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CLERK'S ALERT

Amendments to King County Superior Court Local Rules go into effect September 1, 2026

King County Superior Court Local Rule amendments go into effect September 1, 2026. The rule changes were adopted by a majority vote of King County Superior Court Judges on May 28, 2026.

The new and amended rules are:

- LCR 5
- LCR 7
- LCR 11
- LCR 32
- LCR 40
- LCR 40.1
- LCR 41
- LCR 60
- LCR 70.1
- LCR 98.16
- LCrR 4.11
- LCAR 1.1
- LFLR 1
- LFLR 5
- LFLR 6
- LFLR 7
- LFLR 8
- LFLR 10
- LFLR 12
- LFLR 14
- LFLR 15
- LFLR 16
- LFLR 23
- LMPR 1.9
- LMPR 1.13

Additionally, emergency changes were adopted by a majority vote of King County Superior Court Judges on August 25, 2026.

The emergency rules are:

- LCR 40
- LCR 40.1

To view the 2026 rule amendments both in a final and tracked changes format (.pdf), go to the [Clerk's website](#). You may also view a [narrative description](#) of the rule changes that was included when the proposed rule amendments were released for comment.

Hard copy booklets of the entire set of King County Superior Court local rules effective September 1, 2026, will be available for purchase at the Clerk's Office Records Access counter in the King County Courthouse in Seattle and the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent. Clerk's Office locations can be found on the [Clerk's website](#).