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COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Ordinance No. 80-2

Relating to the Office of Coroner and Declaring an Emergency

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to clearly set forth the lines of authority and responsibility for the county coroner function until such time as the county council adopts a different form and structure for the county coroner function,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 80-107 adding a new section to the Snohomish County Code, Section 7.56.030, the duties and responsibilities of the county coroner as they existed prior to May 1, 1980, are carried over under the new charter form of government until such time as the county council takes the necessary action to restructure and reconstitute the county coroner function,

WHEREAS, a new section, SCC 7.56.030 does not clearly state the position in the administrative and executive branch of government of the county coroner, an amendment is made to SCC 7.56.030 as follows:

7.56.030, Office of the Coroner. The duly elected county coroner shall continue to have all rights and responsibilities and perform all duties imposed upon him in his office by chapters 36.24 and 68.08 RCW; RCW 36.18.030; 36.28.040; 36.28.120; 36.28.130; Snohomish County Code Chapter 7.56; and any other laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions and regulations applicable to the office of the county coroner until further action by the county council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained:

Section 1

Snohomish County Code Section 7.56.030 as enacted April 2, 1980, is amended to read as follows:

7.56.030, Office of the Coroner. The duly elected county coroner shall continue to have all rights and responsibilities and perform all duties imposed upon him in his office by chapters 36.24 and 68.08; RCW; RCW 36.18.030; 36.28.040; 36.28.120; 36.28.130; Snohomish County Code Chapter 7.56; and any other laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions and regulations applicable to the office of the county coroner until further action by the county council. Until such time as the county council takes necessary action to redefine and restructure the function of the county coroner's office, pursuant to the Snohomish County charter, the Snohomish County coroner function shall be deemed an executive department and the head of the county coroner department shall be deemed a member of the executive branch and shall report to the county executive in all matters relating to the county coroner function. The county coroner function shall be limited to and controlled by the functions as set forth and established by ordinance or ordinances enacted by the county council.

Section 2

Snohomish County Code Section 7.56.040 is added to read as follows:

7.56.040 Emergency declared. The amendatory act is enacted as an emergency amendment to SCC 7.56.030. It is necessary to insure a smooth transition in the coroner function in Snohomish County and to clearly delineate the lines of authority for that function. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the public.

PASSED this 1st day of May, 1980

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Butler
Chairperson D-4

Cathy Seay
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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(X) EMERGENCY

DATE: May 7, 1980

Willis D. Tucker
County Executive

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