the collaborative process identified in King County council Motion 9182; and

3. The policy committee and implementation committee shall each confer with the bargaining agent to develop necessary guidelines for the implementation of this section, consistent with this chapter and King County council Motion 9182.

4. Prior to negotiating collective bargaining agreements with employees in the departments headed by elected officials, the bargaining agent shall consult with the elected official or his or her designee regarding bargaining objectives and in crafting proposed bargaining agreement language. The bargaining agent shall give due consideration to the elected officials objectives during the negotiation process. Objectives may include management ability to efficiently assign work and deploy the work force and to efficiently hire, promote and discipline employees. The bargaining agent shall also give due consideration to the short and long term fiscal impact of achieving these objectives. *In the event that the bargaining agent concludes that the cost of achieving these objectives outweighs the benefits or for any other reason chooses not to pursue an elected official's bargaining objective, the bargaining agent shall provide the elected official with a written analysis supporting this decision.*

B. The bargaining agent shall be the sole negotiator for King County government and shall bargain in good faith as provided by law. The bargaining agent shall commence and complete collective bargaining negotiations in a timely manner and in accordance with the overall principles and intent of this chapter. (Ord. 14287 § 3, 2002: Ord. 11480 § 7, 1994).

Transitional Provisions

~~350.20.30 Metropolitan Services Department Transitory Provisions:~~

~~The metropolitan services department shall be independent of all other executive departments and administrative offices of county government. The metropolitan services department shall operate the metropolitan services in order to perform the metropolitan functions of public transportation and water pollution abatement performed by the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) prior to county assumption of METRO'S metropolitan functions, and shall perform all additional metropolitan functions hereafter authorized under authority of RCW 35.58. Upon county assumption of the rights, powers, functions and obligations of METRO, the metropolitan services department shall take jurisdiction of all the assets and property, real and personal, of METRO.~~

~~The metropolitan services department shall initially have the same organizational and reporting structure as has METRO immediately prior to county assumption of METRO's functions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, for a period of two years after January 1, 1994, the county council shall not abolish, combine, or divide the administrative divisions of the metropolitan services department, nor shall it transfer the personnel or powers or duties or property of that department from one division to another, either within the metropolitan services department or to another executive department or administrative office of county government. Thereafter, any organizational changes shall not adversely affect the provision of metropolitan function services. (Ord. 10530 § 1, 1992).~~

ARTICLE 9

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

The provisions of this article relate to the transition from the existing form of government to the form of government established by this charter; and where inconsistent with the foregoing articles of this charter, the provisions of this article shall constitute exceptions.

~~Section 900 Effective Date and Elections.~~

~~The effective date of this charter shall be May 1, 1969, except that special nominating primaries and a special election shall be held on February 11, 1969, and March 11, 1969, respectively to elect the first county executive, county assessor and councilmen to be elected after the adoption of this charter. The nominating primaries and election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 610 and 620, except that the declarations of candidacy for the nominating primaries shall be filed during December 16-20, 1968; provided, however, that the declarations of candidacy for the nominating primary for a councilman district in which a county commissioner elected in 1966 or 1968 resides shall be December 23-27, 1968, if that county commissioner resigns or files a declaration of candidacy for county executive or county assessor. A candidate may withdraw his nomination in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph of RCW 29.18.030, and a vacancy on a party ticket may be filled in accordance with the provisions of RCW 29.18.150.~~

~~Section 910 Councilman Districts.~~

~~Until they are changed by a districting ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this charter, the districts of the councilmen shall be as follows:~~

~~Councilman District No. 1 shall consist of: the following precincts in Legislative Districts 44, 45 and 46 and all precincts lying north of them: 44-85 through 44-88, 45-98 through 45-100, 46-97 through 46-101, 46-106, 46-115 and 46-116; all precincts in Legislative District No. 1 except those south of precincts Juanita, Bokirk, Phyllis, Firlock and Willows; and precinct Woodinville in Legislative District No. 48.~~

~~Councilman District No. 2 shall consist of Precincts 32A-1 through 32A-51, 32B-82 through 32B-119, 43-1 through 43-29, 43-106, 45-1 through 45-33, 45-42 through 45-45, 45-54 through 45-59, 45-61 through 45-68, 45-81, 45-97, 46-1 through 46-96, 46-102 through 46-105 and 46-127.~~

