



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 19465

Proposed No. 2022-0180.1

Sponsors Balducci, Kohl-Welles and
Zahilay

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King
 2 County Charter to move elections for certain county offices
 3 from odd-numbered to even-numbered years; amending
 4 Sections 640, 647 and 650.20 of the King County Charter
 5 and repealing Sections 650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 of the
 6 King County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters
 7 of the county for their ratification or rejection at the
 8 November 8, 2022, general election.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
 11 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 8, 2022, general election, an
 12 amendment to Sections 640, 647 and 650.20 of the King County Charter and a repeal of
 13 Sections 650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

14 **Section 640 County Executive and Assessor.**

15 The county executive and county assessor shall be ~~((nominated and))~~ elected as
 16 nonpartisan offices by the voters of the county. The ~~((nomination and))~~ election of the
 17 county executive and county assessor shall be held ~~((every four years as a county general
 18 election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county))~~ at the primary and
 19 general elections in 2023 for the county assessor and 2025 for the county executive and

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20 then in even-numbered years commencing with the election ~~((of 1971))~~ in 2026 for the
21 county assessor and ~~((with the election of 1973))~~ in 2028 for the county executive, and
22 every four years thereafter.

23 **Section 647 County Director of Elections, Term of Office and Compensation.**

24 The county director of elections shall be elected as a nonpartisan office by the
25 voters of the county. ~~((The term of office of the initial county director of elections shall~~
26 ~~end on December 31, 2011. Subsequent e))~~ Elections for the county director of elections
27 shall occur ~~((at the general election in 2011 and))~~ at the primary and general elections in
28 2023 and then in even-numbered years commencing in 2026 and every four years
29 thereafter. The county director of elections shall receive compensation as provided by
30 ordinance.

31 **650.20 Nomination and Election.**

32 County councilmembers shall be ~~((nominated and))~~ elected as nonpartisan offices
33 by the voters of each councilmember's respective district. The ~~((nomination and))~~ election
34 of councilmembers in even-numbered districts shall be held ~~((as a county general election~~
35 ~~at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing in even-~~
36 ~~numbered districts with the election of 1971 and in odd-numbered districts with the~~
37 ~~election of 1973))~~ at the primary and general elections in 2023 and then in even-numbered
38 years commencing in 2026 and every four years thereafter. The election of
39 councilmembers in odd-numbered districts shall be held at the primary and general
40 elections in 2025 and then in even-numbered years commencing in 2028 and then every
41 four years thereafter.

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42 **650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 repealed.** Section 650.40.15 of the King County
43 Charter, "Districting in 2004," Section 650.40.25 of the King County Charter, "Elections
44 and terms of office for 2004 and thereafter," and Section 660 of the King County Charter,
45 "Commencement of Terms of Office," are each hereby repealed.

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

49 Shall the King County Charter be amended to move elections for the

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- 50 county offices of executive, assessor, director of elections and
51 councilmembers from odd-numbered to even-numbered years?

Ordinance 19465 was introduced on 5/10/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/28/2022, by the following vote:


Yes: 7 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott,
Upthegrove and Zahilay
No: 2 - Dunn and von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of 7/18/2022, ____.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None