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2 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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8 **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-38**

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12 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to**
13 **Section 4.90 of the Pierce County Charter to Set the Limit on**
14 **Terms for County Councilmembers to Three Consecutive**
15 **4-Year Terms; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these**
16 **Amendments to the Voters at the November 2017 General**
17 **Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft**
18 **an Appropriate Ballot Title.**

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20 **Whereas**, Section 8.50 of the Pierce County Charter (Charter) grants authority to
21 the County Council (Council) to propose Charter amendments to be submitted to the
22 voters at the next November general election occurring at least 90 days after filing; and

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24 **Whereas**, Section 8.60 of the Charter requires a minimum of two-thirds
25 affirmative vote of the Council to enact an ordinance proposing Charter amendments;
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28 **Whereas**, an Ordinance proposing Charter amendments is not subject to the
29 veto power of the Executive; and

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31 **Whereas**, pursuant to Section 8.50(1) of the Charter, "...an amendment which
32 embraces a single or interrelated subject may be submitted as a single proposition even
33 though it is composed of changes to one or more articles."; and

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35 **Whereas**, the Council finds that amendments to Section 4.90 of the Charter
36 setting the limit on terms for County Councilmembers to three consecutive 4-year terms
37 will serve the needs and best interests of the citizens of Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

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39 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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41 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby proposes amendments to Section
42 4.90 of the Charter as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated
43 herein by reference, for submittal to the voters at the November 2017 General Election.



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Section 4.90 -- Limitation on Terms of Office

No person shall be allowed to serve in County elective office for more than two consecutive 4-year terms in the same position as a ~~Councilmember or Executive~~. No person shall be allowed to serve in County elective office for more than three consecutive 4-year terms in the same position as Councilmember, Sheriff, Assessor-Treasurer or Auditor. Establishment of residency in an alternate district will not circumvent this restriction. Service as the Assessor-Treasurer or Auditor prior to January 1, 2009, shall be counted as part of such consecutive terms. Service as Councilmember prior to January 1, 2019, shall be counted as part of such consecutive terms. Establishment of residency in an alternate district will not circumvent this restriction.