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1		GAMENDMENT TO	TROFOSED	DRDINANCE 2019-04/7, VERSION
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3	On page 4,	beginning on line 87, s	trike everything	through page 162, line 3682, and
4	insert:			
5	"S"	TATEMENT OF FACT	S:	
6	1.	In 1976, the King Coun	ty affirmative ac	ction committee was
7	esta	ablished, and was replac	ed in November	1995 by the King County civil
8	rigl	nts commission by Ordi	nance 12058.	
9	2.	The civil rights commis	sion was establi	shed to serve in an advisory
10	cap	acity to the executive a	nd the council or	n matters concerning
11	affi	rmative action, disabili	ty access, equal	employment opportunity,
12	con	tract compliance, fair h	ousing, minority	and woman owned businesses,
13	and	l access to public accom	nmodations to en	sure the consistent application
14	of a	all county ordinances, ru	ıles, and regulati	ions concerning these programs.
15	3.	The scope of work and	activities of the	civil rights commission have
16	din	ninished over the years	due to various fa	actors. Currently, only two of
17	the	twelve commission pos	sitions are filled	and the last civil rights
18	con	nmission briefing receiv	ed by the counc	il was on June 2010 where the

council was briefed on the commission's 2009 annual report.

- 4. For many years, the commission was the primary advisory body on county activities relating to equity and social justice, in particular the efforts to adopt the county's "Equity and Social Justice Ordinance," which is Ordinance 16948, efforts to establish the office of law enforcement and oversight, efforts to change the county name to the Martin Luther King, Jr., County and to establish the Martin Luther King, Jr., County logos, and efforts to establish the immigrant and refugee task force. However, as these activities have become a priority for the county, they have been delegated to newly established county entities such as the office of law enforcement oversight community advisory committee, the immigrant and refugee commission, and the office of equity and social justice.
- 5. The commission was also tasked with reviewing and conducting informal investigations of complaints alleging violations of county antidiscrimination ordinances that apply to King County as an employer and in unincorporated King County. However, the number of cases has decreased over time, in part, due to annexations and incorporations that have occurred in the county over the years reducing the area over which the county has jurisdictional responsibility.
- 6. The commission has historically been active in community engagement by establishing relationships with other regional human and civil rights commissions, meeting and networking with community organizations, and educating communities and the public at large on the work of the

commission. The commission included such activities in its annual work plans from 2014 through 2017; however, it is unclear whether the commission conducted such activities during those years or whether it continues to do so currently. If the commission failed to undertake these activities, the lack of community engagement activities may also have contributed to the decrease in the number of complaints that relate to violations of county ordinances related to discrimination. 7. The office of civil rights under the county executive is authorized to enforce county ordinances related to discrimination and provide staff support to the commission. However, through the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18409, the council moved the functions of the office of civil rights to the office of equity and social justice, which administratively changed the office of civil rights to a civil rights program. 8. In 2018, the county executive approached some members of the council to consider replacing the civil rights commission with an equity, civil rights and social justice commission. In response, King County Councilmembers Larry Gossett and Rod Dembowski engaged with Seattle University's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality ("the Korematsu Center") to assist in conducting research on leading practices on civil rights commissions in local jurisdictions across the United States. 9. At the September 24, 2019, law and justice committee meeting, the Korematsu Center provided a briefing, Briefing 2019-B0149, on its final report, which included research findings and the following eleven

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65	recommendations:
66	a. grant greater authority to the civil rights commission to implement
67	the county's civil rights laws;
68	b. include language in the enabling law of the commission that
69	explicitly establishes the independence and objectivity of the work of the
70	commission and its staff;
71	c. establish the commission's permanence through a new provision in
72	the county charter;
73	d. to ensure independence and representation, create a balanced process
74	for appointment of commissioners that takes into account the
75	representation and input of protected classes;
76	e. to ensure independence, create a new position of executive director
77	of the commission who would be responsible for the day-to-day operations
78	of the commission and for the appointment and supervision of staff;
79	f. reestablish an independent staff, led by the executive director and
80	separate from other offices in the executive branch, supported by
81	sufficient funding and resources to accomplish the goals and workload
82	contemplated by the ordinances;
83	g. consider whether renaming the commission to incorporate both civil
84	rights and human rights into the name will enhance community
85	engagement and inclusion in the work of the commission by indicating the
86	county's commitment to protecting the rights of all residents;
87	h. engage in a robust stakeholder process to determine the need for new

policies to address inequity proactively and propose related legislation; 88 i. consider expanding protections to additional classes of people to 89 ensure equal treatment for broader segments of the population; 90 i. update affirmative action policy based on the scope of the new state 91 92 law; and k. explore interlocal agreements with municipalities located within the 93 county that do not have the resources to enact or enforce their own civil 94 95 rights laws. 10. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights ("the UDHR") was 96 97 proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 1948, by General Assembly Resolution 217 A. The UDHR includes thirty 98 articles that proclaims fundamental human rights to be universally 99 100 protected for all peoples and all nations. 11. Historically, bodies established to address racial conflict, inequality, 101 and discrimination in local governments across the United States often 102 included "human relations" in their names. That label was so widely 103 accepted that in the late 1990s, the United States Department of Justice, 104 Community Relations Service issued Guidelines for Effective Human 105 106 Relations Commissions. More recently, however, most jurisdictions have moved away from the language of "human relations," and have moved 107 108 toward incorporating either a human rights or a civil rights emphasis, or both, into the name of commissions focused on discrimination and 109 equality. Some local governments have also made an explicit 110

111	commitment to refer to the UDHR to inform their work. The field of
112	human rights is broader, but encompasses civil rights, and including a
113	commitment to human rights would expand advancing the rights of its
114	residents. Including "human rights" acknowledges the changing nature of
115	the county's community, and its local government's commitment to
116	including and promoting the rights of all, as stated in the UDHR, and
117	serve to communicate to the community the broad vision King County
118	would take in protecting the rights of its residents.
119	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
120	SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 9 of this ordinance should constitute a new
121	chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.
122	NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout
123	this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
124	A. "Antidiscrimination ordinances" means K.C.C. chapters 2.15, 3.12D, 12.17,
125	12.18, 12.20 and 12.22 and K.C.C. 6.27A.120 and 7.08.080.
126	B. "Commission" means the King County human and civil rights commission.
127	C. "Protected class" means sex, race, color, age, gender, marital status, sexual
128	orientation, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability or use of a service or assistive
129	animal by an individual with a disability.
130	NEW SECTION. SECTION 3.
131	A. The King County human and civil rights commission is hereby established.
132	B. The organization and administration of the commission shall be sufficiently
133	independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the commission

134	adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the commission.
135	C. The commission is established to advance the human rights, including civil
136	rights, of all county residents by representing the resident's interests and to ensure the
137	principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights are applied in all
138	the county does in order to achieve equity and protect county residents from
139	discrimination.
140	NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. The commission shall have the following powers
141	and duties:
142	A. Enforce antidiscrimination ordinances and assist departments in complying
143	with antidiscrimination ordinances;
144	B. Assist departments in complying with the federal Americans with Disabilities
145	Act of 1990, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other laws and
146	rules regarding access to county programs, facilities and services for people with
147	disabilities;
148	C. Serve as the county Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator relating to
149	public access and process and respond to Americans with Disabilities Act grievances
150	under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
151	D. Serve as the county federal Civil Rights Act Title VI coordinator and
152	investigate and coordinate responses to complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil
153	Rights Act of 1964;
154	E. Propose ordinances to the council to implement and carry out the purposes and
155	provisions of this chapter which may include, but are not limited to, additional human
156	and civil rights protections that strengthen county antidiscrimination ordinances

additional human and civil rights protections to address issues of concern to county residents, new policies to proactively prevent discrimination and address inequalities at the front end that would benefit communities who have historically lacked power in the community, policies related to affirmative action and updates to the county's list of protected class based on robust community and stakeholder engagement. Community engagement shall be prioritized for communities most disproportionately impacted by inequities and discrimination such as the African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and disability communities. Stakeholders should include, but not be limited to, the immigrant and refugee commission, the women's advisory board, Section 504/ADA advisory committee, the office of equity and social justice and the various King County Unincorporated Area Councils;

- F. Promulgate, amend and rescind rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement its authority under this chapter, including but not limited to, the investigation and enforcement of antidiscrimination ordinances and implementation of affirmative action policies;
- G. Conduct and prioritize a robust and ongoing community and stakeholder engagement process to ensure community input to implement and carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter. Community engagement shall be prioritized for communities most disproportionately impacted by inequities and discrimination such as the African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and disability communities.

 Stakeholders should include, but not be limited to, the office of law enforcement

180	oversight, the community advisory committee for law enforcement oversight, the
181	immigrant and refugee commission, the women's advisory board, Section 504/ADA
182	advisory committee, the office of equity and social justice, the county auditor, the hearing
183	examiner, and the office of citizen complaints;
184	H.1. Conduct research, public forums and educational programs on social stresses
185	that impact the cohesion between groups in the county to support building of alliances;
186	2. Conduct public hearings to ascertain the status and treatment of county
187	residents based on their protected class;
188	3. Evaluate means of alleviating discrimination and bias and of improving
189	human relations within the county; and
190	4. Issue such publications as may assist in enhancing the human and civil rights
191	of all county residents;
192	I. Upon approval of the council, enter into a written agreement with any
193	governmental entity within King County, or any state or federal agency, whereby the
194	commission and the entity may agree to jointly process, transfer, or refer from one to the
195	other for processing and investigation an individual's complaint alleging unlawful
196	discrimination, sexual harassment or other human and civil rights violation;
197	J. Whenever practical, coordinate with any governmental entity within King
198	County, or any state or federal agency charged with investigating discrimination to avoid

K. Monitor and review the implementation of antidiscrimination ordinances and affirmative action policies to determine compliance and effectiveness;

duplication of effort and create effective working relationships;

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L. Lead county efforts in raising community awareness, conducting education,

assistance and information programs on human and civil rights issues and on the purpose and work of the commission;

- M. Advise the county executive, the council and the public on the following:
- 1. The county's equal employment opportunity affirmative action plan;
- 2. County policies, programs and other initiatives related to human and civil rights or that impact communities most disproportionately impacted by inequities and discrimination such as the African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and disability communities; and
- 3. Equitable allocation of county resources, with investments that are consistent with human and civil rights values, focused on people and places with the greatest needs;
- N. Adopt bylaws to support the powers and duties as required by this chapter for the executive director, staff and its own conduct; and
- O. Beginning in 2021, deliver an annual report to the county executive and council that shall include, but not be limited to, a quantitative and qualitative summary of completed and ongoing commission activities as required in this chapter, progress on the work program outlined in the prior calendar year annual report and a work program for the following calendar year. The commission shall file the report by April 15 of each year, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, county executive and the council chief of staff. The report shall be available on the county website, distributed widely to the communities most impacted by inequities and shared with the media. The commission shall provide annual briefings to media and

226	elected officials representing cities, the county and the state to ensure that the
227	commission's lessons learned and achievements are shared with the public and policy
228	makers.
229	NEW SECTION. SECTION 5.
230	A. The commission shall be composed of eleven regular members and up to five
231	special members with the following requirements:
232	1. Membership shall reflect representation from a broad range of protected
233	classes to reflect the diversity of the county's communities, with an emphasis on those
234	most disproportionately impacted by inequities and discrimination such as the African
235	American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian,
236	gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and disability communities;
237	2. All members shall demonstrate active and engaged civic participation in
238	human and civil rights and be well-versed on the issues affecting the county's
239	communities;
240	3. Membership shall reflect gender diversity;
241	4. Membership shall represent a diverse range of age groups;
242	5. At least one regular member shall have experience with investigations and
243	enforcement of human and/or civil rights or both;
244	6. At least one regular member shall have experience with the federal
245	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of
246	1973 or other laws, regulations and rules related to individuals with disabilities;
247	7. At least one regular member shall have familiarity with King County
248	government, systems and agencies;

8. All members must be residents of King County; and

- 9. A member shall not hold or campaign for elective office.
- B. One special member shall be appointed from each governmental entity within King County that has entered into an interlocal agreement with King County for the county to provide the services of investigating and enforcing antidiscrimination laws adopted by that governmental entity, in accordance with the terms of the interlocal agreement and this chapter. Appointment of a special member shall be in accordance with the procedures of the appointing governmental entity. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the term of any special member position for a governmental entity under this section shall be coterminous with the term of the governmental entity's interlocal agreement with the county. If there are six or more governmental entities that have entered into an interlocal agreement with King County for the county to provide services of investigating and enforcing antidiscrimination laws, then those governmental entities shall convene to select individuals to the five special member positions, the term of each shall be determined by the convening governmental entities but shall not exceed the term of the interlocal agreement of the governmental entity appointing the individual.
- C. For the initial selection of regular members and for vacancies of regular members thereafter, the county executive and council shall jointly announce a call for applications to seek candidates for appointment. The county executive and council shall work collaboratively to ensure that the announcement is publicized widely, in particular to those communities that are disproportionately impacted by inequities and discrimination such as the African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and

disability communities. Publicity methods shall include, but not be limited to, non-English language newspapers and periodicals, community-based organizations and community leaders with expertise and focus on human and civil rights and the county's website.

- D.1. For initial appointments of regular members to the commission, a recommending committee, comprised of two council representatives appointed by the council chair and two representatives selected by the executive, shall review the applications submitted in response to the call for applications set forth in subsection C. of this section. The committee shall prepare a list of applicants recommended as candidates for the executive's consideration. In making its recommendations, the committee shall ensure that the candidates recommended for appointment meet the requirements as outlined in this section.
- 2. For vacancies of regular members of the commission, a recommending committee, comprised of two council representatives appointed by the council chair, two representatives selected by the executive and up to three former members of the human and civil rights commission recommended by the chair of the commission, shall review the applications submitted in response to the call for applications set forth in subsection C. of this section. The committee shall prepare a list of applicants recommended as candidates for the executive's consideration. In making its recommendations, the committee shall ensure that the candidates recommended for appointment meet the requirements as outlined in this section.
- E. Ten regular members of the commission shall be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the council. The eleventh member shall be appointed by the

other ten regular members and confirmed by the council. The commission shall ensure that the eleventh member shall meet the requirements as outlined in this section.

- F. For the initial commission formation, five regular commission positions shall have initial terms of three years, three positions shall have initial terms of two years and the remainder of the positions shall have initial terms of one year. The commission shall determine by lot the initial term for each regular commission position.
- G. At the conclusion of the initial term of each appointment for regular members, all subsequent terms of each regular position shall be for three years. A commission member whose term has expired may continue to serve into the following term until a successor has been appointed to complete the term. A regular member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy for an unexpired term of a regular member shall be filled by the appointment process provided for in this section.
- H. At its first meeting after January 1 of each year, the commission shall elect from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the commission. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall preside.
- I. Regular members of the commission may remove a regular member for cause with eight regular members voting in favor of the removal, subject to approval by the council.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 6.

A. The commission may issue a subpoena to compel any individual to appear, give sworn testimony or produce documentary or other evidence reasonable in scope and relevant to the matter under inquiry and limited to the matters associated with the

authority granted under the county's antidiscrimination ordinances.

