

Date Created:	May 8, 2019
Drafted by:	Patrick Hamacher
Sponsors:	Charter Review Commission
Attachments:	

1 ..Title

2 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the Preamble to the
3 King County Charter to add equity, clarity that government
4 is available for all, enhancement of a strong rural and urban
5 environment and economy, replacing the word citizen with
6 resident, stating that the county should provide a superior
7 quality of life through recreational, art and cultural
8 opportunities, making grammatical corrections; amending
9 the Preamble to the King County Charter; and submitting
10 the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or
11 rejection at the next general election to be held in this
12 county occurring more than forty-five days after the
13 enactment of this ordinance.

14 ..Body

15 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

16 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
17 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this
18 county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an
19 amendment to the Preamble to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

20 **Preamble.**

21 We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just,
22 equitable and orderly government for all, establish separate legislative and executive
23 branches, (~~insure~~) ensure responsibility and accountability for local and regional county
24 governance and services, enable effective (~~citizen~~) public participation, preserve and
25 enhance a healthy rural and urban environment and economy, promote a superior quality
26 of life including recreational, arts and cultural opportunities and secure the benefits of
27 home rule and self-government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of
28 Washington, do adopt this charter.

29 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
30 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
31 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

32 Shall the Preamble of the King County Charter be amended to replace the word
33 citizen with resident and include equity, enhancing a strong urban and rural
34 economy, emphasizing that county services are available for all, and promoting a
35 superior quality of life to include recreational, arts and cultural opportunities?

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AN ORDINANCE proposing to remove restrictions related

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to the disposition of real property when the property would

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be used for affordable housing; amending Section

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230.10.10 of the King County Charter; and submitting the

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same to the voters of the county for their ratification or

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amendment to Section 230.10.10 of the King County Charter to read as follows:

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230.10.10 Metropolitan Municipal Functions. Each metropolitan municipal

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function authorized to be performed by the county pursuant to ~~((RCW ch-))~~ chapter 35.58

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RCW shall be operated as a distinct functional unit. Revenues or property received for

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such functions shall never be used for any purposes other than the operating expenses

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thereof, interest on and redemption of the outstanding debt thereof, capital improvements,

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and the reduction of rates and charges for such functions. To the extent not otherwise

21 prohibited by law, this section shall not preclude the county from leasing, selling or
22 conveying the properties at less than fair market value for affordable housing purposes.

23 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
24 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
25 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

26 Shall Section 230.10.10 of the King County Charter be amended to allow the
27 county to lease, sell or convey real property for less than fair market value if the
28 property will be used for affordable housing?

Date Created:	May 8, 2019
Drafted by:	Nick Bowman
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2 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the King County
3 Charter to grant the office of law enforcement oversight
4 subpoena powers; amending Section 265 of the King
5 County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters of
6 the county for their ratification or rejection at the
7 November 2019 general election.

8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
10 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 2019 general election, an
11 amendment to Article 2, Section 265 of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

12 **Section 265. Office of Law Enforcement Oversight.**

13 The county council shall establish by ordinance an office of law enforcement
14 oversight, which shall be a part of the legislative branch. The office shall have a director
15 who is appointed by a majority of the county council to serve a term of four years and
16 until a successor is appointed. The director may be removed from office at any time for
17 cause by a majority of the county council.

18 The authority of the office of law enforcement oversight shall be prescribed by
19 ordinance and should include: investigation, review and analysis of conduct of county
20 law enforcement officers that has been the subject of a complaint and the use of force by
21 county law enforcement officers regardless of whether it has been the subject of a

22 complaint; and review and analysis of internal investigations conducted and disciplinary
23 action taken by the department of public safety regarding that conduct or use of force.
24 The authority of the office should also include: the preparation and publication of
25 findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the office's oversight of the
26 department of public safety; and community outreach concerning the department of
27 public safety and the office of law enforcement oversight.

28 To enable the office of law enforcement oversight to exercise its authority
29 effectively, the office shall be authorized by ordinance to obtain all relevant information,
30 including authority to review and copy relevant department of public safety files,
31 subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence relating to its investigations or
32 review, inspect crime scenes, conduct interviews and participate in internal investigations
33 and review hearings.

34 The county council shall establish by ordinance an advisory committee for law
35 enforcement oversight to review, advise and report on the office of law enforcement
36 oversight in a manner that may be prescribed by ordinance. The committee shall also
37 advise the sheriff and the council on matters of equity and social justice related to law
38 enforcement. The committee may also advise the sheriff and the council on systemic
39 problems and opportunities for improvement in the law enforcement practices of the
40 department of public safety. The county council shall prescribe by ordinance the
41 committee's membership, qualifications, and rules and procedures, and the process for
42 appointment of committee members, and may prescribe by ordinance additional duties of
43 the committee.

44 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
45 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
46 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

47 Shall Section 265 of the King County Charter be amended to enable the
48 office law enforcement oversight to subpoena witnesses, documents and
49 other evidence related to its investigations and reviews of county law
50 enforcement officers?

