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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 13-110

RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION;
AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 2.460.020 AND 2.460.040

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.460.020, adopted by Amended Ordinance 10-021 on June 7, 2010, is amended to read:

2.460.020 Commission on human rights created.

There is hereby created the Snohomish county commission on human rights consisting of ~~((seven))~~ nine members appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council pursuant to the county charter and this chapter. The commission shall have the powers and duties set out in this chapter, except that implementation of this chapter shall be phased as provided in SCC 2.460.290. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for mileage and other reasonable expenses approved by the county executive or office of human rights as provided in SCC 2.03.070.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 2.460.040, adopted by Amended Ordinance 10-021 on June 7, 2010, is amended to read:

2.460.040 Appointment to commission - qualifications, terms, organization.

(1) The commission shall consist of ~~((seven))~~ nine members to include one member who resides in each council district and ~~((two))~~ four at-large members. ~~((One))~~ Out of the four at-large members, one at-large member shall represent the law enforcement community. The ~~((other))~~ second at-large member shall represent the county executive. With the exception of the law-enforcement at-large member, there can be no more than one at-large commissioner from any single council district. Notwithstanding, SCC 2.03.060(3), any at-large member may be a county employee. Appointments shall be made in accordance with chapter 2.03 SCC, except that nominations of at-large members representing law enforcement shall be made in consultation with the county sheriff, and nominations for the other two general at-large members shall be made after providing an opportunity for commission members to recommend potential nominees based on recommendations made from sitting commissioners and/or community recommendations. Nominations of other than at-large members shall be made after providing an opportunity for the council member representing the district for which the nomination is made to recommend potential nominees.

1 (2) In addition to meeting the requirements of SCC 2.03.060, each member of
2 the commission must reside within the county. In nominating and confirming
3 members of the commission the county executive and council shall take into
4 account the diversity of communities and conditions protected by this chapter,
5 and shall seek input from the affected communities.

6 (3) ~~((Of the initial appointees, three shall be appointed to terms ending on July
7 1 of the year following their appointment, two shall be appointed to terms ending
8 on July 1 of the second year following their appointment, and two shall be
9 appointed to terms ending on July 1 of the third year following their appointment.
10 Thereafter, members shall be appointed to terms of three years.))~~

11 All terms shall be for three years and shall be based on the following initial
12 expiration dates for each position:

13 District 1: July 1, 2015
14 District 2: July 1, 2016
15 District 3: July 1, 2014
16 District 4: July 1, 2014
17 District 5: July 1, 2016
18 Executive: July 1, 2015
19 Law Enforcement: July 1, 2016
20 General Position 1: July 1, 2015
21 General Position 2: July 1, 2017

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24 (4) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as
25 original appointments. Members may be removed by the county council for
26 incompetence, substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct, violation of law, or
27 as authorized by SCC 2.03.080: PROVIDED, That the member is provided
28 written notice stating with particularity the grounds for removal and an opportunity
29 to respond prior to final council action.

30 (5) At its first meeting after July 1 of each year the commission shall elect
31 from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The chairperson shall
32 preside at all meetings of the commission, except that the vice-chairperson shall
33 preside in the absence of the chairperson.

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35 PASSED this 18th day of December, 2013.

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37 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
38 Snohomish County, Washington

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40 J. Wright
41 Chairperson

42 ATTEST:

43 Karen Reed
44 Clerk of the Council, ASST

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John Finner
County Executive

ATTEST:

S. Rutledge

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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