- B. An individual required by the commission to provide information shall be paid the same fees and allowances, in the same manner and under the same conditions, as are extended to witnesses whose attendance has been required in the courts of this state, excepting that city or county employees who are receiving compensation for the time that they are witnesses shall not be paid the set fees and allowances.
- C. An individual who, with or without service of compulsory process, provides oral or documentary information requested by the commission shall be accorded the same privileges and immunities as are extended to witnesses in the courts of this state.
- D. Any witness in a proceeding before the commission shall have the right to be represented by counsel.
- E. If an individual fails to obey a subpoena, or obeys a subpoena but refuses to testify when requested concerning any matter under examination or investigation at the hearing, the commission may petition the superior court of King County for enforcement of the subpoena. The petition shall be accompanied by a copy of the subpoena and proof of service, and shall set forth in what specific manner the subpoena has not been complied with, and shall ask an order of the court to compel the witness to appear and testify before the commission. The court, upon such a petition, shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed in the order, and then and there to show cause why the witness has not responded to the subpoena or has refused to testify. A copy of the order shall be served upon the witness. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was properly issued and that the particular questions that the witness refuses to answer are reasonable and relevant, the court shall

341 enter an order that the witness appear at the time and place fixed in the order and testify 342 or produce the required papers and on failing to obey the order the witness shall be dealt 343 with as for a contempt of court. 344 NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. 345 A. The commission shall appoint an executive director, who shall be confirmed 346 by the council by motion. The commission shall commit to affirmative action practices 347 and consider principles of racial justice and equity in appointing an executive director. 348 B. Under the supervision of the commission, the executive director shall: 349 1. Perform the duties included in sections 4 and 6 of this ordinance, as delegated 350 by the commission; 351 2. Upon approval by the commission, make and enforce contracts; 352 3. Propose to the commission a recommended budget; and 353 4. coordinate with county departments, governmental entities within King 354 County, any state or federal agency and any other stakeholders that would support the 355 work of the commission; 356 5. Disburse funds as authorized by the commission's budget and by county 357 ordinances; accept funds due to the county on account of the work of the commission; 358 and deposit funds received to be deposited to the county; 359 6. Upon approval by the commission, develop job descriptions, appoint and 360 remove staff, manage the work of the staff and delegate authority to staff as appropriate; 361 and 362 7. Perform other duties as assigned by the commission.

C. Neither the executive director nor staff to the commission may hold or

campaign for elective office.

- D. The commission may remove its executive director for cause upon a two-thirds majority vote of its membership and notice of that vote to the council and shall be effective thirty days after the notice to the council unless the council, within that thirty day period, by a six vote majority passes a motion rejecting the removal of the executive director.
- E. The commission shall adopt rules that specify those duties and responsibilities that may be delegated to the executive director and staff, and those duties and responsibilities that shall remain with the members of the commission.
- F. An employee from the office of equity and social justice shall staff the commission until the initial executive director is appointed by the commission.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 8.

- A. The council shall appropriate available moneys to support the activities of the commission as required by this chapter.
- B. The council shall delegate to the commission to transmit a biennial budget to the executive and comply with budgeting and reporting requirements as outlined in K.C.C. chapter 4A.100.
- C. Commission members shall receive per diem compensation of fifty dollars for attendance at one commission meeting per month. The purpose of the compensation is to alleviate financial burden as a barrier to serving as a commission member and ensure representation from communities that are most impacted by inequities and discrimination. Commission members also may receive reimbursements as authorized in subsection D. of this section. The per diem amount shall be automatically adjusted annually, beginning

387	January 1, 2021, and every year thereafter, using the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau
388	of Labor Statistics Consumer January through December Price Index for All Urban
389	Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Statistical Metropolitan Area, which is
390	known as "the CPI-U". However, if the CPI-U is negative, there shall not be an
391	adjustment.
392	D. Commission members shall be reimbursed for mileage at the standard county
393	reimbursement rate for travel to and from scheduled commission meetings, workgroup
394	meetings and community meetings, and for parking at meetings.
395	NEW SECTION. SECTION 9. All boards and commissions, county departments
396	or agencies and the officers, employees and agents of those departments and agencies
397	shall cooperate fully and in good faith with the commission to support the powers and
398	duties of the commission as required by this chapter.
399	SECTION 10. Ordinance 18665, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2.15.100 are hereby
400	amended to read as follows:
401	A person who has been injured or otherwise sustained damages as a result of a
402	violation of this chapter may file a complaint with the ((King County office of)) human
403	and civil rights commission in accordance with K.C.C. 12.22.040.
404	SECTION 11. Ordinance 14199, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.035 are
405	hereby amended to read as follows:
406	A. The county administrative officer shall be the director of the department of
407	executive services. The department shall include the records and licensing services
408	division, the finance and business operations division, the facilities management division,
409	the fleet services division, the airport division, the administrative office of risk

410	management, the administrative office of emergency management $((\frac{1}{2}))$ and the
411	administrative office of the business resource center ((and the administrative office of
412	civil rights)). In addition, the county administrative officer shall be responsible for
413	providing staff support for the board of ethics.
414	((A.)) B. The duties of the records and licensing services division shall include
415	the following:
416	1. Issuing marriage, vehicle/vessel, taxicab and for-hire driver and vehicle and
417	pet licenses, collecting license fee revenues and providing licensing services for the
418	public;
419	2. Enforcing county and state laws relating to animal control;
420	3. Managing the recording, processing, filing, storing, retrieval and certification
421	of copies of all public documents filed with the division as required;
422	4. Processing all real estate tax affidavits; and
423	5. Acting as the official custodian of all county records, as required by general
424	law, except as otherwise provided by ordinance.
425	$((B_{-}))$ C. The duties of the finance and business operations division shall include
426	the following:
427	1. Monitoring revenue and expenditures for the county. The collection and
428	reporting of revenue and expenditure data shall provide sufficient information to the
129	executive and to the council. The division shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining
430	the county's official revenue and expenditure data;
431	2. Performing the functions of the county treasurer;
432	3. Billing and collecting real and personal property taxes, local improvement

433	district assessments and gambling taxes;
434	4. Processing transit revenue;
435	5. Receiving and investing all county and political subjurisdiction moneys;
436	6. Managing the issuance and payment of the county's debt instruments;
437	7. Managing the accounting systems and procedures;
438	8. Managing the fixed assets system and procedures;
439	9. Formulating and implementing financial policies for other than revenues and
440	expenditures for the county and other applicable agencies;
441	10. Administering the accounts payable and accounts receivable functions;
442	11. Collecting fines and monetary penalties imposed by district courts;
443	12. Developing and administering procedures for the procurement of and
444	awarding of contracts for tangible personal property, services, professional or technical
445	services and public work in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 2.93 and applicable federal
446	and state laws and regulations;
447	13. Establishing and administering procurement and contracting methods, and
448	bid and proposal processes, to obtain such procurements;
449	14. In consultation with the prosecuting attorney's office and office of risk
450	management, developing and overseeing the use of standard procurement and contract
451	documents for such procurements;
452	15. Administering contracts for goods and services that are provided to more
453	than one department;
454	16. Providing comment and assistance to departments on the development of
455	specifications and scopes of work, in negotiations for such procurements, and in the

456 administration of contracts;

- 17. Assisting departments to perform cost or price analyses for the procurement of tangible personal property, services and professional or technical services, and price analysis for public work procurements;
- 18. Developing, maintaining and revising as may be necessary from time to time the county's general terms and conditions for contracts for the procurement of tangible personal property, services, professional or technical services and public work;
- 19. Managing the payroll system and procedures, including processing benefits transactions in the payroll system and administering the employer responsibilities for the retirement and the deferred compensation plans;
- 20. Managing and developing financial policies for borrowing of funds, financial systems and other financial operations for the county and other applicable agencies;
- 21. Managing the contracting opportunities program to increase opportunities for small contractors and suppliers to participate on county-funded contracts. Submit an annual report as required by K.C.C. 2.97.090;
- 22. Managing the apprenticeship program to optimize the number of apprentices working on county construction projects. Submit an annual report as required by K.C.C. 12.16.175; and
- 23. Serving as the disadvantaged business enterprise liaison officer for federal Department of Transportation and other federal grant program purposes. The disadvantaged business enterprise liaison officer shall have direct, independent access to the executive on disadvantaged business enterprise program matters consistent with 49

479	C.F.R. Sec. 26.25. For other matters, the disadvantaged business enterprise liaison
480	officer shall report to the manager of the finance and business operations division.
481	((C.)) D. The duties of the facilities management division shall include the
482	following:
483	1. Overseeing space planning for county agencies;
484	2. Administering and maintaining in good general condition the county's
485	buildings except for those managed and maintained by the department of natural
486	resources and parks and the Metro transit department as provided in K.C.C. chapter 4.56;
487	3. Operating security programs for county facilities except as otherwise
488	determined by the council;
489	4. Administering all county facility parking programs except for public
490	transportation facility parking;
491	5. Administering the supported employment program;
492	6. Managing all real property owned or leased by the county, except as provided
493	in K.C.C. chapter 4.56, ensuring, where applicable, that properties generate revenues
494	closely approximating fair market value;
495	7. Maintaining a current inventory of all county-owned or leased real property;
496	8. Functioning as the sole agent for the disposal of real properties deemed
497	surplus to the needs of the county;
498	9. In accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4A.100, providing support services to
499	county agencies in the acquisition of real properties, except as otherwise specified by
500	ordinance;
501	10. Issuing oversized vehicle permits, franchises and permits and easements for

502	the use of county property except franchises for cable television and telecommunications
503	11. Overseeing the development of capital projects for all county agencies
504	except for specialized roads, solid waste, public transportation, airport, water pollution
505	abatement, surface water management projects and parks and recreation;
506	12. Being responsible for all general projects, such as office buildings or
507	warehouses, for any county department including, but not limited to, the following:
508	a. administering professional services and construction contracts;
509	b. acting as the county's representative during site master plan, design and
510	construction activities;
511	c. managing county funds and project budgets related to capital projects;
512	d. assisting county agencies in the acquisition of appropriate facility sites;
513	e. formulating guidelines for the development of operational and capital
514	project plans;
515	f. assisting user agencies in the development of capital projects and project
516	plans, as defined and provided for in K.C.C. chapter 4A.100;
517	g. formulating guidelines for the use of life cycle cost analysis and applying
518	these guidelines in all appropriate phases of the capital process;
519	h. ensuring the conformity of capital project plans with the adopted space plan
520	and agency business plans;
521	i. developing project cost estimates that are included in capital project plans,
522	site master plans, capital projects and biennial project budget requests;
523	j. providing advisory services, feasibility studies or both services and studies to
524	projects as required and for which there is budgetary authority:

525	k. coordinating with user agencies to assure user program requirements are
526	addressed through the capital development process as set forth in this chapter and in
527	K.C.C. chapter 4A.100;
528	1. providing engineering support on capital projects to user agencies as
529	requested and for which there is budgetary authority; and
530	m. providing assistance in developing the executive budget for capital projects
531	and
532	13. Providing for the operation of a downtown winter shelter for homeless
533	persons between October 15 and April 30 each year.
534	$((D_{\cdot}))$ <u>E</u> . The duties of the fleet services division shall include the following:
535	1. Acquiring, maintaining and managing the motor pool equipment rental and
536	revolving fund for fleet vehicles and equipment, the equipment rental and revolving fund
537	and the wastewater equipment rental and revolving fund. Metro transit department
538	vehicles determined by the Metro transit department director to be intricately involved in
539	or related to providing public transportation services shall not be part of the motor pool;
540	2. Establishing rates for the rental of equipment and vehicles;
541	3. Establishing terms and charges for the sale of any material or supplies that
542	have been purchased, maintained or manufactured with money from the motor pool and
543	equipment revolving fund, the equipment rental and revolving fund and the wastewater
544	equipment rental and revolving fund;
545	4. Managing fleet and equipment training programs, stores function and vehicle
546	repair facilities;
547	5. Administering the county alternative fuel program and take-home assignment

548	of county vehicles policy; and
549	6. Inventorying, monitoring losses and disposing of county personal property in
550	accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.56.
551	$((E_{-}))$ <u>F.</u> The duties of the airport division shall include managing the
552	maintenance and operations of the King County international airport, and shall include
553	the following:
554	1. Developing and implementing airport programs under state and federal law
555	including preparing policy recommendations and service models;
556	2. Managing and maintaining the airport system infrastructure;
557	3. Managing, or securing services from other divisions, departments or entities
558	to perform, the design, engineering and construction management functions related to the
559	airport capital program, including new facilities development and maintenance of
560	existing infrastructure; providing support services such as project management,
561	environmental review, permit and right-of-way acquisitions, schedule and project control
562	functions; and
563	4. Preparing and administering airport service and supporting capital facility
564	plans and periodic updates.
565	((F-)) G. The duties of the administrative office of risk management shall include
566	the management of the county's insurance and risk management programs consistent with
567	K.C.C. chapter 2.21.
568	((G.)) H. The duties of the administrative office of emergency management shall
569	include the following:
570	1. Planning for and providing effective direction, control and coordinated

571	response to emergencies; and
572	2. Being responsible for the emergency management functions defined in
573	K.C.C. chapter 2.56.
574	((H. The duties of the administrative office of civil rights shall include the
575	following:
576	1. Enforcing nondiscrimination ordinances as codified in K.C.C. chapters 12.17,
577	12.18, 12.20 and 12.22;
578	2. Assisting departments in complying with the federal Americans with
579	Disabilities Act of 1990, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and other
580	legislation and rules regarding access to county programs, facilities and services for
581	people with disabilities;
582	3. Serving as the county Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator relating to
583	public access;
584	4. Providing staff support to the county civil rights commission;
585	5. Serving as the county federal Civil Rights Act Title VI coordinator; and
586	6. Coordinating county responses to federal Civil Rights Act Title VI issues and
587	investigating complaints filed under Title VI.))
588	I. The duties of the administrative office of the business resource center shall
589	include the following:
590	1. The implementation and maintenance of those systems necessary to generate
591	a regular and predictable payroll through the finance and business operations division;
592	2. The implementation and maintenance of those systems necessary to provide
593	regular and predictable financial accounting and procedures through the finance and

594	business	operations	division:
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- 3. The implementation and maintenance of those systems necessary to generate regular and predictable county budgets, budget reports and budget management tools for the county; and
- 4. The implementation and maintenance of the human resources systems of record for all human resources data for county employment purposes.
- 600 <u>SECTION 12.</u> Ordinance 15548, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.28.0015 are 601 hereby amended to read as follows:
 - A. Each councilmember must provide the executive with a nomination to represent the councilmember's council district. If the executive does not appoint the person nominated by the councilmember, the executive shall request that the councilmember nominate another person.
 - B. At-large positions designated for the council shall be appointed by the executive after receiving nominations from the council. When notified of a vacancy in one of these four at-large positions, the council chair shall inform the council at an open public meeting of the vacancy and seek nominations from councilmembers. At a subsequent council meeting, the chair shall inform the council of the names of all nominees received from councilmembers and that all nominations have been forwarded to the executive. If the executive does not appoint a person who has been nominated by the council, the executive must request that the council nominate other candidates for appointment.
 - C. When appointing and confirming members to boards, commissions and committees it shall be the goal to have geographical diversity and balance. The women's

