

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington**



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**AMENDED
ORDINANCE NO. 95-088**

**CREATING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY VETERANS'
ASSISTANCE FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section I. A new chapter is added to Title 2 of County Code as follows:

Chapter 2.430

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Sections:

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2.430.010 Veterans' Assistance Fund Executive Board Created - Purpose. There is created a veterans' assistance fund executive board to advise the county on matters relating to veterans and the veterans' assistance fund established under RCW 73.08((-080)).

2.430.020 Definitions. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Board" means the Snohomish County Veterans' Assistance Fund Executive Board.

(2) "Commander" means the legally recognized commanding officer of a veteran's organization.

(3) "Department" means the Snohomish County Human Services Department for administration of veterans' assistance funds.

(4) "Director" means the director of the Snohomish County Human Services Department.

(5) "Service Officer/Case Manager" means the program staff for the administration of the Snohomish County Veterans' Assistance Fund. The service officer will be an employee of the Snohomish County Human Services Department, Community Services Division.

(6) "Veteran" has the meaning set out in RCW 41.04.005.

(7) "Veteran's organization" means any post, camp or chapter of a national organization of veterans now, or which may after the effective date of this ordinance be, chartered by an act of Congress which has been filed with the Snohomish County Auditor notice of its intention to provide veterans relief in accordance with RCW 73.08.040.

2.430.030 Powers and Duties of Board. The board shall adopt policies and procedures as necessary to perform the duties of the board. Staff may be assigned by the County Executive from county government. The Board shall have the following powers and duties.

(1) Recommend guidelines, policies and procedures to the Veterans Service Officer/Case Manager for expenditures from the veterans' assistance fund.

(2) Review and adjudicate all appeals from applicants who feel they were treated improperly or denied assistance unfairly in accordance with policies and procedures of the veterans' assistance fund board. Decisions on appeals will be sent to the Department, which will be responsible for notifying the appellant of the decision.

(3) Advise the county executive and the department on the budget for the veterans' assistance fund.

(4) Review and advise the director of the department on applications for the service officer position. The director of the department will make the final appointment after full consultation with the board, and only on agreement by a majority of the board.

(5) Perform such other duties as may be requested by the department.

2.430.040 Composition of Board. The board shall consist of not less than one (1) and no more than two (2) representatives of each congressionally chartered veterans' organization as defined in RCW 73.08.010. Members of the board shall be nominated by the County Executive based upon recommendations of the commander of each veteran's organization and appointed by the County Council pursuant to Chapter 2.03 of the Snohomish County Code.

2.430.050 Board Member Terms. The terms of office for members of the board shall be for four years; PROVIDED, that no person shall serve more than three consecutive terms on the same board, unless there has been a period of two years absence from the board, a person may again be appointed for up to three consecutive terms; PROVIDED FURTHER, that the term of an initially-appointed member may be set for a period shorter than four years in order that an equal number of vacancies occur every two years.

2.430.060 Vacancies. A vacancy resulting from the expiration of a term of office shall be filled by appointment for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office shall be by appointment for the expired term of the office being filled.

2.430.070 Compensation. Members of the board shall serve without compensation. However, members may be reimbursed for mileage to and from meetings and for other expenses as approved by the director of the department as limited by budgetary constraints.

2.430.090 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

PASSED this 25th day of October, 1995.

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