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5 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
6 SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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9 AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 17-023

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12 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SNOHOMISH COUNTY
13 COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY
14 CODE SECTIONS 2.460.020 AND 2.460.030(1)

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16 BE IT ORDAINED:

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18 Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.460.020 is amended to read:

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20 **2.460.020 Commission on human rights created.**

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22 ~~((There))~~ Pursuant to those powers inherent in the home rule charter county,
23 there is hereby created the Snohomish county commission on human rights.
24 Membership consists~~((ing))~~ of nine members appointed by the county executive
25 and confirmed by the county council pursuant to the county charter and this
26 chapter. The commission shall have the powers and duties set out in this
27 chapter, except that implementation of this chapter shall be phased as provided
28 in SCC 2.460.290. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation
29 but may be reimbursed for mileage and other reasonable expenses approved by
30 the county executive or office of human rights as provided in SCC 2.03.070.

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32 Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 2.460.030(1) is amended to read:

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34 **2.460.030 Powers and duties of commission.**

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36 (1) The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the county executive,
37 county council, office of human rights, and other county officers and agencies in
38 matters concerning human rights. The commission shall have authority to:

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40 (a) Advise and consult with the county executive and council on all matters
41 involving unlawful discrimination, including discrimination in the form of
42 sexual harassment, and recommend executive or legislative action when
43 needed to effectuate the policy of this chapter;

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45 (b) Advise and consult with the county executive and council and other
46 county officers and agencies on assuring and improving equality of county
47 services to all eligible persons;

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(c) Advise and consult with the department of human resources and other county officers and agencies on the development and implementation of programs to train county employees in methods of dealing with intergroup relations in order to develop respect for equal rights and to achieve equality of inhabitants regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability;

(d) Advise and consult with the office of human rights and hearing examiner on adoption of rules as may be needed to implement this chapter;

(e) Advise and consult with the county executive and council on preparation and implementation of affirmative action plans required by chapter 3.57 SCC;

(f) Apply for grants and conduct research, public forums, and educational programs relating to tensions between or practices of unlawful discrimination affecting racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and social groups within the county: PROVIDED, That acceptance of grants requires county council approval;

(g) Conduct public hearings to ascertain the status and treatment of racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and social groups within the county; means of alleviating unlawful discrimination within the county; and means of improving human relations within the county;

(h) Issue such publications as may assist in the performance of its functions, subject to appropriation of necessary funds; and

(i) Propose to the county executive and council written agreements between the county and any municipal government within the county, or any state or federal agency, providing for joint processing, transfer, or referral for processing and investigation of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination within the meaning of this chapter.

(j) Advise the county executive and council on all matters involving human rights, including by not limited to unlawful discrimination, and shall recommend executive or legislative action when needed to effectuate the policy of the County Charter Section 9.05.

(2) At least one commissioner shall reside in each county council district.

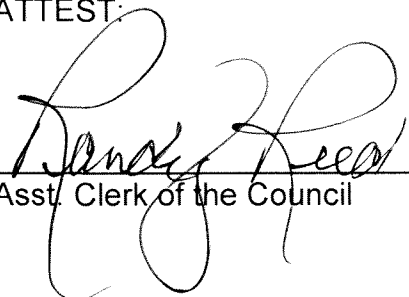
(3) The commission shall meet at least quarterly.


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2 (24) The commission shall submit annual reports to the county executive and
3 council on the activities and any recommendations of the commission, which
4 reports shall be published by the county executive.

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6 (35) The commission shall provide an annual report back to the council first
7 quarter of each year on the previous year's activity.
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10 PASSED this 17th day of May, 2017
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Cora E. Palmer


County Executive

Approved as to form only:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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