017	advisory board created under R.C.C. 2.30.010, the conservation futures advisory
618	committee established under K.C.C. 2.36.070((5)) and the Harborview Medical Center
619	board of trustees established under K.C.C. 2.42.030 ((and the civil rights commission
620	ereated under K.C.C. 3.10.010)), should not have more than two members from a single
621	council district. This subsection does not apply to a board, commission or committee
622	until the board, commission or committee attains the council district and at-large
623	membership as specified in Ordinance 15548, Section 7.
624	SECTION 13. Ordinance 12058, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.55.010 are
625	hereby amended to read as follows:
626	A. ((Creation.)) There is hereby created a King County Section 504/Americans
627	with Disabilities Act ((hereinafter referred to as the ADA) A)) \underline{a} dvisory ((C)) \underline{c} ommittee,
628	((hereinafter referred to as)), referred to in this section as the 504/ADA committee.
629	B. ((Composition.)) The 504/ADA committee shall be composed of not less than
630	three individuals, subject to confirmation by the county council, including the chair. The
631	executive shall appoint the chair ((who will also serve on the civil rights commission to
632	ensure coordination of efforts)).
633	C. ((Purpose.)) The 504/ADA committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to
634	the executive in developing strategies, systems and guidelines in implementing the
635	504/ADA Compliance Workplan. The functions of the 504/ADA committee shall
636	include, but not be limited to, the following:
637	1. Review the ((504/ADA)) Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act
638	compliance workplan and make recommendations towards improving its effectiveness;
639	2. Review and monitor the progress of the ((504/ADA)) Section 504 of the

640	Americans with Disabilities Act compliance workplan; and
641	3. Review and monitor the affirmative action progress made in the employment
642	of persons with disabilities in the county's workforce.
643	D. ((Staffing.)) Appropriate staff to the 504/ADA committee shall be provided
644	by the executive, including the Section 504((/ADA)) 504 of the Americans with
645	Disabilities Act compliance specialist in such department of information and
646	administrative services.
647	E. ((Designation of Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator.)) The Section
648	504((/ADA)) of the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance specialist in the
649	department of information and administrative services is the designated county employee
650	to coordinate the county's effort to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under
651	the ((ADA)) Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations.
652	SECTION 14. The following are hereby repealed:
653	A. Ordinance 2647, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.010;
654	B. Ordinance 2647, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.020;
655	C. Ordinance 2647, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.030;
656	D. Ordinance 12058, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.10.040;
657	E. Ordinance 2647, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.050;
658	F. Ordinance 2647, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.060; and
659	G. Ordinance 6891, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.10.070.
660	SECTION 15. Ordinance 18757, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12D.020 are hereby
661	amended to read as follows:
662	The executive, assessor, director of elections, sheriff, council and prosecuting

attorney shall report biennially on the number of workplace discrimination and harassment complaints, including sexual harassment, and inappropriate conduct complaints and, when possible, informal inquiries, received by each department each year. The report shall indicate the basis or bases of the complaint, which may be race, color, gender, age, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, religion, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, domestic violence victimization, sexual orientation, honorably discharged veteran or military status, use of service or assistive animal by a person with a disability or any other status protected by federal, state or local law. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall report on the number of unfair employment practice complaints filed, the basis or bases of the complaint, the number of investigations of unfair employment practices in the reporting year and the number of findings that reasonable cause exists to believe that an unfair employment practice occurred. The first report shall be transmitted to the council by December 31, 2019. All reports under this section shall be in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy filed with the clerk of the council who, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the policy staff director.

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NEW SECTION. SECTION 16. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200 a new section to read as follows:

- A. There is hereby created the human and civil rights commission fund to assure the independence of the commission.
- B. The fund shall be a second tier fund. It is a subfund of the general fund.
 - C. The executive director of the human and civil rights commission shall be the

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- D. The fund shall be used to support the activities of the human and civil rights commission.
 - SECTION 17. Ordinance 10159, Section 14, and K.C.C. 6.27A.120 are hereby amended to read as follows:
 - A. A franchisee or applicant for a franchise shall not deny cable service, or otherwise discriminate against any subscriber, access programmer or resident on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, sex or income of the residents of the area in which the person resides. The franchisee shall comply at all times with all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations relating to ((nondiscrimination)) antidiscrimination.
 - B. A franchisee shall not refuse to employ, nor discharge from employment, nor discriminate against any ((person)) individual in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, physical disability, age, political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, sex or income.
 - C. A franchisee shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local equal employment opportunity requirements.
 - D. The franchisee shall establish, maintain and execute an equal employment opportunity plan and a minority/women's business procurement program, which shall be consistent with the intent of the county's affirmative action and minority/women's business procurement policies. Upon request, the franchisee shall file with the cable office a copy of

709	their equal employment opportunity report submitted annually to the FCC and shall file
710	with King County ((office of)) human and civil rights commission and compliance an
711	annual compliance report detailing its progress with its minority/women's business
712	procurement program during the previous year. The franchisee must also provide the cable
713	office, upon request, copies of all other reports and information filed with federal, state or
714	local agencies concerning equal employment opportunity or employment discrimination
715	laws. This subsection shall apply only to franchise agreements entered into after December
716	2, 1991.
717	E. Despite the other provisions of this section, no provision of this section shall
718	invalidate any other section of this chapter.
719	SECTION 18. Ordinance 15399, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.004
720	are hereby amended to read as follows:
721	This chapter shall be liberally construed for accomplishment of its policies and
722	purposes. This chapter shall not be construed to endorse any specific belief, practice,
723	behavior or orientation. Nothing in this chapter relating to gender identity or expression-
724	based discrimination affects the ability of an employer to require an employee to adhere
725	to reasonable workplace appearance, grooming and dress standards not precluded by
726	other provisions of state or federal law, though an employer shall allow an employee to
727	appear or dress consistently with the employee's gender identity or expression.
728	SECTION 19. Ordinance 13981, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.010 are
729	hereby amended to read as follows:
730	The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
731	clearly requires otherwise.

732	A. "Business enterprise" means a licensed business organization located in or
733	doing business in unincorporated King County or that is required to comply with this
734	chapter by the terms of an agreement with King County under K.C.C. 12.17.100.
735	B. "Charging party" means the person aggrieved by an alleged unfair contracting
736	practice or the person making a complaint on another person's behalf, or the ((office of))
737	human and civil rights commission when the ((office of)) human and civil rights
738	commission files a complaint.
739	C. "Commercially significant contract" means a contract for the provision of
740	services, including, but not limited to, construction services, consulting services or bonding
741	or other financial services, or the sale of goods that exceeds five thousand dollars.
742	D. "Contract" means an agreement to perform a service or provide goods that
743	entails a legally binding obligation and that is performed or intended to be wholly or partly
744	performed within unincorporated King County or that includes King County as a party.
745	"Contract" does not include the following: a contract for the purchase and sale of
746	residential real estate; a contract for employment; and a collective bargaining agreement.
747	E. "Contracting agency" means a person who for compensation engages in
748	recruiting, procuring, referral or placement of contracts with a contractor, and that is doing
749	business in King County.
750	F. "Contractor" means a business enterprise, including, but not limited to, a
751	company, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, excluding real property lessors and
752	lessees, contracting to do business within the county. "Contractor" includes, but is not

limited to, a public works contractor, a consultant contractor, a provider of professional

services, a service agency, a vendor, and a supplier selling or furnishing materials,

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equipment, goods or services, but does not include a governmental agency other than King
County.

- G. "Discriminate," "discrimination" and "discriminatory act" mean an action, other than an action taken in accordance with a lawful affirmative action program, or failure to act, whether by itself or as part of a practice, the effect of which is to adversely affect or differentiate between or among individuals or groups of individuals, by reasons of race, color, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender orientation or expression, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability or use of a service or assistive animal by an individual with a disability, unless based upon a bona fide contractual qualification.
- H. "Gender identity or expression" means an individual's gender-related identity, appearance or expression, whether or not associated with the individual's sex assigned at birth, and includes an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and practices pertaining to the individual's own gender identity or expression.
- I. "Marital status" means the presence or absence of a marital relationship and includes the status of married, separated, divorced, engaged, widowed, single or cohabiting.
- J. "Party" includes the person making a complaint alleging an unfair contracting practice and the person alleged to have committed an unfair contracting practice.
- K. "Person" includes one or more individuals, partnerships, business enterprises, associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers or group of persons and includes King County.
- L. "Respondent" means a person who has been alleged or found to have committed an unfair contracting practice prohibited by this chapter.
 - M. "Retaliate" means to take action against any person because that person has:

778	1. Opposed any practice forbidden by this chapter;
779	2. Complied or proposed to comply with this chapter or any order issued under
780	this chapter; or
781	3. Filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any manner in any investigation,
782	proceeding or hearing initiated under this chapter.
783	N. "Service or assistive animal" means any dog guide, signal or hearing dog,
784	seizure response dog, therapeutic companion animal or other animal that does work,
785	perform tasks or provides medically necessary support for the benefit of an individual with
786	a disability.
787	O. "Sexual orientation" means an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and
788	practices pertaining to the individual's own sexual orientation including, but not limited to,
789	actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality.
790	P. "Trade association" means an association of businesses organizations engaged in
791	similar fields of business that is formed for mutual protection, the interchange of ideas,
792	information and statistics or the maintenance of standards within their industry.
793	SECTION 20. Ordinance 13981, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.030 are
794	hereby amended to read as follows:
795	A. An individual complaint alleging an unfair contracting practice in connection
796	with a commercially significant contract may be filed with the ((office of)) human and civil
797	rights commission by or on behalf of any person who claims to be aggrieved by that unfair
798	contracting practice.
799	B. A complaint alleging that a group is being subjected to an unfair contracting
800	practice in connection with a commercially significant contract may be filed by:

- 1. Any member of the group;
- 2. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission;
- 3. A state or federal agency concerned with discrimination in contracting
 whenever the agency has reason to believe that an unfair contracting practice has been or is
 being committed; or
 - 4. A trade association that has reason to believe that an unfair contracting practice has been or is being committed against any of its members.
 - C. A complaint alleging an unfair contracting practice shall be in writing on a form or in a format determined by the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission, shall be signed by the charging party, shall describe with particularity the unfair contracting practice complained of and shall include a statement of the dates, places and circumstances and the persons responsible for the acts and practices. The complaint must be filed within one hundred eighty days of the time of the alleged unfair contracting practice or within one hundred eighty days of when the charging party, through exercise of due diligence, should have had notice or been aware of the occurrence. However, the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission shall not reject a complaint as insufficient because of failure to include all required information, if the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission determines that the complaint substantially meets the informational requirements necessary for processing.
 - D. If a complaint has been filed in accordance with this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall initiate an investigation under this chapter. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that a violation of this chapter or a rule or regulation adopted under this chapter has occurred, the ((office)) commission

shall issue an order in accordance with this chapter. With respect to violations of this chapter, the notice, service and hearings provisions in this chapter control over K.C.C. Title 23.

E. The charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may amend a complaint: to cure technical defects or omissions; to clarify and amplify allegations made in the complaint; or to add allegations related to or arising out of the subject matter set forth, or attempted to be set forth, in the original complaint. For jurisdictional purposes, the amendments shall relate back to the date the original complaint was first filed. Either the charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, or both, may amend a complaint for these reasons as a matter of right before service of notice of hearing on the matter, as provided under K.C.C. 12.17.070, and thereafter may amend a complaint only with permission of the hearing examiner, which permission shall be granted if justice will be served by the permission. All parties must be allowed time to prepare their cases with respect to additional or expanded allegations that the parties did not and could not have reasonably foreseen would be an issue at the hearing.

F. The charging party may also amend a complaint to include allegations of additional unrelated unfair contracting practices that arose after filing of the original complaint. The amendment must be filed within one hundred eighty days after the occurrence of the additional alleged unfair contracting practices and before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination with respect to the original complaint by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The amendments may be made at any time during the investigation of the original complaint if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission will have adequate time to investigate the additional allegations and the parties

will have adequate time to present the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission with evidence concerning the allegations before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination.

G. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall serve notice upon the charging party acknowledging the filing.

- 852 <u>SECTION 21.</u> Ordinance 13981, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.040 are 853 hereby amended to read as follows:
 - A. Upon receipt of a complaint meeting the requirements of K.C.C. 12.17.030, the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission shall, within twenty days, cause to be served or mailed to the respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the complaint along with a notice advising of procedural rights and obligations of respondents under this ordinance, and shall promptly make an investigation of the complaint. Each respondent may file an answer to the complaint, not later than twenty days after receipt of notice from the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission. If the respondent is unable to file a response within twenty days, the respondent may request an extension of time from the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission. The extension may be granted if good cause is shown.
 - B. The investigation shall be commenced promptly. It shall be directed to ascertain the facts concerning the discriminatory practice alleged in the complaint and shall be conducted in an objective and impartial manner.
 - C. During the investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consider any statement of position or evidence with respect to the allegations of the complaint which the charging party or the respondent wishes to submit. A person who is

not named as a respondent in a complaint, but who is identified as a respondent in the course of the investigation, may be joined as an additional or substitute respondent upon written notice to the person from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The notice, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection A. of this section, shall explain the basis for the belief of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission that the person to whom the notice is addressed is properly joined as a respondent.

D. During the period beginning with the filing of the complaint and ending with the issuance of the findings of fact, the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission shall, to the extent feasible, engage in settlement discussions with respect to the complaint. Nothing said or done in the course of the settlement discussions may be used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding under this ordinance without the written consent of the persons concerned. A prefinding settlement agreement arising out of the settlement discussions shall be an agreement between the respondent and the charging party, and is subject to approval by the ((effice of)) human and civil rights commission. Failure to comply with the prefinding settlement agreement may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.17.070.

E. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall seek the voluntary cooperation of all persons: to obtain access to premises, records, documents, individuals and other possible sources of information; to examine, record and copy necessary materials; and to take and record testimony or statements of persons reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may conduct discovery in aid of the investigation by the following methods or others: deposition upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; requests for the production of documents or evidence; inspection and physical and mental

examinations; and requests for admissions. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may sign and issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of evidence including, but not limited to, books, records, correspondence, e-mail or documents in the possession or under the control of the person subpoenaed, access to evidence for the purpose of examination and copying as are necessary for the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consult with the prosecuting attorney before issuing any subpoena under this section.