~~Councilman District No. 3 shall consist of: all precincts in Legislative District No. 48 except precinct Woodinville; the following precincts in Legislative District No. 41 and all precincts lying north of them: Enatai, Bellevue No. 1, Bellevue No. 62, Bellevue No. 65, Bel Air, Beachcrest, Squak Mountain, Gilman, Tiger Mountain and Hutchison; and precincts Lorraine and Timber Lake in Legislative District No. 47. C□27~~

~~Councilman District No. 4 shall consist of precincts 44-1 through 44-84, 45-34 through 45-41, 45-46 through 45-53, 45-60, 45-69, 45-70 through 45-79, 45-82 through 45-96, 32B-60 through 32B-81, 43-85, 43-92, 43-100, 43-101, 43-103, 37-1 through 37-4, and all precincts in Legislative District No. 36.~~

~~Councilman District No. 5 shall consist of precincts 37-5 through 37-106, 43-30 through 43-84, 43-86 through 43-91, 43-93 through 43-99, 43-102, 44-104, 43-107 through 43-109, 33-1 through 33-50, 33-54 through 33-56, and 34-96 through 34-114.~~

~~Councilman District No. 6 shall consist of all precincts on Mercer Island and all of the following perimeter precincts and all precincts lying within them: 33-100, 33-101 and 33-107 in Legislative District No. 33; 35-6, 35-7, 35-9, 35-17, 35-18, 35-19, Laurel and Lakeridge in Legislative District No. 35; Bryn Mawr, Fillmore, and Renton No. 1 through Renton No. 57 in Legislative District No. 47; Olympic, McDivitt, Hazelwood, Lake Heights, Mocking Bird and Newport in Legislative District No. 41; Bellevue No. 66, Eastgate, Arline, Horizon, Willowridge and Cougar Mountain in Legislative District No. 47; Kathleen, Hi-Valley, Maple Hills, Cedar Mountain, Arthur, Spring Lake and Milwaukee in Legislative District No. 41; Fairway, Merrihill, Petrovitsky, Iowa, Darlene and Tukwila No. 1 through Tukwila No. 5; and Renthree, Thorndyke, Galway, Showalter, Riverton, Quarry, Duwamish, Boeing, Avon, 35-21, 35-16, 35-11 and 35-12 in Legislative District No. 35.~~

~~Councilman District No. 7 shall consist of all precincts on Vashon Island and Maury Island and the following perimeter precincts and all precincts lying within them: Virginia, Nokomis, Seahurst, Seapark, Shoreview, Shorewood, Seola, Qualheim, Aquaview, Greene, Wynona, Mount View, Kingston, Greendale, Marian and Sylvan in Legislative District No. 31; Florina, Emeline, South Park, Danish, Meath, Military Road, Charlotte, Val-Vue, Earleoe, Duncan, Ford, Falcon, Airport, Moriarity, McMicken, Sunrise, Emerald and Leinster in Legislative District No. 35; and Cork, Crestview, Tyee, Diane, Lakefront, Columbus, Mansion Hill, Ferdinand, Mayo, Midway, Redwood, Sequoia, Zedinick, Zenith, Des Moines No. 1 through Des Moines No. 8, Marine View, Normandy Park No. 1 through Normandy Park No. 9, Crescent, Three Tree Point and Maplewild in Legislative District No. 30.~~

~~Councilman District No. 8 shall consist of: precincts 33-51 through 33-53, 33-57 through 33-99, 33-102 through 33-106, 33-108 and 34-1 through 34-95, 35-1 through 35-5, 35-13 through 35-15; and following precincts and all precincts in Legislative District No. 31 lying north of them: 31-1 through 31-64, Sunnywood, Seaview, Oakpark, Bangor, Center, Heights, and Norfolk.~~

~~Councilman District No. 9 shall consist of the following perimeter precincts and all precincts lying within them: Lakeland, St. George, Pierce, Netac, Candlewood, Palisades, Lakota, Adelaide, Buenna, Delray, Redondo, Sounderest, Woodmont, Salt Water, Seacoma, Kent No. 1 through Kent No. 27, Roosevelt, Grandview, O'Brien, Wayne, and Sue City in Legislative District 30; Fuller, Wanda, Carriage Lane in Legislative District No. 47; Lake Desire, Shadow Lake, Riverside, Pipe Line, Dorre Don, Tahoma, Hobart, Lester, Sno Pass, Chinook, Sierra, Boise, Osceola, White River, Wabash and~~

