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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 02-048

RELATING TO VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
CLARIFYING THE OPTIONAL MONTHLY VEHICLE ALLOWANCE FOR PERSONAL  
VEHICLES USED ON COUNTY BUSINESS, AND AMENDING  
CHAPTER 3.36 SCC

WHEREAS, RCW 42.24.090 authorizes the legislative body of a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the State of Washington to establish by ordinance amounts to be paid officers or employees as reimbursement for the use of personal vehicles used in connection with their official duties, with reimbursement rates computed on a mileage, hourly, per diem, monthly, or other basis; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.24.090 further provides that in lieu of such reimbursements, payments for the use of personal vehicles for official travel may be established by the legislative body if it determines that such payments would be less costly to the municipal corporation or political subdivision than providing automobiles for official travel; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council finds that payment of a monthly vehicle allowance to certain elected officials as provided by this ordinance is less costly to Snohomish County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, than providing those officials with automobiles for official travel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.36.030, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 91-037 on April 17, 1991, is amended to read:

3.36.030 Elected officials of Snohomish County.

(1) Each elected official of Snohomish County designated in subsection (2), at ~~((his/her))~~ his or her option, may be assigned a county vehicle for ~~((officially assigned))~~ official duties and travel on county business only as authorized by RCW 42.24.090, or may be reimbursed or paid a monthly vehicle allowance for official travel ~~((expenses-in))~~ using his or her own vehicle, all as provided in SCC 3.36.035.

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(2) Eligible elected officials are the following: county auditor, assessor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, treasurer, county council members and county executive.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 3.36.035, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 91-037 on April 17, 1991, is amended to read:

3.36.035 ((Reimbursements)) Payment for eligible elected officials.

((Reimbursement)) Payment for vehicle travel by elected officials eligible under SCC 3.36.030(2) shall be ((provided)) made as follows:

(1) If a county vehicle is assigned and used for travel for county purposes, rental on a monthly basis shall be billed against the appropriation and account involved.

(2) Any elected official designated in SCC 3.36.030 using ((his/her)) his or her own vehicle for travel for county purposes ((shall)) may be ((reimbursed)) paid a vehicle allowance on a monthly basis of not more than 99 percent of the average monthly ER&R cost for replacement, maintenance, insurance and fuel expenses of a standard size county pool vehicle as determined by the director of public works. Such costs shall be reviewed annually by the director of public works and established by ordinance effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any elected official designated in SCC 3.36.030 wishing to claim the monthly ((reimbursement)) vehicle allowance or drive a county vehicle as provided above shall ((submit his/her claim therefore upon appropriate voucher forms each month)) inform the finance director. In addition to the monthly ((reimbursement)) vehicle allowance provided herein, any elected official designated in SCC 3.36.030 may claim reimbursement for mileage traveled by ((private)) personal vehicle outside Snohomish County for county purposes, at the same rate authorized for all other county employees.

(3) Any elected official designated in SCC 3.36.030 using ((his/her)) his or her own vehicle for authorized travel for county purposes may elect to be reimbursed at the mileage rates authorized by SCC 3.36.020 upon submission of

appropriate voucher forms each month in lieu of automobile assignment or ((acceptance)) payment of a monthly ((reimbursement)) vehicle allowance.

PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

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