- F. If an individual fails to obey a subpoena, or obeys a subpoena but refuses to testify when requested concerning any matter under investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the King County prosecuting attorney who may petition the King County superior court for an order or other appropriate action necessary to secure enforcement of the subpoena. The petition shall:
 - 1. Be accompanied by a copy of the subpoena and proof of service;
- 2. Set forth in what specific manner the subpoena has not been complied with; and
 - 3. Ask an order of the court to compel the witness to appear and testify or cooperate in the investigation of the unfair contracting practice.
 - G. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission concludes after the filing of a complaint that prompt judicial action is necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the prosecuting attorney who may file a civil action for appropriate temporary, injunctive or preliminary relief pending final disposition of the complaint.
 - H. The results of the investigation shall be reduced to written findings of fact and a

916	finding shall be made that there either is or is not reasonable cause for believing that an
917	unfair contracting practice has been or is being committed.
918	I. If a finding is made that there is no reasonable cause, the finding shall be served
919	on the charging party and respondent. Within thirty days after service of the negative
920	finding, the charging party may file a written request with the ((office of)) human and civil
921	rights commission asking for reconsideration of the finding. The ((office of)) human and
922	civil rights commission shall furnish the charging party with information regarding how to
923	request reconsideration. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall respond
924	in writing within a reasonable time by granting or denying the request.
925	SECTION 22. Ordinance 13981, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.050 are
926	hereby amended to read as follows:
927	A.1. If the finding is made initially or on request for reconsideration that
928	reasonable cause exists to believe that an unfair contracting practice occurred, the ((office
929	of)) human and civil rights commission shall endeavor to eliminate the unfair practice by
930	conference, conciliation and persuasion, which may include as a condition of settlement:
931	a. elimination of the unfair contracting practice;
932	b. payment of actual damages including payment of lost profits not in excess of
933	the amount of monetary damage actually incurred;
934	c. payment of damages caused by emotional distress, humiliation and
935	embarrassment;
936	d. payment of attorneys' fees and costs; and
937	e. such other requirements as may be agreed upon by the parties and the ((office
938	of)) human and civil rights commission.

939	2. A settlement agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the
940	respondent and the charging party and shall be approved by the ((office of)) human and
941	civil rights commission. An order shall then be entered by the ((office of)) human and civil
942	rights commission setting forth the terms of the agreement. Copies of the order shall be
943	delivered to all affected parties and the original of the order filed with the records and
944	licensing services division. Failure to comply with the postfinding settlement agreement or
945	order may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.17.070. Each postfinding settlement agreement is
946	a public record.
947	B.1. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the ((office of)) human and civil rights
948	commission shall make a finding to that effect, incorporate the findings in the order and
949	furnish a copy of the order to all affected parties. The order shall also include:
950	a. a finding that an unfair contracting practice has occurred;
951	b. the basis for the finding; and
952	c. an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from the unfair practice
953	and to take appropriate affirmative measures, which may include:
954	(1) payment of actual damages including payment of lost profits not in excess
955	of the amount of monetary damages actually incurred;
956	(2) payment of damages caused by emotional distress, humiliation and
957	embarrassment;
958	(3) payment of attorneys' fees and costs; and
959	(4) such other action as in the judgment of the ((office of)) human and civil
960	rights commission will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, which may include the

requirement for a report on the matter of compliance.

985	the hearing to each affected party and to the ((office of)) human and civil rights
986	commission.
987	C. Each party has the following rights, among others:
988	1. To call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
989	complaint;
990	2. To introduce documentary and physical evidence;
991	3. To cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of
992	the complaint;
993	4. To impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to
994	testify;
995	5. To rebut evidence against the party; and
996	6. To self-represent or to be represented by anyone of the party's choice who is
997	lawfully permitted to do so.
998	D. Following review of the evidence submitted, the hearing examiner presiding at
999	the hearing shall enter written findings and conclusions and shall affirm or modify the order
1000	previously issued if the hearing examiner finds that a violation has occurred. The hearing
1001	examiner shall reverse the order if the hearing examiner finds that a violation did not occur.
1002	The hearing examiner may grant any relief that the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1003	commission could grant under K.C.C. 12.17.050.B. A copy of the hearing examiner's
1004	decision shall be delivered to all affected parties. The order of the hearing examiner is final
1005	unless reviewed by a court under K.C.C. 20.22.270.B.
1006	SECTION 24. Ordinance 13981, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.070 are
1007	hereby amended to read as follows:

2. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission finds the respondent willfully or knowingly committed any unfair contracting practice, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may further order the respondent to pay a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars per violation, which penalty shall be paid to the King County treasury for deposit in the county general fund.

- C. If there is a failure to reach an agreement for the elimination of any unfair contracting practice where the respondent is an executive department, division or office of the county, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may compel compliance by the executive department, division or office with any settlement agreement agreed to between the complainant and the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
- SECTION 23. Ordinance 13981, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:
- A. A party aggrieved by an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may appeal in accordance with K.C.C. 20.22.080.
- B. If the order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is appealed, the ((office of the)) hearing examiner shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of affirming, denying or modifying the order. There shall be a verbatim record kept of the hearing and the hearing examiner shall have such rule-making and other power necessary for the conduct of the hearing as are specified by K.C.C. chapter 20.22. The order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not be presumed correct. The hearing examiner's decision shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The hearing shall be conducted within a reasonable time after receipt of the request for appeal. Written notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given at least ten days before the date of

1008	A. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission has reasonable cause to
1009	believe that a respondent has breached a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement
1010	executed under K.C.C. 12.17.040 or 12.17.050 or violated an order of the ((office of))
1011	human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.17.050 or an order of the
1012	hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.17.060, the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1013	commission shall refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney for the filing of a civil action
1014	under subsection B. of this section for the enforcement of the agreement.
1015	B. The prosecuting attorney may commence a civil action in King County superior
1016	court for appropriate relief with respect to a breach of a prefinding or postfinding
1017	settlement agreement or violation of an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1018	commission issued under K.C.C. 12.17.050 or an order of the hearing examiner issued
1019	under K.C.C. 12.17.060. The action may be commenced no later than ninety days after the
1020	referral of the alleged break underlying the referral under subsection A. of this section.
1021	SECTION 25. Ordinance 13981, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.080 are
1022	hereby amended to read as follows:
1023	A. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action in King County superior
1024	court not later than one year after the occurrence or the termination of an alleged unfair
1025	contracting practice, whichever occurs last, to obtain appropriate relief with respect to the
1026	unfair contracting practice.
1027	B. The computation of the one-year period does not include time during which an
1028	administrative proceeding under this chapter was pending with respect to a complaint or

C. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action under this section whether or

charge under this chapter based upon the discriminatory contracting practices.

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not a complaint has been filed under K.C.C. 12.17.030 and without regard to the status of any such a complaint, except as provided in subsection D. of this section, but if a settlement or conciliation agreement has been reached with the consent of an aggrieved person, an action may not be filed under this subsection by the aggrieved person with respect to the alleged unfair contracting practice that forms the basis for the complaint except for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the agreement.

- D. An aggrieved person may not commence a civil action under this section with respect to an alleged unfair contracting practice which forms the basis of a complaint if a hearing on the complaint has been convened by the office of the King County hearing examiner.
- E. In a civil action under this section, if the court finds that an unfair contracting practice has occurred or is about to occur, the court may grant as relief any relief that the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission could grant under K.C.C. 12.17.050.B.
- F. Relief granted under this section does not affect any contract, sale, encumbrance or lease consummated before the granting of the relief and involving a bona fide purchaser, encumbrances or tenant, without actual notice of the filing of a complaint with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission or civil action under this title.
- G. Upon timely application, the prosecuting attorney may intervene in the civil action if the prosecuting attorney determines that the case is of general public importance.
- H. This section is intended to provide private judicial remedies for violations of this chapter that are expansive as the powers granted by the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington.
- 1053 <u>SECTION 26.</u> Ordinance 13981, Section 11, and K.C.C. 12.17.090 are hereby

amended to read as follows:

The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may implement such forms,
administrative processes and operational procedures as are necessary to implement this
chapter. The forms, processes and procedures shall be adopted in compliance with K.C.C.
chapter 2.98. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall further assist other
county agencies and departments upon request in effectuating and promoting the purposes
of this chapter.

SECTION 27. Ordinance 15399, Section 20, and K.C.C. 12.18.014 are hereby amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall be liberally construed for accomplishment of this chapter's policies and purposes. This chapter shall not be construed to endorse any specific belief, practice, behavior, or orientation. Nothing in this chapter relating to gender-based discrimination affects the ability of an employer to require an employee to adhere to reasonable workplace appearance, grooming and dress standards not precluded by other provisions of state or federal law, though an employer shall allow an employee to appear or dress consistently with the employee's gender identity or expression.

SECTION 28. Ordinance 7430, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- A. "Age" means being eighteen years old or older.
- B. "Aggrieved person" includes a person who claims to have been injured by an unfair employment practice.

1077	C. "Charging party" means any person alleging an unfair employment practice
1078	under this chapter by filing a complaint with the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1079	commission.
1080	D.1. "Disability" means:
1081	a. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a
1082	person's major life activities, either temporarily or permanently;
1083	b. a person has a record of having such an impairment;
1084	c. a person is regarded as having such an impairment; or
1085	d. a person has any other condition that is a disability under the Washington state
1086	Law Against Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW, as it pertains to employment.
1087	2. "Disability" does not include current, illegal use of a controlled substance, as
1088	defined in section 102 of 21 U.S.C. Sec. 802 as it exists on April 16, 2006.
1089	E. "Discrimination," (("discriminate" or "discriminatory act")) or "discriminatory
1090	practice or act" means any action or failure to act, whether by ((itself)) a single act or ((as))
1091	part of a practice, the effect of which is to adversely affect or differentiate between or
1092	among, individuals ((or groups of individuals)), by reasons of race, color, age, gender,
1093	marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, ancestry, national
1094	origin, disability or use of a service or assistive animal by an individual with a disability,
1095	unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification.
1096	F. "Employee" means any person who works for another in return for financial or
1097	other compensation, and does not include any individual employed by the individual's
1098	parents, spouse or child, or in the domestic service of any person.

1099	G. "Employer" means King County or any person acting in the interest of an
1100	employer, directly or indirectly, who employs eight or more persons in unincorporated
1101	King County, and includes neither any religious or sectarian organization not organized for
1102	private profit nor any governmental body other than King County.
1103	H. "Employment agency" means any person who for compensation engages in
1104	recruiting, procuring, referral or placement of employees with an employer.
1105	I. "Gender identity or expression" means an individual's gender-related identity,
1106	appearance, or expression, whether or not associated with the individual's sex assigned at
1107	birth, and includes an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and practices pertaining to
1108	the individual's own gender identity or expression.
1109	J. "Labor organization" means any organization existing for the purpose of:
1110	1. Dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms or conditions of
1111	employment; or
1112	2. Providing other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment.
1113	K. "Marital status" means the presence or absence of a marital relationship and
1114	includes the status of married, separated, divorced, engaged, widowed, single or cohabiting.
1115	L. "Party" includes the person making a complaint or upon whose behalf a
1116	complaint is made alleging an unfair employment practice, the person alleged or found to
1117	have committed an unfair employment practice and the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1118	commission.
1119	M. "Person" includes one or more individuals, partnerships, associations,
1120	organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees in
1121	bankruptcy, receivers or groups of persons and includes King County.

1122	N. "Respondent" means any person who is alleged to or found to have committed
1123	an unfair employment practice prohibited by this chapter.
1124	O. "Service or assistive animal" means a dog guide, signal or hearing dog, seizure
1125	response dog, therapeutic companion animal or other animal that does work, performs tasks
1126	or provides medically necessary support for the benefit of an individual with a disability.
1127	P. "Settlement discussions" or "conference, conciliation and persuasion" means the
1128	attempted resolution of issues raised by a complaint, or by the investigation of a complaint,
1129	through informal negotiations involving the charging party, the respondent and the ((office
1130	of)) human and civil rights commission.
1131	Q. "Sexual orientation" means an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and
1132	practices pertaining to the individual's own sexual orientation including, but not limited to,
1133	actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality.
1134	SECTION 29. Ordinance 7430, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.040 are
1135	hereby amended to read as follows:
1136	A. A complaint alleging an unfair employment practice may be filed by:
1137	1. Any aggrieved person;
1138	2. A state, local or federal agency concerned with discrimination in employment,
1139	including the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, if the agency has reason to
1140	believe that an unfair employment practice has been or is being committed; or
1141	3. Any labor organization that has reason to believe that an unfair employment
1142	practice has been or is being committed.
1143	B. A complaint alleging an unfair employment practice shall be in writing and
1144	signed by the charging party, and shall describe with particularity the unfair employment

practice complained of, the location of the practice and the person alleged to have committed the unfair employment practice. The complaint must be filed with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission within two years of the time of the alleged unfair employment practice or within two years of when the charging party, through exercise of due diligence, should have had notice or been aware of the occurrence. However, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not reject a complaint as insufficient because of failure to include all required information, if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that the complaint substantially meets the informational requirements necessary for processing.

- C. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall serve upon the charging party notice acknowledging the filing.
- D. The charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may amend a complaint: to cure technical defects or omissions; to clarify and amplify allegations made in the complaint; or to add allegations related to or arising out of the subject matter set forth, or attempted to be set forth, in the original complaint. For jurisdictional purposes, the amendments relate back to the date the original complaint was first filed. Either the charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, or both, may amend a complaint for these reasons as a matter of right before service of notice of hearing on the matter, as provided under K.C.C. 12.18.070, and thereafter may amend a complaint only with permission of the hearing examiner, which permission shall be granted if justice will be served by the permission. All parties must be allowed time to prepare their cases with respect to additional or expanded allegations that the parties did not and could not have reasonably foreseen would be an issue at the hearing.

E. The charging party may also amend a complaint to include allegations of additional unrelated unfair employment practices that arose after filing of the original complaint. The charging party must file any amendments adding the allegations within two years of the time of the additional unfair employment practice or within two years of when the charging party, through exercise of due diligence, should have had notice or been aware of the additional discriminatory act, and before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination with respect to the original complaint by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The amendments may be made at any time during the investigation of the original complaint if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission will have adequate time to investigate the additional allegations and the parties will have adequate time to present the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission with evidence concerning the allegations before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination.

SECTION 30. Ordinance 7430, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Upon receipt of a complaint meeting the requirements of K.C.C. 12.18.040.C₂, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall cause to be served or mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the complaint to the respondent within twenty days after the filing of the complaint and shall promptly make an investigation of the complaint. Each respondent may file an answer to the complaint not later than twenty days after receipt of notice from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. If a respondent is unable to file a response within twenty days, the respondent may request an extension of time from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may grant the extension if good cause is shown.

B. The ((office of)) <u>human and</u> civil rights <u>commission</u> shall direct the investigation to ascertain the facts concerning the unfair employment practice alleged in the complaint and shall conduct the investigation in an objective and impartial manner.

- C. During the investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consider any statement of position or evidence with respect to the allegations of the complaint which the charging party or the respondent wishes to submit. A person who is not named as a respondent in a complaint, but who is identified as a respondent in the course of investigation, may be joined as an additional or substitute respondent upon written notice, under subsection A. of this section, to the person from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The notice, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection A. of this section, must explain the basis for the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission' belief that the person to whom the notice is addressed is properly joined as a respondent.
- D. During the period beginning with the filing of the complaint and ending with the issuance of the findings of fact, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall, to the extent feasible, engage in settlement discussions with respect to the complaint. Anything said or done in the course of the settlement discussions may not be made public or used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding under this chapter without the written consent of the persons concerned. A prefinding settlement agreement arising out of the settlement discussions must be an agreement between the respondent and the charging party and is subject to approval by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.

