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COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 90- 172



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ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE
PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new chapter is added to Title 2 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

Chapter 2.49

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Sections:

- 2.49.010 Publication and distribution.
- 2.49.020 Notification.
- 2.49.030 Administrative rules
- 2.49.040 Cost.
- 2.49.050 Interlocal agreements.
- 2.49.060 Challenges to explanatory statements.
- 2.49.070 Annual report.

2.49.010 Publication and distribution. The county auditor is hereby authorized to publish and distribute a local voters' pamphlet in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 29.81A RCW for each general election. The local voters' pamphlet shall include:

- (1) all county candidates and measures;
- (2) all candidates and measures of each city, town, or special taxing district located wholly within Snohomish county which notifies the county auditor in writing that its legislative authority has chosen to participate; and
- (3) all candidates and measures of each city, town, or special taxing district located within the county and another county if the city, town, or district notifies the county auditor in writing that its legislative authority has chosen to participate and if the counties have entered into an interlocal distribution agreement pursuant to RCW 29.81A.020(1).

2.49.020 Notification. Prior to any general election for which a local voters' pamphlet will be published and distributed, the county auditor shall notify each city, town, and special taxing district located wholly within Snohomish county that a local voters' pamphlet will be published and distributed.

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2.49.030 Administrative rules. The county auditor, after consultation with the participating jurisdictions, shall adopt and publish administrative rules necessary to facilitate the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 29.81A RCW.

2.49.040 Cost. The cost of a local voters' pamphlet shall be considered an election cost to those local jurisdictions included in the pamphlet and shall be prorated in the manner provided in RCW 29.13.045.

2.49.050 Interlocal agreements. The county auditor is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements as necessary to publish and distribute a local voters' pamphlet for each general election.

2.49.060 Challenges to explanatory statements. Any challenge to an explanatory statement prepared or reviewed and approved pursuant to RCW 29.81A.040(3) shall be brought within ten days from the filing of the explanatory statement with the county auditor's office. Any such challenge shall be brought by way of petition in the superior court for Snohomish county. The petition shall set forth the measure, the explanatory statement, and the objection thereto, and shall request amendment of the explanatory statement. A copy of the petition shall be served on the county auditor and the attorney who prepared or reviewed and approved the explanatory statement. The decision of the superior court shall be final.

2.49.070 Annual report. Each January following a year in which a local voters' pamphlet is produced, the county auditor shall submit a report to the county council evaluating the experience of the county auditor's office producing the local voters' pamphlet. The report shall include a statement of overall costs, costs to participating jurisdictions, level of local participation, impacts on election turnout, reception of the pamphlet by voters and participants, and any other information that the county auditor determines is necessary for analysis of the program by the county council,

Section 2. This ordinance shall not apply to the 1990 general election.

PASSED this 31st day of October, 1990.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington


Chairperson

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