KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 25, 2004

Ordinance 15048

Proposed No. 2004-0241.2 **Sponsors** Phillips

AN ORDINANCE revising the procedures for amending the rules governing the conduct of hearings and mediations by the hearing examiner; and amending Ordinance 263, Article 5 Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.24.170.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 263, Article 5 Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.24.170 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Rules and conduct of hearings.

A.1. The examiner shall adopt rules, including any amendments to the rules, for the conduct of hearings and for any mediation process consistent with this chapter ((~~, within ninety days of the effective date of Ordinance 11502. The rules shall be reviewed by the council, and remain in effect during this review. Any modifications made by the council by motion shall be incorporated by the hearing examiner, and shall become effective ten days after adoption of the motion~~)).

2. The hearing examiner may propose amendments to the rules by filing a draft of the amendments and a draft of a motion approving the amendments in the office of the clerk of the council, for distribution to all councilmembers for review. At the same time as the filing of the draft, the hearing examiner shall also distribute for comment a copy of the proposed amendments to any county department that has appeared before the examiner in the year before the filing of proposed amendments and to any other parties who have requested to be notified of proposed amendments to the rules. Comments to the proposed amendments may be filed with the clerk of the council for distribution to all councilmembers for sixty days after the proposed amendments are distributed for comment. The amendments shall take effect when they have been approved by the council by motion.

((~~Such~~)) 3. The hearing examiner shall publish the rules ((~~shall be published~~)) and any amendments to the rules and make them available ((~~upon request to all interested parties~~)) to the public in printed and electronic forms and shall post the rules and any amendments to the Internet.

B. The examiner shall have the power to issue summons and subpoena to compel the appearance of witnesses and production of documents and materials, to order discovery, to administer oaths((~~,~~)) and to preserve order.

C. To avoid unnecessary delay and to promote efficiency of the hearing process, the examiner shall limit testimony, including cross examination, to that which is relevant to the matter being heard, in light of adopted county policies and regulations((~~,~~)) and shall exclude evidence and cross examination that is irrelevant, cumulative or unduly

39 repetitious. The examiner may establish reasonable time limits for the presentation of

40 direct oral testimony, cross examination and argument.

41 D. Any written submittals will be admitted only when authorized by the examiner

42 under pertinent and promulgated administrative rules.

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Ordinance 15048 was introduced on 5/10/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/25/2004, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 5 day of November, 2004.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None