 Each prefinding settlement agreement is a public record. Failure to comply with the prefinding settlement agreement may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.18.080.

E. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall seek the voluntary cooperation of all persons: to obtain access to premises, records, documents, individuals and other possible sources of information; to examine, record and copy necessary materials; and to take and record testimony or statements of persons reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may conduct discovery in aid of the investigation by the following methods or others: deposition upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; requests for the production of documents or other evidence, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admissions. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may sign and issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of or access to evidence including books. records, correspondence, e-mail or documents in the possession or under the control of the person subpoenaed as are necessary for the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consult with the prosecuting attorney before issuing a subpoena under this section.

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- F. If an individual fails to obey a subpoena, or obeys a subpoena but refuses to testify if requested concerning any matter under investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the prosecuting attorney, who may petition to the superior court for an order or other appropriate action necessary to secure enforcement of the subpoena. The petition shall:
 - 1. Be accompanied by a copy of the subpoena and proof of service;
- 2. Set forth in what specific manner the subpoena has not been complied with; and

- 1237 3. Ask for an order of the court to compel the witness to appear and testify or cooperate in the investigation of the unfair employment practice. 1238 G. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission concludes at any time 1239 after the filing of a complaint that prompt judicial action is necessary to carry out the 1240 1241 purposes of this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke 1242 the aid of the prosecuting attorney, who may file a civil action for appropriate temporary, 1243 injunctive or preliminary relief pending final disposition of the case. 1244 H. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall reduce the results of 1245 the investigation to written findings of fact and make a finding that there either is or is not reasonable cause for believing that an unfair employment practice has been or is being 1246 1247 committed. I. If a finding is made that there is no reasonable cause, the finding shall be served 1248 on the charging party and respondent. Within thirty days after service of such a negative 1249 1250 finding, the charging party may file a written request with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission asking for reconsideration of the finding. The ((office of)) human and 1251 civil rights commission shall furnish the charging party with information regarding how to 1252
 - SECTION 31. Ordinance 7430, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:

in writing within a reasonable time by granting or denying the request.

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A.1. If the ((office of)) <u>human and</u> civil rights <u>commission</u> makes the finding initially or on request for reconsideration that reasonable cause exists to believe that an unfair employment practice occurred, the ((office of)) <u>human and</u> civil rights <u>commission</u>

1260	shall endeavor to eliminate the unfair practice by conference, conciliation and persuasion
1261	which may include as a condition of settlement:
1262	a. elimination of the unfair employment practice;
1263	b. payment of back pay not in excess of the amount of monetary damage
1264	actually incurred;
1265	c. payment of other actual damages, including damages caused by emotional
1266	distress, humiliation and embarrassment;
1267	d. reinstatement;
1268	e. payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
1269	f. participation in training on fair employment laws; and
1270	g. such other requirements as may lawfully be agreed upon by the parties and the
1271	((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1272	2. Any postfinding settlement agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed
1273	by all parties, with the approval of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1274	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall then enter an order setting forth
1275	the agreement and furnish copies of the order to all affected parties. Each postfinding
1276	scttlement agreement is a public record. Failure to comply with the postfinding agreement
1277	or order may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.18.080.
1278	B.1. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1279	commission shall make a finding to that effect, incorporate the finding in the order and
1280	furnish a copy of the order to all affected parties. The order shall also include:
1281	a. a finding that an unfair employment practice occurred;
1282	b. the basis for the finding; and

1283	c. an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from the untair practice
1284	and to take appropriate affirmative measures, which may include:
1285	(1) payment of back pay not in excess of the amount of monetary damage
1286	actually incurred;
1287	(2) payment of other actual damages, including damages caused by emotional
1288	distress, humiliation and embarrassment;
1289	(3) reinstatement;
1290	(4) payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
1291	(5) participation in training on fair employment laws; and
1292	(6) such other action as in the judgment of the ((office of)) human and civil
1293	rights commission will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, which may include the
1294	requirement for a report on the matter of compliance.
1295	2. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission finds the respondent
1296	willfully or knowingly committed any unfair employment practice, the ((office of)) human
1297	and civil rights commission may further order the respondent to pay a civil penalty of up to
1298	s one thousand dollars per violation, which penalty shall be paid to the King County
1299	treasury for deposit in the county general fund.
1300	C. If the parties fail to reach an agreement for the elimination of any unfair
1301	employment practice in which the respondent is an executive department, division or office
1302	of the county, the King County executive may compel compliance by the executive
1303	department, division or office with any settlement agreement agreed to between any
1304	charging party and the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1305	SECTION 32. Ordinance 7430, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.070 are

1306	hereby amended to read as follows:
1307	A. Any respondent or charging party, after by an order of the ((office of)) human
1308	and civil rights commission is made in accordance with K.C.C. 12.18.060.B., may appeal
1309	that order in accordance with K.C.C. 20.22.080.
1310	B. If the order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is appealed,
1311	the hearing examiner shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of affirming, denying or
1312	modifying the order. There shall be a verbatim record kept of the hearing. The hearing
1313	examiner has such rule-making and other powers necessary for the conduct of the hearing
1314	as are specified by K.C.C. chapter 20.22. The order of the ((office-of)) human and civil
1315	rights commission shall not be presumed correct. The hearing examiner's decision shall be
1316	based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The hearing shall be conducted within a
1317	reasonable time after receipt of the request for appeal. Written notice of the time and place
1318	of the hearing shall be given at least ten days before the date of the hearing to each affected
1319	party and to the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1320	C. Each party may, among exercising other rights:
1321	1. Call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
1322	complaint;
1323	2. Introduce documentary and physical evidence;
1324	3. Cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
1325	complaint;
1326	4. Impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to
1327	testify;

5. Rebut evidence against the party; and

1329	6. Self-represent or be represented by anyone of the party's choice who is lawfully
1330	permitted to do so.
1331	D. Following review of the evidence submitted, the hearing examiner presiding at
1332	the hearing shall enter written findings and conclusions and shall affirm or modify the order
1333	previously issued if the hearing examiner finds that a violation occurred. The hearing
1334	examiner shall reverse the order if the hearing examiner finds that a violation did not occur.
1335	The hearing examiner may grant as relief any relief that the ((office of)) human and civil
1336	rights commission could grant under K.C.C. 12.18.060.B. A copy of the hearing
1337	examiner's decision shall be delivered to all affected parties. The order of the hearing
1338	examiner is final unless reviewed by a court under K.C.C. 20.22.270.B.
1339	SECTION 33. Ordinance 7430, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.080 are
1340	hereby amended to read as follows:
1341	A. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission has reasonable cause to
1342	believe that a respondent breached a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement
1343	executed under K.C.C. 12.18.050 or 12.18.060, or violated an order of the ((office of))
1344	human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.18.060 or an order of the
1345	hearing examiner issued in accordance with K.C.C. 12.18.070, the ((office of)) human and
1346	civil rights commission shall refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney for the filing of a
1347	civil action under subsection B. of this section for the enforcement of the agreement.
1348	B. The prosecuting attorney may commence a civil action in superior court for
1349	appropriate relief with respect to a breach of a prefinding or postfinding settlement

agreement executed under K.C.C. 12.18.050 or 12.18.060, or a violation of an order of the

((office of)) human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.18.060 or an order

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of the hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.18.070. This action may be commenced no later than ninety days after the referral of the alleged breach under subsection A. of this section.

SECTION 34. Ordinance 15399, Section 17, and K.C.C. 12.18.085 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action in superior court not later than three years after the occurrence or termination of an alleged unfair employment practice or ninety days after a determination of reasonable cause is issued by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, whichever occurs last, to obtain appropriate relief with respect to the unfair employment practice.

B. A civil action may be filed under this section whether or not an administrative complaint has been filed under K.C.C. 12.18.040 and without regard to the status of such a complaint. However, if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission obtained a prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement with the consent of the aggrieved person, an action may not be filed under this section by the aggrieved person with respect to the alleged unfair employment practice that forms the basis for the complaint except for the purpose of enforcing the agreement. To preclude such a filing, the prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement must include language that the aggrieved person knowingly waives any right to file a civil action based on the same alleged unfair employment practice.

C. Subject to subsection D. of this section, after the filing of a civil action involving the same claim or arising from the same facts and circumstances, whether under this chapter or similar law, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may

administratively close a complaint of an unfair employment practice.

- D. If a court dismisses a private cause of action without reaching the merits and on grounds that would not preclude pursuit of a complaint under this chapter, the charging party may request, within ninety days of the entry of the court's order of dismissal, that the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission reopen a previously filed case. Upon such a request, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may reopen a case that was administratively closed upon the filing of a civil action. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission closes a case based on a "no reasonable cause" finding, the case shall not be reopened except as provided through reconsideration under K.C.C. 12.18.050.
- E. A charging party or aggrieved person may not secure relief from more than one governmental agency, instrumentality or tribunal for the same harm or injury.
- F. An aggrieved person may not commence a civil action under this section with respect to an alleged unfair employment practice that forms the basis of a complaint if a hearing on the complaint has been convened under K.C.C. 12.18.070.
- G. In a civil action under this section, if the court finds that a unfair practice occurred, the court may grant such relief as is available for violations of the Washington state Law Against Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW.
- H. Upon timely application, the prosecuting attorney may intervene in the civil action if the prosecuting attorney determines that the case is of general public importance.
- I. This section is intended to provide private judicial remedies for violations of this chapter that are as expansive as the powers granted by the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington.

1398	SECTION 35. Ordinance 7439, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.090 are
1399	hereby amended to read as follows:
1400	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may implement such forms,
1401	administrative processes and operational procedures as are necessary to comply with this
1402	chapter. The forms, processes and procedures shall be adopted in compliance with K.C.C.
1403	chapter 2.98.
1404	SECTION 36. Ordinance 13263, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.097
1405	are hereby amended to read as follows:
1406	A. If a complaint filed under this chapter, ((office of)) human and civil rights
1407	commission shall initiate an investigation under this chapter.
1408	B. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that a
1409	violation of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted under this chapter occurred,
1410	the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall issue an order in accordance
1411	with this chapter. For the enforcement of this chapter, if a conflict exists between this
1412	chapter and K.C.C. Title 23, this chapter controls over K.C.C. Title 23.
1413	SECTION 37. Ordinance 5280, Section 2, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.020 are
1414	hereby amended to read as follows:
1415	The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
1416	clearly requires otherwise.
1417	A. "Aggrieved person" includes a person who:
1418	1. Claims to have been injured by an unfair housing practice; or
1419	2. Believes that the person will be injured by an unfair housing practice that is
1420	about to occur.

1421	B. "Alternative source of income" means lawful, verifiable income derived from
1422	sources other than wages, salaries, or other compensation for employment. It includes but
1423	is not limited to moneys derived from Social Security benefits, other retirement programs,
1424	supplemental security income, unemployment benefits, child support, the state Aged, Blind
1425	or Disabled Cash Assistance Program, state Refugee Cash Assistance and any other
1426	federal, state, local government, private or nonprofit-administered cash benefit program.
1427	C. "Charging party" means any person alleging an ((unfair housing practice)) act of
1428	discrimination in a place of public accommodation under this chapter by filing a complaint
1429	with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1430	D.1. "Disability" means:
1431	a. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a
1432	person's major life activities, either temporarily or permanently;
1433	b. a person has a record of having such an impairment;
1434	c. a person is regarded as having such an impairment; or
1435	d. a person has any other condition that is a disability under the Washington state
1436	Law Against Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW, as it pertains to real estate and housing.
1437	2. "Disability" does not include current, illegal use of a controlled substance, as
1438	defined in section 102 of 21 U.S.C. Sec. 802 as it exists on April 16, 2006.
1439	E. "Discriminate" or "discriminatory practice or act" means any action or failure
1440	to act, whether by <u>a</u> single act or as part of a practice, the effect of which is to adversely
1441	affect or differentiate between or among individuals or groups of individuals, because of
1442	race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, parental status,
1443	participation in the Section 8 program or other housing subsidy program, alternative

source of income, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or use of a service or assistive animal by an individual with a disability.

- F. "Dwelling" or "dwelling unit" mean any building, structure or portion of a building or structure that is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families or individuals, and any vacant land that is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such a building, structure or portion of a building or structure.
- G. "Gender identity or expression" means an individual's gender-related identity, appearance, or expression, whether or not associated with the individual's sex assigned at birth, and includes an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and practices pertaining to the individual's own gender identity or expression.
- H. "Housing accommodations" means any dwelling or dwelling unit, rooming unit, rooming house, lot or parcel of land in unincorporated King County that is used, intended to be used or arranged or designed to be used as, or improved with, a residential structure for one or more human beings.
- I. "Marital status" means the presence or absence of a marital relationship and includes the status of married, separated, divorced, engaged, widowed, single or cohabiting.
- J.1. "Parental status" means one or more individuals, who have not attained the age of eighteen years, being domiciled with:
- a. a parent or another person having legal custody of the individual or individuals; or
- b. the designee of such a parent or other person having the custody, with the written permission of the parent or other person.

1467	2. The protections afforded against discrimination on the basis of familial status
1468	apply to a person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of an
1469	individual who has not attained the age of eighteen years.
1470	K. "Participation in the Section 8 program ((or other housing subsidy program))"
1471	means participating in a ((short-or long-term)) federal, state or local government((, private,
1472	nonprofit or other assistance)) program in which a tenant's rent is paid either partially ((or
1473	completely)) by the program((, through a direct arrangement between the program)) and the

1475 limited to, the federal Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers, state Housing and

owner or lessor of the real property((. Other housing subsidy programs include, but are not

Essential Needs funds and short-term rental assistance provided by rapid rehousing

1477 subsidies)), and partially by the tenant.

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- L. "Party" includes the person charging or making a complaint or upon whose behalf a complaint is made alleging an unfair practice, the person alleged or found to have committed an unfair practice and the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
- M. "Person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees and receivers or any group of persons; including any owner, lessee, proprietor, housing manager, agent or employee whether one or more natural persons. "Person" also includes any political or civil subdivisions of the state and any agency or instrumentality of the state or of any political or civil subdivision of the state.
- N. "Real estate transaction" includes, but is not limited to, the sale, conveyance, exchange, purchase, rental, lease or sublease of real property.
 - O. "Real estate-related transaction" means any of the following:

1490	1. The making or purchasing of loans or providing other financial assistance:
1491	a. for purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing or maintaining real
1492	property; or
1493	b. secured by real property; or
1494	2. The selling, brokering or appraising of real property.
1495	P. "Real property" includes, but is not limited to, buildings, structures, real estate,
1496	lands, tenements, leaseholds, interests in real estate cooperatives, condominiums, and
1497	hereditaments, corporeal and incorporeal, or any interest therein.
1498	Q. "Respondent" means any person who is alleged or found to have committed an
1499	unfair practice prohibited by this chapter.
1500	R. "Senior citizens" means persons who are sixty-two years of age or older.
1501	S. "Service or assistive animal" means a dog guide, signal or hearing dog, seizure
1502	response dog, therapeutic companion animal or other animal that does work, performs task
1503	or provides medically necessary support for the benefit of an individual with a disability.
1504	T. "Settlement discussions" and "conference, conciliation and persuasion" mean
1505	the attempted resolution of issues raised by a complaint, or by the investigation of a
1506	complaint, through informal negotiations involving the charging party, the respondent and
1507	the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1508	U. "Sexual orientation" means an individual's attitudes, preferences, belief and
1509	practices pertaining to the individual's own sexual orientation including, but not limited
1510	to, actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality.
1511	V. "Verifiable" means the source of income can be confirmed as to its amount or
1512	receipt.

