

## Proposed Amendments to the Council Bylaws

### ARTICLE III

#### Technical Advisory Groups

1. No proposed changes to the text.
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5. Technical Advisory Groups may conduct research into code related matters, review proposed amendments to the codes, review documents and information submitted with proposed amendments, and identify ~~and define~~ issues related to the codes, as requested by the Council or Standing Committee. Proponents and opponents of proposed amendments to the codes shall follow guidelines for testimony established by the Council. TAG meetings are open to the public and public input is welcome.
6. Recommendations from a Technical Advisory Group to the Council or Standing Codes Committee shall be made by consensus of the voting members of the Technical Advisory Group, whenever possible. Lacking a consensus, a recommendation shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum of voting TAG members. A petition for an amendment referred to a TAG shall be approved by a majority of the technical advisory group voting members to be taken up for consideration by the Council. Consensus recommendations shall include a brief summary of the rationale for the recommendation. Recommendations to approve, modify or disapprove state amendments to the codes shall be based on the criteria established by the Council. Disputed recommendations shall be presented by the TAG Chair to the applicable Standing Codes Committees in the form of ~~an issue paper~~ a written or oral report, outlining all issues related to the subject.  
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- 6.7. For purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at TAG meetings, a quorum is defined as consisting of one more than half of the appointed TAG members (or their designated alternates, in the event the primary member is absent). A majority of the TAG members present shall constitute a quorum for determining the outcome of a vote. When a TAG meeting lacks a quorum of appointed TAG members or their designated alternates, the Council will notify members who were absent and their constituent organizations, where applicable, that repeated three consecutive absence from a meeting are grounds for the Council to designate their member status to ex-officio, nonvoting members, until ~~active membership is secured,~~ or a reappointment is made. Ex-officio members do not count when determining a quorum.  
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- 7.8. In the event a quorum of TAG members is not present, the TAG chair shall prepare a written or oral report shall be generated summarizing the pros and cons as identified by those participating. That report will then be brought forward on the agenda at the subsequent TAG meeting. The report may be deliberated for a reasonable time period as established by the TAG Chair. Where a quorum is again not present, the item may be tabled for a future TAG meeting and the report will be forwarded to the Standing Committee and the SBCC. If the Council has moved forward with a decision on an active or tabled TAG item, that TAG item will then remain in report form as further deliberations will be moot.  
**Another option for Council consideration: In the event a quorum of TAG members is not present, the TAG Chair shall (or may?) cancel the meeting.**

8.9. When reviewing proposed amendments to the codes, Technical Advisory Groups shall use a standardized, accepted methodology to consider economic impact on small businesses, housing affordability, construction costs, life-cycle costs, and the cost of code enforcement, and shall evaluate the information provided by the proponent of such proposal. The TAG shall report those findings to the Workgroup on Economic Impact. The Workgroup of Economic Impact shall consider the TAG report and may conduct further research, as needed. The Workgroup of Economic Impact shall report those findings to the Council.

10. The Energy Code TAGs shall be limited to a maximum of 18 voting members. All other TAGs shall be limited to a maximum of 15 voting members. Appointments shall be made from individuals knowledgeable in the building standards or general subjects assigned to the specific TAG. When there are no volunteers for a specific representation following a 30-day advertisement of an available TAG position, or a TAG member without an alternate is removed by the Council or resigns for any reason, the Council staff shall continue the recruitment until the position is filled.

11. A technical advisory group member may be removed by the Council if the member no longer meets the qualifications necessary to fill the position.

12. Within three months of appointment, technical advisory group members must receive training on ethics in public service including, but not limited to, provisions of chapter 42.52 RCW.

13. Application for TAG appointments.

When advertising a vacancy on a TAG, the Council may establish an application period with a closing date. Persons applying for a TAG position must submit the application to the Council as required by this section. A separate application is required for each advertised TAG vacancy. The Council will not maintain applications on file for future consideration.

The application shall be accompanied by a resume, and may be supported by letters of support, recommendations and other materials demonstrating expertise and knowledge applicable to the TAG position. If the position is representing an organized stakeholder group, an approval/support letter from the organized stakeholder group is desirable.

The Council will consider applications and make selections based on qualifications applicable to the specific TAG vacancy. Any application for such appointment must be approved or denied within 30 days after the closing of the application submittal period. All decisions by the Council regarding appointments to TAGs are final and are not subject to appeal unless such appeal is brought by a motion from a Council member.

**Commented [BS(3)]:** This was discussed at the Council meeting in March, but no action was taken.

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**Commented [BS(5)]:** Language from ESSB 6291 and Council directions used for the appointment of Group 1 TAG members.