~~Muckleshoot in Legislative District No. 41; and Stuck, Pacific City and Trout Lake in Legislative District No. 47.~~

~~As used in this section, "precincts" refers to King County Voting Precincts as they were established by Resolution No. 35545 as passed by the Board of King County Commissioners on June 24, 1968, and all prior resolutions.~~

~~Section 920 Administrative Offices and Executive Department:~~

~~The initial administrative offices and executive departments of the executive branch shall include the following:~~

~~920.10 Administrative Offices:~~

~~920.10.10 Office of Budgets and Accounts:~~

~~The office of budgets and accounts shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the county as provided in Article 4, shall prescribe the accounting procedures to be used by the county and shall check all disbursement requests to determine that funds have been appropriated and are available and that the requested disbursements are in accordance with the terms of the contract or appropriation ordinance under which the disbursement is to be made.~~

~~920.10.20 Office of Personnel:~~

~~The office of personnel shall have the responsibilities established by Article 5 and shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the chief administration officer.~~

~~920.10.30 Office of Systems Services:~~

~~The office of systems services shall establish and maintain a modern system for processing information in accordance with the needs of county government and shall provide central services for all branches of county government.~~

~~920.10.40 Office of Property and Purchasing:~~

~~The office of property and purchasing shall assign the use of all real and personal property owned or leased by the county, shall maintain all property unless its maintenance is otherwise assigned by this charter, by ordinance or by the county executive, shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property, shall contract for all services and public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all real and personal property purchased by the county.~~

~~920.20 Executive Departments:~~

~~920.20.10 Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation:~~

The department of public works, utilities and transportation shall administer the construction and maintenance of the county road system and related facilities and shall be responsible for flood control, garbage disposal and other public works and utilities.

~~920.20.20 Department of Public Safety.~~

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail and shall be responsible for civil defense.

~~920.20.30 Department of Public Health.~~

The department of public health shall administer all health programs under the control of the county including all medical services necessary to assist the department of public safety and shall perform autopsies.

~~920.20.40 Department of Records and Elections.~~

The department of records and elections: shall record, file and register all documents presented to it which by general law may be recorded, filed or registered to provide constructive legal notice and all other documents specified by ordinance; shall maintain the county archives to store all county records which should not be destroyed and which are not necessary for the current operation of county government; shall be responsible for the registration of voters in unincorporated areas of the county; and shall conduct all special and general elections held in the county.

~~920.20.50 Department of Finance.~~

The department of finance shall collect all county revenue, shall make all disbursements approved by the office of budgets and accounts and shall be responsible for investing county funds.

~~920.20.60 Department of Parks.~~

The department of parks shall operate and develop all county parks and other recreational facilities and programs and shall be responsible for public open space and other related public community services.

~~920.20.70 Department of Planning.~~

The department of planning shall prepare and present to the county council comprehensive plans for adoption by ordinance with or without amendments; shall advise all agencies of the county on planning; shall coordinate planning of the county with other governmental agencies; and shall assist the office of budgets and accounts in developing capital improvement programs and capital budgets. The department of planning shall receive and consider all zoning applications. It shall make the initial decision concerning all applications for zoning variances and conditional use permits, and its decisions shall be final unless appealed to the board of appeals. It shall consider and make

~~recommendations to the county council concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning.~~

~~**920.20.80 Department of Building:**~~

~~The department of building shall be responsible for the issuance of building permits and shall administer and enforce building codes, zoning ordinances, fire regulations and other codes and regulations assigned to it.~~

~~**920.30 Modification of Administrative Offices and Executive Departments:**~~

~~For a period of two years after the effective date of this charter, the county council shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this section and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another; except that the county council may adopt an ordinance to combine the department of planning and the budget function of the office of budgets and accounts and to combine the departments of finance and the accounting function of the office of budgets and accounts.~~

~~**Section 930 County Commissioners:**~~

~~Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or county assessor, a county commissioner elected at the general election in November 1966 or November 1968 shall be entitled to assume a position as a councilman on the county council established by this charter and shall represent the councilman district established by this charter in which he resides on September 1, 1968, in which case a special election for the first councilman for that district shall not be held.~~

~~**Section 940 County Assessor:**~~

~~Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or councilman, the county assessor elected at the general election in 1966 shall be entitled to assume the position as the county assessor established by this charter in which case a special election for the first county assessor after the adoption of this charter shall not be held.~~

