



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to reorganization of the department of public safety;
making technical corrections; amending Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c), as
amended and K.C.C. 2.16.060 and Ordinance 15939, Section 3, and K.C.C.
3.16.100 and repealing Ordinance 15921, Section 2.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. K.C.C. 2.16.060 was amended twice in 2007, in Ordinance 15921 and Ordinance 15939, each without reference to the other, in a manner that could not be merged under K.C.C. 1.02.090.
2. This ordinance resolves that conflict by repealing the change in Ordinance 15921 and including the material from Ordinance 15921, modified slightly to fit into the section as amended by Ordinance 15939, into the section as amended by Ordinance 15939.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c), as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.060 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The department of public safety, as identified in the Section 350.20.40 King County Charter, and managed by the King County sheriff, may also be known and cited in the King County Code and in other usage as the office of the sheriff. Employees managed by the King County sheriff may be referred to in the King County Code or otherwise, as King County police, King County officer, or deputy sheriff.

B. The department of public safety is responsible to keep and preserve the public peace and safety including the discharge of all duties of the office of sheriff under State law, except those duties relating to jails

and inmates which are performed by other departments of county government. The functions of the department include:

1. Oversee a crime prevention program, investigate crimes against persons and property and arrest alleged offenders.
2. Execute the processes and orders of the courts of justice and all other mandated functions required by law.
3. In coordination with the office of emergency management, plan and coordinate resources for the public safety and welfare in the event of a major emergency or disaster.
4. Provide service and administrative functions which support but do not duplicate other governmental activities, and which have the potential to be fiscally self-supportive.
5. Investigate the origin, cause, circumstances and extent of loss of all fires, in accordance with RCW 43.44.050. Fire investigations shall be conducted under the direction of the fire investigation supervisor, who shall also be considered an assistant fire marshal for the purposes of chapter 43.44 RCW. The functions of the fire and arson investigation unit include, but are not limited to: investigation and determination of the origin and cause of fires; preparation of detailed informational, investigative and statistical reports; conducting criminal follow-up investigations, including detection, apprehension and prosecution of arson suspects; providing expert testimony in court for criminal and civil cases; maintenance of records of fires; preparation and submission of annual reports to the county sheriff and other entities as required by chapters 43.44 and 48.50 RCW.

C. The sheriff, to carry out the duties under subsection B. of this section, may establish the functions for the following divisions:

1. Office of the sheriff;
2. ((Field)) Patrol operations division;
- 3 ((Technical)) Support services division;

4. Criminal investigation division;
5. ~~((Special operations division; and~~
- 6.)) Professional standards division;
6. Sound Transit division, which provides services to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit

Authority; and

7. Metro Transit division, which provides services to the King County department of transportation, transit division.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 15939, Section 3, and K.C.C. 3.16.100 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW 41.14.070, the council authorizes the following number of positions as unclassified and exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's employees:

1. Office of the sheriff: five positions;
2. ~~((Field))~~ Patrol operations division: ~~((five))~~ six positions;
3. ~~((Technical))~~ Support services division: two positions;
4. Criminal investigation division: ~~((two))~~ one position~~((s))~~;
5. ~~((Special operations division: two positions; and~~
- 6.)) Professional standards division: ~~((one))~~ two positions;
6. Sound Transit division: one position; and
7. Metro Transit division: one position.

B. RCW 41.14.070 grants the sheriff the ability to designate ten unclassified positions that are exempt from the state civil service system for sheriff's employees. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW 41.14.070(4), the sheriff's office is authorized ~~((three))~~ two additional unclassified positions for a total of twenty

unclassified positions.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 15921, Section 2, is hereby repealed.