**HOW LAWS ARE PASSED IN KING COUNTY** 

Clerk of the Council: places ordinances before the Council, notifies public, numbers the ordinance. **Proposed** legislation may be introduced by: Councilmembers • Voters, by Initiative Petition

## The Council:

- Assigns legislation to committee
- Holds public hearings
- Passes or defeats motions and ordinances
- Can re-refer legislation to committee
- Can hold legislation for further consideration
- Can amend legislation

**Committee Staff** 

RECOMMEND

When passed by the Council, legislation is sent to the County Executive.

\* Voters may also bypass the Council process by placing an ordinance on the ballot by a referendum petition.



- Can approve legislation
- Can VETO legislation
- Can allow an ordinance to become law without signature

When the County Executive approves legislation it becomes law.



**Ordinance becomes Law** 

## **Council Standing** Committees:

(made up of Councilmembers)

- Assign legislation to staff
- Research
- Study legislation
- Make Recommendations