1513	SECTION 38. Ordinance 5280, Section 4, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.070 are
1514	hereby amended to read as follows:
1515	A. A complaint alleging an unfair housing practice may be filed by:
1516	1. Any aggrieved person; or
1517	2. Any state, local or federal agency concerned with discrimination in housing,
1518	including the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission has reason to believe that an
1519	unfair housing practice has been or is being committed.
1520	B. A complaint alleging an unfair housing practice shall be in writing and signed
1521	by the charging party. The complaint must be filed by the charging party with the ((office
1522	of)) human and civil rights commission within three hundred sixty-five days after the
1523	occurrence or termination of the alleged unfair housing practice. The complaint must
1524	describe with particularity the practice complained of and the location of the practice and
1525	must identify the person being charged with committing an unfair housing practice.
1526	However, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not reject a complaint
1527	as insufficient because of failure to include all required information, if the ((office of))
1528	human and civil rights commission determines that the complaint substantially meets the
1529	informational requirements necessary for processing.
1530	C. Upon the receipt of a complaint alleging an unfair housing practice, the ((office
1531	of)) human and civil rights commission shall serve notice upon the charging party
1532	acknowledging the filing and advising the charging party of the time limits provided under
1533	this chapter and of the choice of forums provided by this chapter.
1534	D. The charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may
1535	amend a complaint: to cure technical defects or omissions; to clarify and amplify

allegations made in the complaint; or to add allegations related to or arising out of the subject matter set forth, or attempted to be set for, in the original complaint. For jurisdictional purposes, the amendments relate back to the date the original complaint was first filed. Either the charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, or both, may amend a complaint for these reasons as a matter of right before service of notice of hearing on the matter, as provided under K.C.C. 12.20.100, and thereafter may amend a complaint only with permission of the hearing examiner, which permission shall be granted if justice will be served by the permission, and all parties shall be allowed time to prepare their case with respect to additional or expanded allegations they did not and could not have reasonably foreseen would be an issue at the hearing.

E. The charging party may also amend a complaint to include allegations of additional unrelated discriminatory practices that arose after the filing of the original complaint. The charging party must file any amendments adding the allegations within three hundred sixty-five days after the occurrence or termination of the additional discriminatory practices and before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination with respect to the original complaint by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The amendments may be made at any time during the investigation of the original complaint if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission will have adequate time to investigate the additional allegations and the parties will have adequate time to present the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission with evidence concerning the allegations before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination.

SECTION 39. Ordinance 5280, Section 5, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.080 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. After the filing of a complaint, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall cause to be served on or mailed to the respondent, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the complaint, along with a notice advising of procedural rights and obligations of respondents under this chapter promptly and in no case longer than twenty days after the filing the complaint. Each respondent may file an answer to the complaint, not later than ten days after receipt of notice from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. If the respondent is unable to file a response within ten days, the respondent may request an extension of time from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, not to exceed five days. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may grant the extension if good cause is shown.

B. The investigation shall be commenced promptly and in no event later than thirty days after receipt of the complaint. It shall be directed to ascertain the facts concerning the unfair practice alleged in the complaint and shall be conducted in an objective and impartial manner. The investigation shall be completed within one hundred days after the filing of the complaint, unless it is impracticable to do so. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is unable to complete the investigation within the one hundred days, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall notify the charging party and respondent, in writing, of the reasons for not doing so. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall make final administrative disposition of a complaint within one year of the date of receipt of the complaint, unless it is impracticable to do so. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is unable to do so, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall notify the charging party and respondent, in writing, of the reasons for not doing so.

C. During the investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consider any statement of position or evidence with respect to the allegations of the complaint that the charging party or the respondent wishes to submit.

- D. A person who is not named as a respondent in a complaint, but who is identified as a respondent in the course of investigation, may be joined as an additional or substitute respondent upon written notice, under subsection A. of this section, to the person from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The notice, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection A. of this section, shall explain the basis for the belief of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission that the person to whom the notice is addressed is properly joined as a respondent.
- E. During the period beginning with the filing of the complaint and ending with the issuance of the findings of fact, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall, to the extent feasible, engage in settlement discussions with respect to the complaint. Nothing said or done in the course of the settlement discussions may be made public or used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding under this chapter without the written consent of the persons concerned. A prefinding settlement agreement arising out of the settlement discussions shall be an agreement between the respondent and the charging party, and is subject to approval by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. Each prefinding settlement agreement is a public record. Failure to comply with the prefinding settlement agreement may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.20.120.
- F. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall seek the voluntary cooperation of all persons to: obtain access to premises, records, documents, individuals and other possible sources of information; examine, record and copy necessary materials;

and take and record testimony or statements of persons reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may conduct discovery in aid of the investigation by the following methods or others: deposition upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; requests for the production of documents or evidence, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admissions. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may sign and issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of evidence including books, records, correspondence, e-mail or documents in the possession or under the control of the person subpoenaed and access to evidence for the purpose of examination and copying as are necessary for the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consult with the prosecuting attorney before issuing any subpoena under this section.

- G. If an individual fails to obey a subpoena, or obeys a subpoena but refuses to testify when requested concerning any matter under investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the prosecuting attorney, who shall petition to the superior court for an order or other appropriate action necessary to secure enforcement of the subpoena. The petition shall:
 - 1. Be accompanied by a copy of the subpoena and proof of service;
- 2. Set forth in what specific manner the subpoena has not been complied with;and
 - 3. Ask for an order of the court to compel the witness to appear and testify or cooperate in the investigation of the unfair housing practice.
 - H. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission concludes at any time

after the filing of a complaint that prompt judicial action is necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the prosecuting attorney, who shall file a civil action for appropriate temporary, injunctive or preliminary relief pending final disposition of the case.

- I. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall reduce the results of the investigation to written findings of fact and make a finding that there either is or is not reasonable cause for believing that an unfair housing practice has been or is being committed.
- J. If a finding is made that there is no reasonable cause, the finding shall be served on the charging party and respondent. Within thirty days after service of such a negative finding, the charging party may file a written request with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission asking for reconsideration of the finding. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall furnish the charging party with information regarding how to request reconsideration. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall respond in writing within a reasonable time by granting or denying the request.

SECTION 40. Ordinance 5280, Section 6, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.090 are hereby amended to read as follows:

- A.1. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission makes the finding initially or on request for reconsideration that reasonable cause exists to believe that an unfair housing practice occurred or is about to occur, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall endeavor to eliminate the unfair practice by conference, conciliation and persuasion, which may include as a condition of settlement the:
 - a. elimination of the unfair housing practice;

1651	b. payment of actual damages, including damages caused by emotional distress,
1652	humiliation and embarrassment;
1653	c. reinstatement to tenancy;
1654	d. payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
1655	e. payment of a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest up to the limits in 42
1656	U.S.C. Sec. 3612(g)(3) and 24 C.F.R. 180.671(2003), as they exist on April 16, 2006,
1657	which penalty shall be paid to King County for deposit in the county general fund;
1658	f. participation in training on fair housing laws; and
1659	g. such other requirements as may lawfully be agreed upon by the parties and the
1660	((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1661	2. Any postfinding settlement agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed
1662	by all parties, with the approval of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
1663	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall then enter an order setting forth
1664	the agreement and furnish copies of the order to all affected parties. Failure to comply with
1665	the postfinding agreement or order may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.20.120. Each
1666	postfinding settlement agreement is a public record.
1667	B.1. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the ((office of)) human and civil rights
1668	commission shall make a finding to that effect, incorporate the finding in an order, and
1669	furnish a copy of the order to all affected parties. The order shall also include:
1670	a. a finding that an unfair housing practice is about to occur or has occurred;
1671	b. the basis for the finding; and
1672	c. an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from such unfair practice
1673	and to take appropriate affirmative action, including:

16/4	(1) payment of actual damages, including damages caused by emotional
1675	distress, humiliation and embarrassment;
1676	(2) reinstatement to tenancy;
1677	(3) payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
1678	(4) participation in training on fair housing laws; and
1679	(5) such other action as in the judgment of the ((office of)) human and civil
1680	rights commission will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, which may include the
1681	requirement for report on the matter of compliance, injunctive relief and the payment of a
1682	civil penalty to vindicate the public interest up to the limits set out in 42 U.S.C. Sec.
1683	3612(g)(3) as it exists on April 16, 2006.
1684	SECTION 41. Ordinance 10469, Section 11, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.095 are
1685	hereby amended to read as follows:
1686	In the case of an order with respect to a discriminatory housing practice that
1687	occurred in the course of a business subject to a licensing or regulation by a governmental
1688	agency, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall, not later than thirty days
1689	after the date of the issuance of the order or, if the order is appealed pursuant to K.C.C.
1690	12.20.100, thirty days after the order is in substance affirmed upon the review:
1691	A. Send copies of the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the order, to that
1692	governmental agency; and
1693	B. Recommend to that governmental agency appropriate disciplinary action
1694	including, if appropriate, the suspension or revocation of the license of the respondent.
1695	SECTION 42. Ordinance 5280, Section 7, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.100 are
1696	hereby amended to read as follows:

A.1. Any charging party, respondent or aggrieved person on whose behalf the 1697 finding was made, after an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is 1698 made in accordance with K.C.C. 12.20.090.B., may appeal the order by electing to have the 1699 claims on which reasonable cause was found decided in a civil action under K.C.C. 1700 12.20.124 or in a hearing before the hearing examiner. The ((office of)) human and civil 1701 rights commission shall provide the charging party, respondent and aggrieved person on 1702 whose behalf the finding was made with information regarding how to make the election. 1703 This election must be made not later than thirty days after the receipt by the electing person 1704 1705 of service of the order. The person making the election shall give notice of the election stating which forum is elected to the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission and to 1706 all other charging parties and respondents to whom the complaint relates. The notice of 1707 1708 election should identify clearly and specifically:

- a. the errors that the appellant believes were made in the action or decision that is being appealed, or the procedural irregularities associated with that action or decision;
 - b. specific reasons by the county's action should be reversed or modified; and
- c. the desired outcome of the appeal.

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- 2. Any order issued by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission under K.C.C. 12.20.090.B. becomes final thirty days after service of the order unless a written notice of election is filed with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission within the thirty-day period. If the order becomes final, parties violating the order are subject to the enforcement provisions of K.C.C. 12.20.120.
 - B. If no election of civil action is made, and an election for hearing is made, the complaint, any and all findings made and either affirmative action measures or civil

1720	penalties, or both, required shall be certified by the ((office of)) human and civil rights
721	commission to the ((office of the)) hearing examiner for hearing.
722	C. A hearing shall be conducted by the ((office of the)) hearing examiner for the
723	purpose of affirming, denying or modifying the order. There shall be a verbatim record
724	kept of the hearing. The hearing examiner shall have such rule-making and other powers
725	necessary for conduct of the hearing as are specified by K.C.C. chapter 20.22. The ((office
726	of)) human and civil rights commission shall maintain the action and the order of the
727	((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not be presumed correct. The hearing
728	examiner's decision shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The hearing
729	shall be conducted within a reasonable time after receipt of the certification. Written notice
730	of the time and place of the hearing shall be given at least ten days before the date of the
731	hearing to each affected party and to the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
732	D. Each party may, among exercising other rights:
733	1. Call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
734	complaint;
735	2. Introduce documentary and physical evidence;
736	3. Cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
737	complaint;
738	4. Impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to
739	testify;
740	5. Rebut evidence against the party; and
741	6. Self-represent or be represented by anyone of the party's choice who is lawfully

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permitted to do so.

E. Following review of the evidence submitted, the hearing examiner presiding at the hearing shall enter written findings and conclusions and shall affirm or modify the order previously issued if the hearing examiner finds that a violation is about to occur or occurred. The hearing examiner shall reverse the order if the hearing examiner finds that a violation is not about to occur or did not occur. The hearing examiner may grant as relief any relief that the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission could grant under K.C.C. 12.20.090.B. A copy of the hearing examiner's findings, conclusions and decision shall be served on all affected parties. The order of the hearing examiner is final unless reviewed by a court under K.C.C. 20.22.270.B.

SECTION 43. Ordinance 5280, Section 9, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.120 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission has reasonable cause to believe that a respondent breached a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement executed under K.C.C. 12.20.080 or 12.20.090 or violated an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.20.090 or an order of the hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.20.100, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney for the filing of a civil action under subsection B. of this section for the enforcement of the agreement.

B. The prosecuting attorney may commence a civil action in superior court for appropriate relief with respect to breach of a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement executed under K.C.C. 12.20.080 or 12.20.090, or violation of an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.20.090 or an order of the hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.20.100. This action may be commenced

no later than ninety days after the referral of the alleged breach under subsection A. of thissection.

- SECTION 44. Ordinance 10469, Section 13, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.122 are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1770 A. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action in superior court not later
 1771 than one year after the occurrence or the termination of an alleged discriminatory housing
 1772 practice, whichever occurs last, to obtain appropriate relief with respect to such
 1773 discriminatory housing practice.
 - B. The computation of the one-year period shall not include any time during which an administrative proceeding under this chapter was pending with respect to a complaint or charge under this chapter based upon the discriminatory housing practices.
 - C. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action under this section whether or not a complaint has been filed under K.C.C. 12.20.070 and without regard to the status of any such complaint. However, if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has obtained a prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement with the consent of an aggrieved person, an action may not be filed under this section by the aggrieved person with respect to the alleged discriminatory housing practice that forms the basis for the complaint except for the purpose of enforcing the agreement. To preclude such a filing, the prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement must include language that the charging party knowingly waives any right to file a civil action based on the same alleged unfair housing practice.
 - D. Subject to subsection E. of this section, after the filing of a civil action

involving the same claim or arising from the same facts and circumstances, whether under this chapter or similar law, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may administratively close a complaint of an unfair housing practice.

E. If a court dismisses a private cause of action without reaching the merits and on grounds that would not preclude pursuit of a complaint under this chapter, the charging party may request, within ninety days of the entry of the court's order of dismissal, that the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission reopen a previously filed case. Upon such a request, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may reopen a case that was administratively closed upon the filing of a civil action. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission closes a case based on a "no reasonable cause" finding, the case shall not be reopened except as provided through reconsideration under K.C.C. 12.20.080. A charging party or aggrieved person may not secure relief from more than one governmental agency, instrumentality or tribunal for the same harm or injury.

