



Legislation Text

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 4: Meetings.**

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

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

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

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

1. Committee of the whole: Monday of each week at 9:30 a.m., or Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. if Monday is a state or county holiday;
2. Capital budget committee: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

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