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Date Created:	5-15-19
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2 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King
3 County Charter to clarify when an inquest will be held and
4 to require the county to assign an attorney to represent the
5 family of the decedent in the inquest proceeding; amending
6 Section 895 of the King County Charter; and submitting the
7 same to the qualified voters of the county for their approval
8 or rejection at the next general election occurring more than
9 forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

13 A. The inquest process serves the public function of fact finding related to a
14 death and involves formal legal proceedings, discovery and examination of persons,
15 including law enforcement personnel and expert witnesses.

16 B. There is a public benefit in providing publicly financed legal counsel to
17 families of the decedents wishing to fully participate in the inquest process. The inquest
18 process is a proceeding involving introduction of evidence and examining of witnesses,
19 including law enforcement personnel and experts. Publicly financed legal counsel will
20 allow all families to fully and equitably participate in the inquest process regardless of
21 financial means. Inquests serve a public function of determining the cause and

22 circumstances of any death involving a member of a law enforcement agency in the
23 performance of the member's duties. The findings of an inquest help the public, family
24 members of decedents and policy makers understand the causes and circumstances of the
25 decedent's death. Public financing of legal counsel for all families of decedents will
26 better ensure each party to an inquest will have equal opportunity to participate.
27 Increasing such participation will bolster the transparency of the inquest process, thus
28 furthering the recognized public function of an inquest.

29 SECTION 2. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their
30 approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county
31 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment
32 to Section 895 of the King County Charter to read as follows:

33 **895. Mandatory Inquests.**

34 An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death
35 ~~((involving))~~ where a member of ((the)) any law enforcement agency's ((of the county in
36 the performance of the member's duties)) action, decision or possible failure to offer the
37 appropriate care may have contributed to an individual's death. For the purposes of this
38 section, "member of any law enforcement agency" includes a commissioned officer,
39 noncommissioned staff and agent of any local or state police force, jail, detention facility
40 or corrections agency. The county shall assign an attorney to represent the family of the
41 decedent in the inquest proceeding, but the family has the option of accepting the
42 attorney or not.

43 SECTION 3. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county
44 elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or

45 modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

46 Shall Section 895 of the King County Charter be amended to clarify that
47 inquests are required when a law enforcement agency's action, decision or
48 possible failure to offer appropriate care may have contributed to an
49 individual's death and to provide an attorney at the county's expense to
50 represent the decedent's family in the inquest?

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Charter Review Commission 2018-2019
Possible Committee Hearings on Early Action Items

Committee of the Whole (1:30 pm):

June 3 – Presentation of Early Action Items (EAI) and status update on process

June 17 – First briefing on EAI

possible committee vote

July 1 – Second Briefing on EAI (committee may be cancelled depending on the July 3 Council meeting)

possible committee vote

July 15 – Second or Third briefing on EAI

possible committee vote

*** full council must act by July 24 as a “regular ordinance” or July 31 to enact as emergency”

Regional Policy Committee (3:00 pm):

June 12 – Possible briefing on EAI and status report (not confirmed)

September 11 – Briefing on status (confirmed)

Possible Full Council meetings for EAI (10:30)

June 26

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

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King County

MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2019

TO: All Councilmembers
All Council Staff

FM: Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

RE: Deadlines for Adoption of Ballot Measures in 2019 – SECOND REVISED to reflect Wednesday meeting day

The deadlines for adoption of ballot measures for 2019 elections are as follows:

2019 Election Dates

	<u>4/23¹</u>	<u>8/6²</u>	<u>11/5³</u>
Last regular council meeting with maximum processing time (25 days)	1/28/19	4/10/19	7/10/19
Last regular council meeting with minimum processing time (10 days)	2/6/19	4/24/19	7/24/19
Last regular council meeting to pass as emergency	2/20/19	5/8/19	7/31/19*
Last special council meeting to pass as emergency	2/22/19	5/10/19	8/6/19*
Election Division deadline for receiving effective ordinance	2/22/19	5/10/19	8/6/19

Special Council meetings can be scheduled with a minimum of 25 hours advance notice.

*Council summer recess is from August 1 through 16.

¹. Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections 60 days before the election. RCW 29A.04.321

². Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections no later than the Friday (May 10) immediately before the first day of regular candidate filing, which in 2019 is May 13, the Monday two weeks before Memorial Day. RCW 29A.24.050; RCW 29A.04.321

³. Based on effective ordinance filed with Elections no later than the primary. RCW 29A.04.321.

Note: This schedule does not apply to Charter amendments. Because Charter § 800 provides that ordinances proposing amendments to the Charter are not subject to executive veto, such ordinances have an effective date (10 days after enactment by the Council) that differs from the effective date of an ordinance that is subject to executive veto.

Charter Review Commission Town Halls - Tentative

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday October 15, 2019	Bellevue City Council Chambers 450 110th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004	6:30 PM
Wednesday October 16, 2019	Shoreline City Council Chambers 17500 Midvale Ave N Shoreline, WA 98133	6:30 PM
Thursday October 17, 2019	Federal Way City Council Chambers 33325 8th Ave S Federal Way, WA 98003	6:30 PM

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