

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE)
CHAPTER 2.19.100 REGARDING TERM LENGTH)
AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC)
ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (PERC))

ORDINANCE NO. 12-1294

Introduced by Councilor Kathryn Harrington

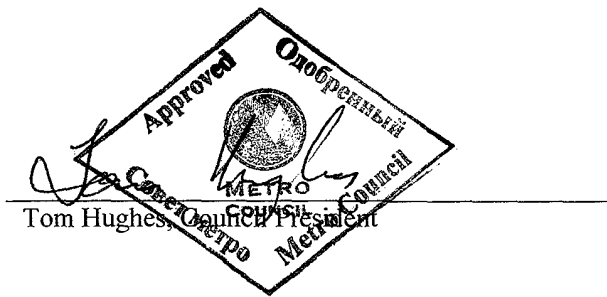
WHEREAS, in furtherance of Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement, set forth in Resolution No. 97-2433, adopted January 23, 1997, the Metro Council established an Advisory Committee known as the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC), to advise the Metro Council on the development and maintenance of programs and procedures to aid communication between the public and the Metro Council;

WHEREAS, as a result of engagement with community stakeholders and leaders to recruit members to PERC, the Metro Council finds that flexibility to add additional members to PERC and to lengthen and stagger the terms of all PERC members will allow PERC to better fulfill its mission; and now therefore


THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS that:

1. Metro Code Chapter 2.19.100(b) is hereby amended as set forth in the redlined version of Metro Code Chapter 2.19.100(b), attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.
2. This Ordinance being necessary for the health, safety or welfare of the Metro area in order to further Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance takes effect upon passage

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 29 day of November 2012.



Attest:


Kelsey Newell, Recording Secretary

Approved as to Form:

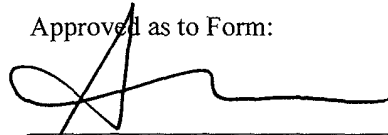

Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to Ordinance 12-1294

CHAPTER 2.19
METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEES
2.19.100 Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC)

(b) Membership. The PERC consists of at least nine (9) members as follows:

At least three (3) at large representatives from the region, each of whom may be appointed for either a one, two, or three year term, subject to the limitations in Chapter 2.19.030(c)(2) on serving more than two (2) consecutive terms.

~~Three~~ At least three (3) representatives appointed from nominees of community associations, cooperatives, or other nonprofit groups in the region, each of whom may be appointed for either a one, two, or three year term. Notwithstanding Chapter 2.19.030(c)(3)(B), representatives appointed from these groups shall not outnumber the number of at-large representative and will be subject to the limitations on ~~terms~~ serving more than two (2) consecutive terms as provided in Chapter 2.19.030(c)(2).

One (1) representative who is a county employee from each of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties (for a total of three (3), for term lengths determined by the appointing jurisdiction. Each county will nominate an employee whose duties with the county are in a public engagement capacity. A county may alternatively nominate an employee of a local government entity (such as a city or special district) within such county whose duties with such entity are in a public engagement capacity, with the consent of the entity's administrator.

STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE CHAPTER 2.19.100 REGARDING TERM LENGTH AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (PERC)

Date: Nov. 6, 2012

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BACKGROUND

Following a public hearing on May 24, 2012, the Metro council approved amending the Metro Code regarding the Office of Citizen Involvement to dissolve the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement and establish a new standing public committee, the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC). The PERC will convene twice a year and consist of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

The PERC will serve as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement successful public engagement processes. The committee will also assist with Metro's annual public engagement report, Opt In public engagement review survey and annual community summit.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURAL CHANGES

Staff recommends changes to the original ordinance to provide structural improvements.

1. Amend the ordinance to nominate committee members to one, two or three-year terms instead of the two-year terms that originated with the MCCI. The PERC meets twice a year, so by increasing the terms to up to three years, members will have more time to participate and develop their role on the committee. In the inaugural year staff is recommending that some members serve one or two-year terms in order to have a rotating membership and recruitment process. Member recruitment will occur annually for one-third of the community member and community organization positions in order to ensure continuity on the committee. Local jurisdiction representatives will be reappointed as desired by the sponsoring county. This will allow staff to stagger the influx of new members so there is not an entirely new committee every three years.
2. Amend the ordinance to allow additional community organization representatives on the committee. This additional flexibility will give council the option to include more members in the future, if it will help PERC better represent the diversity of the region.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None
2. **Legal Antecedents** Resolution No. 97-2433 establishing Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement; and Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030.
3. **Anticipated Effects** Flexibility to add additional members to PERC and to lengthen and stagger the terms of all PERC members will allow for more continuity and diverse representation.

4. **Budget Impacts** No budget impacts. Program needs are addressed through a shifting of existing staff resources and accessing Communications M&S included in the COO proposed budget for FY 2012-13.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Amend Metro Code Section 2.19.030 to allow one, two and three-year terms instead of the two-year terms that originated with the MCCI.

Amend Metro Code Section 2.19.030 to allow additional representatives of community organizations.