

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 97-001

ESTABLISHING THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES
OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.105 SCC

BE IT ORDAINED:

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

Chapter 2.105

CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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2.105.010 Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,
(1) "commission" means the citizens' commission on salaries of elected officials created by SCC 2.105.020,
(2) "elected officials" means the county council, executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and treasurer,
(3) "immediate family member" means a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or dependent relative of the official or employee, whether or not living in the same household.

2.105.020 Creation and purpose. It is the policy of Snohomish County to base salaries of elected officials on realistic standards so that officials may be paid according to the duties of their offices and so that persons of the highest quality may be attracted to public service. To effectuate this policy, the citizens' commission on salaries of elected officials is hereby created consisting of seven members with duties and responsibilities as set forth in this chapter.

2.105.030 Duties of commission. The commission shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of all elected officials and shall recommend the salary for each position. Except as provided in this chapter, the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization, and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all elected officials, departments, and agencies of the county. Staff support shall be provided as determined by the county executive.

2.105.040 Eligibility and appointment. (1) The commission shall consist of seven members, consisting of two at-large members and five members each of whom is a legal resident of one of the five council districts. Members of the commission must be at least eighteen years of age, registered to vote, and legal residents of Snohomish County. No Snohomish County official or employee, or immediate family member of a Snohomish County official or employee, is eligible for membership on the commission.

(2) The members of the commission shall be appointed pursuant to chapter 2.03 SCC, except that the county council may recommend persons for nomination by the county executive. The members of the commission shall serve four-year terms ending December 31, 2000, and every four years thereafter, except that three of the first seven members shall be appointed for terms ending December 31, 1998, as determined by lot. Notwithstanding SCC 2.03.080, members of the commission may be removed by the county executive, with the approval of the county council, only for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or for a disqualifying change of eligibility. The unexcused absence of any member of the commission from two consecutive meetings of the commission shall constitute relinquishment of that person's membership and create a vacancy on the commission. Upon a vacancy prior to the end of a term, a successor shall be nominated and appointed to fill the unexpired term. The county executive and council shall endeavor to fill vacancies within 60 days of their occurrence.

2.105.050 Meetings and operation. (1) All business of the commission shall be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW. Prior to recommending any salary schedule, the commission shall hold no fewer than two public hearings within the two months immediately preceding the recommendation.

(2) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among their number. The commission shall recommend a schedule of salaries by an affirmative vote of not less than five members of the commission.

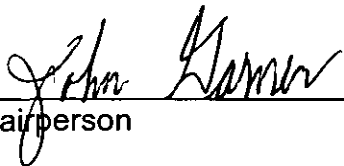
2.105.060 Recommended Salary Schedules. The commission shall recommend its initial schedule of salaries for elected officials to the county council no later than May 15, 1997, and shall recommend a salary schedule to the county council and executive on or before May 15 every two years commencing May 15, 1999. The signature of the chair of the commission shall be affixed to each salary schedule recommended by the commission. The chair of the commission shall certify that the salary schedule has been recommended in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and with the rules, if any, of the commission.

2.105.070 Compensation. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for mileage to and from meetings and for other expenses approved by the county executive in accordance with chapter 2.03 SCC.

Section 2. Initial appointments. Initial appointments to the citizen's commission on salaries of elected officials shall be made within 45 days after the effective date of this ordinance.

PASSED this 5th day of February, 1997.

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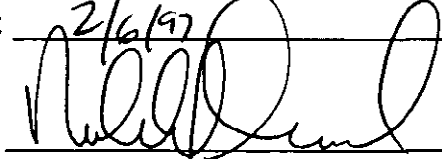


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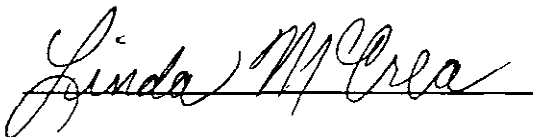
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County Executive

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ROBERT J. DREWEL
County Executive

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