



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

Ordinance 19826

Proposed No. 2024-0294.1

Sponsors Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
 2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as
 3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035; and declaring an
 4 emergency.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by
 8 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

9 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of
 10 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the
 11 organization and administration of the council.

12 C. The rules of procedure and the organizational motion have been amended
 13 from time to time to reflect changes desired by the council.

14 D. As is tradition, during the council's consideration of a biennial or annual
 15 budget, the standing committees, except for the committee of the whole, stand down so
 16 that members may meet as members of the budget committee, in a series of budget
 17 panels, to review the executive's proposed budget prior to final action. Historically, the
 18 committee of the whole has continued to meet during the council's budget process to
 19 handle matters that would benefit from committee action.

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20 E. For the 2025 annual budget, the budget panels will meet on Wednesday
21 mornings, at the time designated by the rules of procedure for the committee of the whole
22 to meet, causing a conflict that can be alleviated by moving the date and time of the
23 regular committee of the whole meeting for only that period that the council is expected
24 to be considering the biennial budget. Such an action is in support of the council's
25 consideration of the 2025 annual budget and also preserves a regularly scheduled
26 committee of the whole meeting during this same period.

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

29 **Rule 4: Meetings.**

30 A.1.a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the time of regular meetings
31 of the council is 1:30 p.m. on the first, second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
32 However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place: from April 8, 2024,
33 through April 12, 2024; from August 5, 2024, through August 16, 2024; and from
34 December 11, 2024, through January 2, 2025. All regular or special meetings of council
35 committees shall be regular or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F.
36 of this rule.

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

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43 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
44 committees, except for employment and administration committee meetings, shall be held
45 in the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
46 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee
47 meetings shall be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King
48 County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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66 e. Health and human services committee: the first Tuesday of each month at
67 9:30 a.m.;

68 f. Law and justice committee: the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00
69 p.m.;

70 g. Local services and land use committee: the first and third Wednesdays of
71 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

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

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

75 j. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00
76 p.m.; and

77 k. Transportation, economy, and environment committee: the third Tuesday of
78 each month at 9:30 a.m.

79 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the times
80 when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

95 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney
96 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a
97 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also
98 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of council committees
99 shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings whose agenda is
100 limited to the committee business.

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

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

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

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

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111 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
112 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
113 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public
114 institutions.

Ordinance 19826 was introduced on 9/24/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/24/2024, by the following vote:


Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry,
von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Upthegrove

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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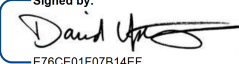
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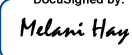
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