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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 02-017

RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,  
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION  
ON SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, 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 salary of the Prosecuting Attorney be linked to that of Superior Court judges as determined by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, effective January 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2001, the County Council adopted Amended Ordinance No. 01-050, which ordinance did not implement the Commission's recommendation relating to the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, having reviewed the Commission's recommendations, intends by this ordinance to implement the Commission's recommendation relating to the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.70.020, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 01-050 on August 8, 2001, 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, 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	\$116,844
((Prosecuting Attorney <del>_____</del> ))	<del>\$113,339</del>
Sheriff	\$ 96,162
Assessor	\$ 82,896
Auditor	\$ 77,719
Clerk	\$ 77,311
Treasurer	\$ 77,311

(2) The salaries paid the elected executive officials identified in subsection 1 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 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. A new section is added to Chapter 3.70 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

3.70.025 Salary of prosecuting attorney.

The salary paid the prosecuting attorney shall be equal to the salary paid superior court judges, including adjustments thereto, as determined by the Washington's Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials under Article XXVIII of the Washington Constitution and Chapter 43.03 RCW. Salary

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adjustments shall be applied to the salary of the prosecuting attorney according to the same schedule as adjustments are applied to the salary of superior court judges.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2003.

Passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2002.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Gary Nelson  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Barbara Sitorst  
Asst. Clerk of the Council

- APPROVED
- EMERGENCY
- VETOED

DATE: 5/2/02

Gary Weikel  
County Executive

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Deputy Executive

ATTEST:

Connie Merriell

Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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