~~**Section 950 Commencement and Terms of Office:**~~

~~The terms of office of officers elected at the special election on March 11, 1969, and the county commissioners or assessor elected at the general elections in 1966 or 1968 who assume positions as councilmen or assessor in the offices established by this charter, shall commence on May 1, 1969. The terms of office of the county assessor and councilmen representing even numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election 1971, have qualified and have commenced their terms of office. The terms of office of the county executive and councilmen representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973, have qualified and have commenced their terms of office.~~

~~Section 960 Compensation:~~

~~The councilmen and county assessor who take office on the effective date of this charter shall receive during their first term of office under this charter the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners and county assessors, respectively. The county executive who takes office on the effective date of this charter shall receive during his first term of office under this charter one and one-half times the compensation paid to a councilman. Thereafter all compensation shall be established by the county council by ordinance.~~

~~Section 970 The Personnel System:~~

~~970.10 Personnel Board Members~~

~~The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed and confirmed or elected by June 1, 1969. The appointed members shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a five year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term and one for a two year term; and the member elected by the members of the career service shall be elected for one year. Thereafter, any new appointment or election, except to fill out an unexpired term, shall be for a five year term.~~

~~970.20 Effective Date~~

~~The county executive shall present to the county council a proposed ordinance containing a comprehensive set of personnel rules as soon as possible, and the effective date of the personnel system shall be no later than January 1, 1970. Prior to the effective date of the personnel system, each employee shall be appointed, promoted, suspended and removed by the officer in whose office he serves.~~

~~970.30 Elective County Officers:~~

~~Every elected county officer except a county commissioner whose office is abolished or made appointive by the adoption of this charter and who holds office on the effective date of this charter shall be continued in county employment at the rate of compensation specified by general law for the office which he held on the effective date of this charter until the date when the term of office to which he was elected would have expired but for the adoption of this charter; and, thereafter, he shall be entitled to be appointed at the same rate of compensation to an administrative position covered by the career service subject to all of the rules of the personnel system including rules concerning compulsory retirement but excluding the rules concerning initial appointment.~~

~~970.40 County Employees:~~

~~A non-elective county officer or employee employed by the county on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to a similar position covered by the career service for which he is qualified subject to all of the personnel rules including those concerning compulsory retirement but excluding the rules concerning initial appointments; provided, however, that a county employee who was employed by the~~

~~county on June 1, 1968, and was involuntarily suspended, demoted or removed without just cause prior to the effective date of the personnel system shall have a preferential right to be appointed to a position covered by the career service similar to that in which he was employed on June 1, 1968. A non-elective county officer or employee employed in a position which is not covered by the career service on the effective date of the personnel system shall have the right to be appointed to a position which is covered by the career service which is as nearly comparable as possible to the position which he held on the effective date of the personnel system when he is removed from the position subject to all of the rules of the personnel system including rules concerning compulsory retirement but excluding the rules concerning initial appointment.~~

~~**970.50 Sheriff's Civil Service System.**~~

~~The sheriff's civil service system as provided by general law shall continue in full force and effect for a period of two years after the effective date of the personnel system. At the end of the two year period, the county council may by ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel system established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules adopted by the county council shall not be applied so as to decrease or eliminate any of the rights, privileges and protections granted to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system except to the extent permitted by the state constitution and general law; and, if a personnel rule cannot be applied to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system, the county council may adopt special rules which will apply only to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system.~~

~~**Section 980 Board of Appeals.**~~

~~The original members of the board of appeals shall be appointed and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following terms: two for a four year term, two for a three year term, two for a two year term and one for a one year term. Thereafter, any new appointment, except to fill out an unexpired term, and any reappointment shall be for a four year term.~~

Section 990 Transition.

~~Except as provided by this article, the terms of office of elective county officers subject to this charter holding office on April 30, 1969, shall terminate on the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are appointed or until their duties are transferred, altered or abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All boards and commissions whose functions have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued by ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions and other official actions of the board of county commissioners which are in effect on the May 1, 1969, effective date of this~~

charter and which are not inconsistent with this charter shall continue in effect until they are amended, repealed or superseded in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All rights, claims, actions, orders, obligations, proceedings and contracts existing on the effective date of this charter shall not be affected by the adoption of this charter.