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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AMENDED  
ORDINANCE NO. 97 -041

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 2.49 LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.49.010 last amended by Ordinance 93-138 on December 22, 1993 is hereby amended to read:

2.49.010 Publication and distribution.

The county auditor is hereby authorized to publish and distribute a local voters' pamphlet in conformity with provisions of chapter 29.81A RCW for each odd year primary and each general election ((and for each special election and/or primary as designated by motion by the county council)) . A local voters' pamphlet may be authorized for special elections and even year primaries on an election by election basis as designated by motion of the county council. If the state of Washington produces a state voters' pamphlet for even year primaries, then the county auditor shall be authorized to publish and distribute a local voters' pamphlet for the even year primaries as well. 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 if the counties have entered into an interlocal distribution agreement pursuant to RCW 29.81A.020(1). )) Districts not located wholly within Snohomish County may participate in the local voters' pamphlet pursuant to an interlocal agreement between the district and the auditor's office.

If a city, town or district is located within more than one county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal agreement to permit distribution of each county's local voters' pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located outside of that county.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 2.49.020 last amended by Ordinance No. 93-138 on December 22, 1993 is hereby amended to read:

2.49.020 Notification.

Not later than ninety days~~((P))~~ prior to any election for which a local voters' pamphlet will be published and distributed, the county auditor shall notify each city, town, and special taxing district partially or wholly within Snohomish County that a local voters' pamphlet will be published and distributed.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 2.49.030 adopted by Ordinance 90-172 on October 31, 1990 is hereby amended to read:

2.49.030 Administrative rules.

The county auditor, in ~~((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.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 2.49.050 adopted by Ordinance 90-172 on October 31, 1990 is hereby amended to read:

2.49.050 Interlocal agreements.

The county auditor is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements as necessary to publish and distribute local voters' pamphlets as authorized by this chapter. ~~((for each general election.))~~

Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 2.49.060 adopted by Ordinance 90-172 on October 31, 1997 is hereby amended to read:

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 ~~((three))~~ ~~((40))~~ five business days from the date set forth in the administrative rules for the local voters' pamphlet for filing the explanatory statement with the county auditor's office. Any such challenge shall be brought by ~~((way of))~~ filing a 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.

Section 6. Snohomish County Code 2.49.070 amended by Ordinance 93-037 on May 26, 1993 is hereby repealed

Section 7. A new section is added to Snohomish County Code 2.49 to read:

2.49.070 Undue financial hardship to participate in local voters' pamphlet.

If inclusion in the county's voters' pamphlet would create undue financial hardship for a city, town or district, the legislative authority of the city, town or district may petition the county council to waive inclusion in the voters' pamphlet. The county council may, by motion, provide such a waiver if it does so not later than sixty days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that inclusion in the voters' pamphlet would create an undue financial hardship on the city, town or district filing the petition.

PASSED this 28th day of May, 1997.

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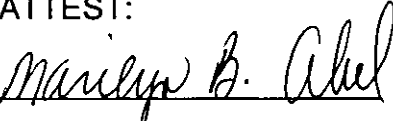
  
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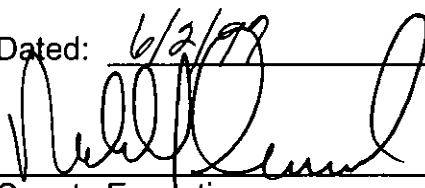
  
Clerk of the Council, *ASST.*

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ATTEST:

  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Dated: 6/2/99

  
County Executive

ROBERT J. DREWEL  
County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney