

ORDINANCE No. 119619

COUNCIL BILL No. 112850

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Design Commission, amending Section 3.58.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code to revise the composition of the Seattle Design Commission.

Honorable President:

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12 consultants on environmental and design aspects of City capital improvement  
13 projects;

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17 affect the city;

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Design Commission serves as an impartial and balanced venue for an open  
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28 resources;

29 **WHEREAS**, in recent years the Design Commission has received an increasing number of  
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33 **WHEREAS**, an additional member for the Commission will provide added resource for the  
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35 Department of Design, Construction and Land Use develop and implement the  
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**WHEREAS**, an additional member of the Commission will provide a needed additional perspective from an Environmental or Urban Design professional, in order to address the increasing complexity of urban projects.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Section 3.58.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which was last amended by Ordinance 102107, ~~((shall be))~~ is amended as follows:

**3.58.30 Membership**

Subject to the provisions of this ~~((e))~~ Chapter, the Commission shall act in a consulting capacity, advisory to Mayor, City Council, and appropriate City officials in connection with environmental and design aspects of capital improvement projects of the City. The Commission shall consist of ~~((eight (8)))~~ nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of a majority of the City Council and may be removed the by Mayor, subject to such confirmation. Membership shall include two (2) licensed architects, ~~((one (1) professional urban planner, one (1) landscape architect, two (2) licensed professional engineers,))~~ one (1) professional fine artist, and one (1) lay member; and, at least one (1) and no more than two (2) from each of the following categories, for a maximum total of five (5): professional urban planner, professional environmental or urban designer, landscape architect and licensed professional engineer. The Mayor shall solicit recommendations for membership from the American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter ~~((Washington State Council))~~; the American Planning Association, Puget Sound Section of the Washington State Chapter ~~((Institute of Planners, Pacific Northwest Chapter))~~; the American Society of Landscape Architects; the Consulting Engineers Council of Washington; the American Society of Civil Engineers; the Seattle Arts Commission, and other professional organizations for the nonlay members. The lay member shall be selected because of particular qualifications in matters related to the purpose of the Commission.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



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Passed by the City Council the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1999, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1999.

Richard J. McEwan  
Pro Tem President of the City Council

Approved by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

Paul Schell  
Paul Schell, Mayor

Filed by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

Janice Skipper  
City Clerk

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# City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

## Department of Design, Construction and Land Use

R. F. Krochalis, Director

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 5, 1999  
TO: Honorable Sue Donaldson, Council President  
FROM: Rick Krochalis, Director *RKS for RKS*  
RE: Revisions to Design Commission Code provisions

I am pleased to transmit this legislation to the City Council for their consideration. In May, when the Design Commission held its annual retreat, the issue of Commission structure was discussed. There was general consensus at the retreat that an additional Commissioner, totaling 9 rather than 8, would be beneficial for a number of reasons:

- The Commissioner workload is increasing with the increase in staff, the creation of the "Design Center", and the increasing amount of development which requires the review of the Commission.
- More projects require the expertise of an environmental or urban design professional, not represented per se on the current Commission. The Commission has found that the increasing complexity of projects requires the input of a professional with specific knowledge and experience in urban design. In fact, such representation is often not found on a design team, so that with this additional representation, the Commission can offer a much-needed service to both City and private clients.
- The total of 9, an odd number, will prevent the unlikely possibility of a tie vote.

City Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck has also raised the question of the size of the Commission at recent meetings, and requested we look at adding members.

In response to these issues, the proposed legislation would make the following modifications:

- Add one member to the Commission, raising the total from 8 to 9;
- Redefine the professions represented on the Commission to add "Urban or Environmental Designer";
- Require that one of four positions – landscape architect, urban designer, urban planner, engineer – be represented by two members, while still requiring one of each of these, along with 2 architects, an artist and lay person.

The fiscal analysis shows that the legislation would add very little cost, and would be able to be absorbed within the Design Center's budget. In addition, one additional Commissioner should not appreciably add to the time spent by staff in their normal duties.

We believe that these changes will allow the Design Commission to be better prepared to fulfill its mission to advise City Council and the Mayor on matters of design quality and the built environment.



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City of Seattle, City Clerk

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*H. Patterson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Notary Public for the State of Washington, residing in Seattle

City of Seattle

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