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**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington**

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 01-050**

**RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS,  
IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS'  
COMMISSION ON SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCREASING  
SALARIES, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.70 SCC**

WHEREAS, SCC 2.105.020 states that it is the policy of Snohomish County to base salaries of elected officials on realistic standards so that officials may be paid according to the duties of their offices and so that persons of the highest quality may be attracted to public service; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate this policy the Snohomish County Council created the Citizens' Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials ("Commission") and directed the Commission to recommend a salary schedule to the County Council and Executive every two years commencing May 15, 1999; and

WHEREAS, after two public hearings and additional deliberations, the Commission presented its recommendations for 2001 at a public meeting of the County Council on April 16, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the base salaries of the County Executive and most other elected executive officials be increased effective January 1, 2002, subject to adjustment for cost of living increases granted in 2001 and subsequent years to non-represented county employees; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the base salary of members of the County Council be increased effective January 1, 2002, subject to adjustment in light of the Seattle area consumer price index for wages published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS, the County Council intends by this ordinance to implement the Commission's recommendations as determined appropriate by the Council consistent with Article XI, Section 8, of the Washington Constitution and Section 2.20 of the Snohomish County Charter, which bar certain mid-term salary increases.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.70.020, adopted by Ordinance No. 97-085 on October 15, 1997, is amended to read:

3.70.020 Salaries of elected executive officials.

(1) The annual salaries paid the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ~~((1998, and (except for the prosecuting attorney) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1999,))~~ 2002 shall be calculated by applying any cost of living or other regular salary increase applied by the county to the annual salaries of non-represented county employees in 2001 to the following base amounts, provided that an increase of three percent (3%) shall be applied if a cost of living or other regular salary increase is not applied to the annual salaries of non-represented county employees in 2001:

County Executive	<del>((<u>\$97,842.50</u>))</del> <u>\$116,844</u>
Prosecuting Attorney	<del>((<u>\$92,575</u>))</del> <u>\$113,339</u>
Sheriff	<del>((<u>\$86,564</u>))</del> <u>\$96,162</u>
Assessor	<del>((<u>\$71,035.50</u>))</del> <u>\$82,896</u>
Auditor	<del>((<u>\$69,378</u>))</del> <u>\$77,719</u>
Clerk	<del>((<u>\$68,969.50</u>))</del> <u>\$77,311</u>
Treasurer	<del>((<u>\$68,969.50</u>))</del> <u>\$77,311</u>

~~((The annual salary paid the prosecuting attorney for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1999, shall be \$102,282.))~~

(2) ~~((The annual salaries paid the following elected executive officials for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000, shall be:~~

County Executive	<del>\$108,456</del>
Sheriff	<del>\$ 94,623</del>
Assessor	<del>\$ 76,649</del>
Auditor	<del>\$ 73,334</del>
Clerk	<del>\$ 72,517</del>
Treasurer	<del>\$ 72,517</del>

(3)) The salaries paid the elected executive officials identified in ~~((subsections))~~ subsection 1 ~~((and 2))~~ of this section beginning January 1 of subsequent fiscal years shall be equal to the annual salary paid the official for the prior fiscal year adjusted ~~((or))~~ as of January 1 of the subsequent fiscal year to reflect any cost of living or other regular salary

adjustment applied by the county to the annual salaries of non-represented county employees. This subsection does not create an entitlement in non-represented county employees to a cost of living or other salary adjustment.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 3.70.030, adopted by Ordinance No. 97-085 on October 15, 1997, is amended to read:

3.70.030 ((Salaries)) Salary of council members.

~~(1) ((Members of the county council elected or appointed to terms beginning January 1, 1996, shall be paid an annual salary of \$58,703 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1998, and an annual salary of \$60,904 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1999, as provided by Ordinance No 91-059. Members of the county council elected or appointed to terms beginning January 1, 1998, shall be paid an annual salary of \$66,139.50 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1998, and for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1999.~~

~~(2))~~ Members of the county council shall be paid an annual salary ~~((of \$73,576))~~ for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ~~((2000))~~ 2004, in an amount calculated by applying the salary adjustment described in subsection 2 of this section for the 12 month period ending June, 2002, and for the 12 month period ending June, 2003, to a January 1, 2002, base amount of \$84,872. This base amount shall not affect council salaries prior to January 1, 2004.

~~((3))~~ (2) The annual salary paid members of the county council beginning January 1 of subsequent fiscal years shall be equal to the salary paid council members for the prior fiscal year adjusted on January 1 of the subsequent fiscal year to reflect 90% of the Seattle area consumer price index or wages (CPI-W) published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve month period ending the preceding ~~((July))~~ June.

~~((4))~~ (3) In addition to the amounts established by subsections 1 and 2 ~~((and 3))~~ of this section, the annual salary of the chair of the county council ~~((for each year after January 1, 2000,))~~ shall include an additional amount equal to ten percent of the regular council member salary for that year.

Section 3. Savings clause. The salaries paid the elected officials identified in this ordinance for the period prior to the salary increases provided for in this ordinance shall be the salaries provided for in Amended Ordinance No. 97-085, including adjustments as provided therein.


Section 4. Interim salaries of elected executive officials. Beginning September 1, 2001, and for the remainder of fiscal year 2001 the monthly salary

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of each elected executive official identified in SCC 3.70.020, as amended by this ordinance, shall be one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual salary for that official for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2002, calculated in accordance with SCC 3.70.020(1), as amended, provided that an increase of three percent (3%) shall be applied in any such month for which a cost of living or other regular salary increase has not been applied to the regular salaries of non-represented county employees before the first day of that month.

PASSED this 8th day of August, 2001.

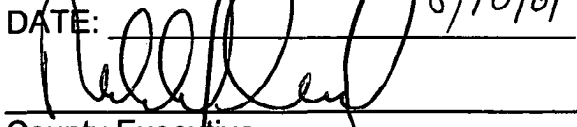
SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council, *Asst.*

- APPROVED
- EMERGENCY
- VETOED

DATE:  8/10/01  
County Executive

Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:  