- F. An aggrieved person may not commence a civil action under this section with respect to an alleged discriminatory housing practice that forms the basis of a complaint if a hearing on the complaint has been convened by the office of the hearing examiner.
- G. In a civil action under subsection A., of this section, if the court finds that a discriminatory practice occurred or is about to occur, the court may order remedies as allowed by 42 U.S.C. 3613 (c) as it exists on April 16, 2006, including punitive damages as provided in 42 U.S.C. 3613(c), and, subject to the restrictions of subsection H. of this section, may grant as relief, as the court deems appropriate, any permanent or temporary injunction, temporary restraining order or other order, including an order enjoining the

1812	defendant from engaging in the practice or ordering such affirmative action as might be
1813	appropriate. The court may also allow reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing
1814	party.
1815	H. Relief granted under this section shall not affect any contract, sale, encumbrance
1816	or lease consummated before the granting of the relief and involving a bona fide purchaser,
1817	encumbrances or tenant, without actual notice of the filing of a complaint with the ((office
1818	of)) human and civil rights commission or civil action under this chapter.
1819	I. Upon timely application, the prosecuting attorney may intervene in the civil
1820	action if the prosecuting attorney determines that the case is of general public importance.
1821	J. This section is intended to provide private judicial remedies for violations of this
1822	chapter that are as expansive as the powers granted by the Constitution of laws of the state
1823	of Washington.
1824	SECTION 45. Ordinance 10469, Section 14, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.124 are
1825	hereby amended to read as follows:
1826	A. If an election is made under K.C.C. 12.20.100 for the claims to be decided in a
1827	civil action, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall authorize and, not
1828	later than thirty days after the election is made, shall commence, on behalf of the charging
1829	party, a civil action in superior court to affirm or modify the order of the ((office of))
1830	human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.20.090.
1831	B. Any aggrieved person with respect to the issues to be determined in a civil
1832	action under this section may intervene as of right in that civil action.
1833	C. In a civil action under this section, if the court finds that a discriminatory

housing practice has occurred, or is about to occur, the court may grant as relief any relief

1033	which a court could grant with respect to such discriminatory housing practice in a civil
1836	action under K.C.C. 12.20.122. Any relief so granted that would accrue to an aggrieved
1837	person in a civil action commenced by that aggrieved person under K.C.C. 12.20.122 also
1838	accrues to that aggrieved person in a civil action under this section. If monetary relief is
1839	sought for the benefit of an aggrieved person who does not intervene in that civil action, the
1840	court shall not award the monetary relief if that aggrieved person has not complied with
1841	discovery orders entered by the court.
1842	SECTION 46. Ordinance 10469, Section 16, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.133 are
1843	hereby amended to read as follows:
1844	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may implement such forms,
1845	administrative processes and operational procedures as are necessary to comply with this
1846	chapter. The forms, processes and procedures shall be adopted in compliance with K.C.C.
1847	chapter 2.98.
1848	SECTION 47. Ordinance 13263, Section 53, as amended, K.C.C. 12.20.150 are
1849	hereby amended to read as follows:
1850	A. If a complaint has been filed under this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil
1851	rights commission shall initiate an investigation under this chapter.
1852	B. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that a
1853	violation of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted under this chapter is about to
1854	occur or has occurred the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall issue an
1855	order in accordance with this chapter. For enforcement of this chapter, if a conflict exists
1856	between this chapter and K.C.C. Title 23, this chapter controls over K.C.C. Title 23.
1857	SECTION 48. Ordinance 15399, Section 62, K.C.C. 12.22.014 are hereby

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This chapter shall be liberally construed for accomplishment of its policies and
purposes. This chapter shall not be construed to endorse any specific belief, practice,
behavior or orientation. Nothing in this chapter relating to gender-based discrimination
affects the ability of an employer to require an employee to adhere to reasonable
workplace appearance, grooming and dress standards not precluded by other provisions
of state or federal law, though an employer shall allow an employee to appear or dress
consistently with the employee's gender identity or expression.

SECTION 49. Ordinance 8625, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- A. "Aggrieved person" includes any person who claims to have been injured by an act of discrimination in a place of public accommodation;
- B. "Charging party" means any person alleging an act of discrimination in a place of public accommodation under this chapter by filing a complaint with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.

C.1. "Disability" means:

- a. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities, either temporarily or permanently;
 - b. a person has a record of having such an impairment;
- c. a person is regarded as having such an impairment; or

1880 d. a person has any other condition that is a disability under the Washington state 1881 Law Against Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW, as it pertains to public accommodations. 1882 2. "Disability" does not include current, illegal use of a controlled substance, as 1883 defined in section 102 of 21 U.S.C. Sec. 802 as it exists on April 16, 2006. 1884 D. "Discrimination" or "discriminatory practice or act" means any action or failure 1885 to act, whether by a single act or part of a practice, the effect of which is to adversely affect 1886 or differentiate between or among individuals, because of race, color, religion, national 1887 origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender 1888 identity or expression, disability or use of a service or assistive animal by an individual 1889 with a disability. 1890 E. "Gender identity or expression" means an individual's gender-related identity, appearance, or expression, whether or not associated with the individual's sex assigned at 1891 1892 birth, and includes an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and practices pertaining to 1893 the individual's own gender identity or expression. F. "Marital status" means the presence or absence of a marital relationship and 1894 1895 includes the status of married, separated, divorced, engaged, widowed, single or cohabiting. 1896 G. "Owner" includes a person who owns, leases, subleases, rents, operates, 1897 manages, has charge of, controls or has the right of ownership, possession, management. 1898 charge or control of real property on the person's own behalf or on behalf of another. 1899 H. "Parental status" means being a parent, step-parent, adoptive parent, guardian, 1900 foster parent or custodian of a minor child or children. 1901 I. "Party" includes a person making a complaint or upon whose behalf a complaint

is made alleging an unfair public accommodations practice, a person alleged or found to

have committed an unfair public accommodations practice and the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.

J. "Person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers or any group of persons, and includes King County but no governmental body other than King County. "Person" also includes any owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, agent or employee whether one or more natural persons.

K. "Place of public accommodation" means any place, store or other establishment, either licensed or unlicensed, that supplies goods or services to the general public. "Place of public accommodation" includes, but is not limited to, the following types of services or facilities: hotels, or other establishments provide lodging to transient guests; restaurants, cafeterias, lunchrooms, lunch counters, soda fountains or other facilities principally engaged in selling or offering for sale food for consumption upon the premises; motion picture houses, theatres, concert halls, convention halls, sport arenas, stadiums or other places of exhibition or entertainment; bowling alleys and amusement parks; retail establishments; transportation carriers; barber shop; beauty shops; bars or taverns or other facilities engaged in selling or offering for sale alcoholic beverages for consumption upon the premises; food banks, senior citizens centers and other social service organizations and establishments; places of public accommodation operated by King County; and public burial facilities if the facilities are owned and operated by any cemetery corporation or burial association.

L. "Respondent" means a person who is alleged or found to have discriminated in a place of public accommodation.

1926	M. "Senior citizen" means an individual as old or older than an age set for a senior
1927	category. The minimum age for the senior category is fifty-five years.
1928	N. "Service or assistive animal" means a dog guide, signal or hearing dog, seizure
1929	response dog, therapeutic companion animal or other animal that does work, performs tasks
1930	or provides medically necessary support for the benefit of an individual with a disability.
1931	O. "Settlement discussions" or "conference, conciliation and persuasion" means the
1932	attempted resolution of issues raised by a complaint, or by the investigation of a complaint
1933	through informal negotiations involving the charging party, the respondent and the ((office
1934	of)) human and civil rights commission.
1935	P. "Sexual orientation" means an individual's attitudes, preferences, beliefs and
1936	practices pertaining to the individual's own sexual orientation including, but not limited
1937	to, actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality.
1938	SECTION 50. Ordinance 8625, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.040 are
1939	hereby amended to read as follows:
1940	A. A complaint alleging discrimination in a place of public accommodation may be
1941	filed by:
1942	1. Any aggrieved person; or
1943	2. Any state, local or federal agency concerned with discrimination in places of
1944	public accommodation, including the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, if
1945	the agency has reason to believe that a discriminatory act or practice has been or is being
1946	committed.
1947	B. A complaint alleging discrimination in a place of public accommodation shall

be in writing and signed by the charging party. The complaint must be filed with the

((office of)) human and civil rights commission within one hundred eighty days of the occurrence of the alleged discrimination or within one hundred eighty days of when the charging party, through exercise of due diligence, should have had notice or been aware of the occurrence. The complaint must describe with particularity the practice complained of and the location of the practice and must identify the person being charged with committing the discrimination. However, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not reject a complaint as insufficient because of failure to include all required information, if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that the complaint substantially meets the informational requirements necessary for processing.

- C. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall serve notice upon the charging party acknowledging the fling.
- D. The charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may amend a complaint: to cure technical defects or omissions; to clarify and amplify allegations made in the complaint; or to add allegations related to or arising out of the subject matter set forth, or attempted to be set forth, in the original complaint. For jurisdictional purposes, the amendments relate back to the date the original complaint was first filed. Either the charging party or the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, or both, may amend a complaint for these reasons as a matter of right before service of notice of hearing on the matter as provided under K.C.C. 12.22.070, and thereafter may amend a complaint only with the permission of the hearing examiner, which permission shall be granted if justice will be served by the permission, and all parties shall be allowed time to prepare their cases with respect to additional or expanded allegations that the parties did not and could not have reasonably foreseen would be an issue at the hearing.

E. The charging party may also amend a complaint to include allegations of additional unrelated discriminatory acts that arose after filing of the original complaint. The charging party must file any amendments adding the allegations within one hundred eighty days of the occurrence of the alleged discrimination or within one hundred eighty days of when the charging party, through exercise of due diligence, should have had notice or been aware of the additional discriminatory act, and before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination with respect to the original complaint by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The amendments may be made at any time during the investigation of the original complaint if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission will have adequate time to investigate the additional allegations and the parties will have adequate time to present the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission with evidence concerning the allegations before the issuance of findings of fact and a determination.

SECTION 51. Ordinance 8625, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. After the filing of a complaint, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall serve notice of the complaint and a copy of the complaint on the respondent within twenty days after the filing of the complaint. Each respondent may file an answer to the complaint not later than twenty days after receipt of notice from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. If a respondent is unable to file a response within twenty days, the respondent may request an extension of time from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The extension may be granted by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission if good cause is shown. The ((office of))

human and civil rights commission shall commence the investigation of the complaint promptly.

- B. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall direct the investigation to ascertain the facts concerning the discrimination in public accommodations alleged in the complaint and shall conduct the investigation in an objective and impartial manner. During the investigation, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consider any statement of position or evidence with respect to the allegations of the complaint that the charging party or the respondent wishes to submit. A person who is not named as a respondent in a complaint, but who is identified as a respondent in the course of the investigation, may be joined as an additional or substitute respondent upon written notice, as provided under subsection A. of this section, to the person from the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The notice, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection A. of this section, must explain the basis for the belief of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission that the person to whom the notice is addressed is properly joined as a respondent.
- C. During the period beginning with the filing of the complaint and ending with the issuance of the findings of fact, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall, to the extent feasible, engage in settlement discussions with respect to the complaint.

 Anything said or done in the course of the settlement discussions may not be made public or used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding under this chapter without the written consent of the persons concerned. A prefinding settlement agreement arising out of the settlement discussions must be an agreement between the respondent and the charging party, and is subject to approval by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.

Each prefinding settlement agreement is a public record. Failure to comply with the prefinding settlement agreement may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.22.080.

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D. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall seek the voluntary cooperation of all persons to obtain access to premises, records, documents, individuals and other possible sources of information; to examine, record and copy necessary materials; and to take and record testimony or statements of persons reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may conduct discovery in aid of the investigation by the following methods or others: deposition upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; requests for the production of documents or other evidence, inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admissions. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may sign and issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of or access to evidence including books, records, correspondence, e-mail or documents in the possession or under the control of the person subpoenaed as are necessary for the investigation. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall consult with the prosecuting attorney before issuing a subpoena under this section.

E. If an individual fails to obey a subpoena issued under this section, or obeys the subpoena but refuses to testify if requested concerning a matter under investigation under this section, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke the aid of the prosecuting attorney who may petition to the superior court for an order or other appropriate action necessary to secure enforcement of the subpoena. The petition shall:

1. Be accompanied by a copy of the subpoena and proof of service;

- 2041 2. Set forth in what specific manner the subpoena has not been complied with: 2042 and 2043 3. Ask for an order of the court to compel the witness to appear and testify or 2044 cooperate in the investigation of the discrimination in public accommodations. 2045 F. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission concludes at any time 2046 after the filing of a complaint that prompt judicial action is necessary to carry out the 2047 purposes of this chapter, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may invoke 2048 the aid of the prosecuting attorney who may file a civil action for appropriate temporary, 2049 injunctive or preliminary relief pending final disposition of the case. 2050 G. The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall reduce the results of 2051 the investigation to written findings of fact make and a finding that there either is or is not 2052 reasonable cause for believing that an act of discrimination in a place of public 2053 accommodations has been or is being committed. 2054 H. If a finding is made that there is no reasonable cause, the finding shall be 2055 served on the charging party and respondent. Within thirty days after service of such a 2056 negative finding, the charging party may file a written request with the ((office of)) 2057 human and civil rights commission asking for reconsideration of the finding. The ((office 2058 of)) human and civil rights commission shall furnish the charging party with information 2059 regarding how to request reconsideration. The ((office of)) human and civil rights 2060 commission shall respond in writing within a reasonable time by granting or denying the
 - SECTION 52. Ordinance 8625, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.060 are hereby amended to read as follows:

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2064	A.1. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission makes the finding
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2066	discrimination in a place of public accommodation occurred, the ((office of)) human and
2067	civil rights commission shall endeavor to eliminate the discriminatory practice by
2068	conference, conciliation and persuasion, which may include as a condition of settlement:
2069	a. elimination of the discriminatory practice;
2070	b. payment of refunds or credits not in excess of the amount of monetary
2071	damage actually incurred;
2072	c. payment of other actual damages, including damages caused by emotional
2073	distress, humiliation and embarrassment;
2074	d. payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
2075	e. participation in training on public accommodations laws; and
2076	f. such other requirements as may lawfully be agreed upon by the parties and the
2077	((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
2078	2. Any postfinding settlement agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed
2079	by all parties, with the approval of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
2080	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall then enter an order setting forth
2081	the agreement and furnish copies of the order to all affected parties. Each postfinding
2082	settlement agreement is a public record. Failure to comply with the postfinding settlement
2083	agreement or order may be enforced under K.C.C. 12.22.080.
2084	B.1. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the ((office of)) human and civil rights
2085	commission shall make a finding to that effect, incorporate the finding in the order and
2086	furnish a copy of the order to all affected parties. The order shall also include:

2087	a. a finding that discrimination in a place of public accommodation occurred;
2088	b. the basis for the finding;
2089	c. an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from such discriminatory
2090	practice and to take appropriate affirmative measures, which may include:
2091	(1) payment of refunds or credit or other damages not to exceed monetary
2092	damage actually incurred;
2093	(2) payment of other actual damages, including damages caused by emotional
2094	distress, humiliation and embarrassment;
2095	(3) payment of attorneys' fees and costs;
2096	(4) participation in training in public accommodations laws; or
2097	(5) such other action as in the judgment of the ((office of)) human and civil
2098	rights commission will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, which may include the
2099	requirement for a report on the matter of compliance.
2100	2. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission finds the respondent
2101	willfully or knowingly committed any discrimination in a place of public accommodation,
2102	the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may further order the respondent to pay
2103	a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars per violation, which penalty shall be paid to
2104	the King County treasury for deposit in the county general fund.
2105	SECTION 53. Ordinance 8625, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.070 are
2106	hereby amended to read as follows:
2107	A.1. Any respondent or charging party, after an order of the ((office of)) human
2108	and civil rights commission is made in accordance with K.C.C. 12.22.060.B., may request
2109	an appeal hearing before the hearing examiner by filing a written request for hearing within

thirty days of the service of the order. The request for hearing shall be filed with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission. The request for hearing must identify clearly and specifically:

- a. the errors that the appellant believes were made in the action or decision that is being appealed, or the procedural irregularities associated with that action or decision;
 - b. specific reasons why the county's action should be reversed or modified; and
- c. the desired outcome of the appeal.

- 2. Unless the hearing examiner authorizes an amendment to the statement of appeal, the identification of errors and the statement of reasons for reversal or modification defines and limits the issues that the examiner may consider.
- B. Any order issued by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission in accordance with procedures in this chapter becomes final thirty days after service of the order unless a written request for hearing is filed with the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission within the thirty-day period.
- C. If the order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission is appealed, the hearing examiner shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of affirming, denying or modifying the order. There shall be a verbatim record kept of the hearing. The hearing examiner has such rule-making and other powers necessary for the conduct of the hearing as are specified by K.C.C. chapter 20.22. The order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall not be presumed correct. The hearing examiner's decision shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The hearing shall be conducted within a reasonable time after receipt of the request for appeal. Written notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given at least ten days before the date of the hearing to each affected

2133	party and to the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission.
2134	D. Each party may, among exercising other rights:
2135	1. Call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
2136	complaint;
2137	2. Introduce documentary and physical evidence;
2138	3. Cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the
2139	complaint;
2140	4. Impeach any witness regardless of which party first called the witness to
2141	testify;
2142	5. Rebut evidence against the party; and
2143	6. Self-represent or be represented by anyone of the party's choice who is lawfully
2144	permitted to do so.
2145	E. Following review of the evidence submitted, the hearing examiner presiding at
2146	the hearing shall enter written findings and conclusions and shall affirm or modify the order
2147	previously issued if the hearing examiner finds that a violation occurred. The hearing
2148	examiner shall reverse the order if the hearing examiner finds that a violation did not occur
2149	The hearing examiner may grant as relief any relief that the ((office of)) human and civil
2150	rights commission could grant under K.C.C. 12.22.060.B. A copy of the hearing
2151	examiner's decision shall be delivered to all affected parties. The order of the hearing
2152	examiner is final unless reviewed by a court under K.C.C. 20.22.270.B.
2153	SECTION 54. Ordinance 8625, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.080 are
2154	hereby amended to read as follows:
2155	A If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission has reasonable cause to

believe that a respondent breached a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement executed under K.C.C. 12.22.050 or 12.22.060, or violated an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.22.060 or an order of the hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.22.070, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission shall refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney for the filling of a civil action under subsection B. of this section for the enforcement of the agreement.

B. The prosecuting attorney may commence a civil action in superior court for appropriate relief with respect to a breach of a prefinding or postfinding settlement agreement executed under K.C.C. 12.22.050 or 12.22.060, or violation of an order of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission issued under K.C.C. 12.22.060 or an order of the hearing examiner issued under K.C.C. 12.22.070. The action may be commenced no later than ninety days after the referral of the alleged breach underlying the referral under subsection A. of this section.

SECTION 55. Ordinance 15399, Section 59, and K.C.C. 12.22.085 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. An aggrieved person may commence a civil action in superior court not later than one year after the occurrence or termination of alleged discrimination in a place of public accommodation or ninety days after a determination of reasonable cause is issued by the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission, whichever occurs last, to obtain appropriate relief with respect to the discrimination in public accommodations.

B. A civil action may be filed under this section whether or not an administrative complaint has been filed under K.C.C. 12.22.040 and without regard to the status of the complaint. However, if the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission obtained a

prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement with the consent of the aggrieved person, an action may not be filed by the aggrieved person with respect to the alleged discrimination in public accommodations that forms the basis for the complaint except for the purpose of enforcing the agreement. To preclude such a filing, the prefinding or postfinding settlement or conciliation agreement must include language that the aggrieved person knowingly waives any right to file a civil action under this section based on the same alleged discrimination in public accommodations.

- C. Subject to subsection D. of this section, after the filing of a civil action involving the same claim or arising from the same facts and circumstances, whether under this chapter or similar law, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may administratively close a complaint of discrimination in public accommodations.
- D. If a court dismisses a private cause of action without reaching the merits and on grounds that would not preclude pursuit of a complaint under this chapter, the charging party may request, within ninety days of the entry of the court's order of dismissal, that the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission reopen a previously filed case. Upon such a request, the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may reopen a case that was administratively closed upon the filing of a civil action. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission closes a case based on a "no reasonable cause" finding, the case may not be reopened except as provided through reconsideration under K.C.C. 12.22.050.
- E. A charging party or aggrieved person may not secure relief from more than one governmental agency, instrumentality or tribunal for the same harm or injury.
 - F. An aggrieved person may not commence a civil action under this section with

2202	respect to an alleged discrimination in public accommodations practice that forms the
2203	basis of a complaint if a hearing on the complaint has been convened under K.C.C.
2204	12.22.070.
2205	G. In a civil action under this section, if the court finds that discrimination in
2206	public accommodations occurred, the court may grant such relief as is available for
2207	violations of the Washington state Law Against Discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW.
2208	H. Upon timely application, the prosecuting attorney may intervene in the civil
2209	action, if the prosecuting attorney determines that the case is of general public
2210	importance.
2211	I. This section is intended to provide private judicial remedies for violations of
2212	this chapter that are as expansive as the powers granted by the Constitution and laws of
2213	the state of Washington.
2214	SECTION 56. Ordinance 8625, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.090 are
2215	hereby amended to read as follows:
2216	The ((office of)) human and civil rights commission may implement such forms,
2217	administrative processes and operational procedures as are necessary to comply with this
2218	chapter. The forms, processes and procedures shall be adopted in compliance with K.C.C.
2219	chapter 2.98.
2220	SECTION 57. Ordinance 13263, Section 54, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.095
2221	are hereby amended to read as follows:
2222	A. If a complaint has been filed under this chapter, the ((office of)) human and
2223	civil rights commission shall initiate an investigation under the provisions of this chapter
2224	B. If the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission determines that a

2225	violation of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted under this chapter occurred		
2226	the ((office)) commission shall issue an order under this chapter. For violations of this		
2227	chapter, if a conflict exists between this chapter and K.C.C. Title 23, this chapter controls		
2228	over K.C.C. Title 23.		
2229	SECTION 58. Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.040 are		
2230	hereby amended to read as follows:		
2231	The examiner shall issue final decisions in the following cases:		
2232	A. Appeals of orders of the ombuds under the lobbyist disclosure code, K.C.C.		
2233	chapter 1.07;		
2234	B. Appeals of sanctions of the finance and business operations division in the		
2235	department of executive services imposed under K.C.C. chapter 2.97;		
2236	C. Appeals of career service review committee conversion decisions for part-time		
2237	and temporary employees under K.C.C. chapter 3.12A;		
2238	D. Appeals of electric vehicle recharging station penalties of the Metro transit		
2239	department under K.C.C. 4A.700.700;		
2240	E. Appeals of notice and orders of the manager of records and licensing services or		
2241	the department of local services permitting division manager under K.C.C. chapter 6.01;		
2242	F. Appeals of adult entertainment license denials, suspensions and revocations		
2243	under K.C.C. chapter 6.09;		
2244	G. Appeals of the fire marshal's decisions on fireworks permits under K.C.C.		
2245	chapter 6.26;		
2246	H. Appeals of cable franchise nonrenewals under K.C.C. 6.27A.060 and notices		
2247	and orders under K.C.C. 6.27A.240;		

2248	I. Appeals of notices and orders of the department of natural resources and parks
2249	under K.C.C. chapter 7.09;
2250	J. Appeals of decisions of the director of the department of natural resources and
2251	parks on surface water drainage enforcement under K.C.C. chapter 9.04;
2252	K. Appeals of decisions of the director of the department of natural resources and
2253	parks on requests for rate adjustments to surface and storm water management rates and
2254	charges under K.C.C. chapter 9.08;
2255	L. Appeals of decisions on water quality enforcement under K.C.C. chapter 9.12;
2256	M. Appeals of notices and orders of the manager of animal control under K.C.C.
2257	chapter 11.04;
2258	N. Certifications by the finance and business operations division of the department
2259	of executive services involving K.C.C. chapter 12.16;
2260	O. Appeals of orders of the ((office of)) human and civil rights commission under
2261	K.C.C. chapter 12.17, K.C.C. chapter 12.18, K.C.C chapter 12.20 and K.C.C. chapter
2262	12.22;
2263	P. Appeals of noise-related orders and citations of the department of local services,
2264	permitting division, under K.C.C. chapter 12.86;
2265	Q. Appeals of utilities technical review committee determinations on water service
2266	availability under K.C.C. 13.24.090;
2267	R. Appeals of decisions regarding mitigation payment system, commute trip
2268	reduction and intersection standards under K.C.C. Title 14;
2269	S. Appeals of suspensions, revocations or limitations of permits or of decisions of
2270	the board of plumbing appeals under K.C.C. chapter 16.32;

2271	T. Appeals of all Type 2 decisions under K.C.C. chapter 20.20, with the exception
2272	of appeals of shoreline permits, including shoreline substantial development permits,
2273	shoreline variances and shoreline conditional uses, which are appealable to the state
2274	Shoreline Hearings Board;
2275	U. Appeals of SEPA decisions, as provided in K.C.C. 20.44.120 and public rules
2276	adopted under K.C.C. 20.44.075;
2277	V. Appeals of completed farm management plans under K.C.C. 21A.30.045;
2278	W. Appeals of decisions of the interagency review committee created under K.C.C
2279	21A.37.070 regarding sending site applications for certification under K.C.C. chapter
2280	21A.37;
2281	X. Appeals of citations, notices and orders, notices of noncompliance, stop work
2282	orders issued pursuant to K.C.C. Title 23 or Title 1.08 of the rules and regulations of the
2283	King County board of health;
2284	Y. Appeals of notices and certifications of junk vehicles to be removed as a public
2285	nuisance as provided in K.C.C. Title 21A and K.C.C. chapter 23.10;
2286	Z. Appeals of decisions not to issue a citation or a notice and order under K.C.C.
2287	23.36.010.A.2;
2288	AA. Appeals of fee waiver decisions by the department of local services,
2289	permitting division, as provided in K.C.C. 27.02.040;
2290	BB. Appeals from decisions of the department of natural resources and parks
2291	related to permits, discharge authorizations, violations and penalties under K.C.C.
2292	28.84.050 and 28.84.060;
2293	CC. Appeals of transit rider suspensions under K.C.C. 28.96.430:

DD. Appeals of department of public safety seizures and intended forfeitures, when properly designated by the chief law enforcement officer of the department of public safety as provided in RCW 69.50.505; and

EE. Other applications or appeals that are prescribed by ordinance.

SECTION 59. This ordinance takes effect April 1, 2021, but only if by that date the executive has transmitted a status report on the status of the feasibility study as required in this section, a feasibility study and recommendations establishing the human and civil rights commission and a motion approving the feasibility study, and a motion approving the feasibility study is passed by council. The motion should reference the subject matter, this ordinance, ordinance section in both the title and body of the motion.

It is the intention of the council that the executive collaborate with equity and social justice staff of the council and leverage the robust community engagement activities of the office of equity and social justice in order to assess the feasibility of establishing the human and civil rights commission and inform recommendations to establish the human and civil rights commission. Therefore, the feasibility study should include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. A summary, as well as a detailed description, of the outcomes of the robust community engagement to assess the feasibility of implementing the human and civil rights commission to be established by this ordinance. Community engagement required by this subsection shall prioritize outreach with interested stakeholders, including unincorporated area councils, community councils and community development organizations ("stakeholders") with in each of the unincorporated King County community service areas ("CSA") and communities most disproportionately impacted by

inequities and discrimination such as the African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and disability communities;

- B. A summary, as well as a detailed description, of the outcomes of the robust community engagement with CSA stakeholders in each of the community service areas and communities listed in subsection A of this section in evaluating the current list of protected classes included in the county charter and the county's antidiscrimination ordinances as well as evaluating the list of protected classes as proposed by Seattle University's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality Report on the research and recommendations regarding the King County Civil Rights Commission;
- C. A feasibility assessment and recommendation on the integration of the executive director and staff of the human and civil rights commission into King County government; and
- D. Recommendations for resources necessary to support the activities of the human and civil rights commission as required by this ordinance, which shall include, but not be limited to, staffing, facilities and services costs, and possible revenue sources to fund the costs.

The executive should file the status report by August 14, 2020, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the law and justice committee, or its successor.

The executive should file the feasibility study and motion required by this section by February 1, 2021, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk

2340 of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the law and justice 2341 2342 committee, or its successor." 2343 2344 EFFECT: The Striking Amendment would do the following: 2345 1. Add a new section that would make the ordinance not effective until April 1, 2346 2021 and only if by that date the executive has transmitted a status report on the feasibility study, feasibility study and recommendations establishing the human 2347 2348 and civil rights commission and a motion approving the feasibility study, and a motion approving the feasibility study is passed by council. The feasibility study 2349 2350 should include, but not be limited to: 2351 a. Summary and outcome of community engagement to evaluate the 2352 human and civil rights commission as established by this ordinance; b. Summary and outcome of community engagement to evaluate the 2353 2354 county's list of protected classes and those recommended by the 2355 Korematsu Center report; 2356 c. Feasibility assessment and recommendation on how the executive 2357 director and staff of the human and civil rights commission should be integrated into King County government; and 2358

human and civil rights commission;

d. Recommendations for resources necessary to support the activities of the

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2361	2.	Add an additional duty of the commission to propose ordinance to council to
2362		update the county's list of protected class based on robust community and
2363		stakeholder engagement;
2364	3.	Remove requirement that the executive director and staff to the commission be
2365		employees of the council;
2366	4.	Keep the county's list of protected classes included in King County Code as is
2367		(i.e., don't make any changes to current list of protected classes in King County
2368		Code); and
2369	5.	Make other technical corrections.