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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 97-097

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION  
INCLUDING JUSTICE AND DISTRICT COURTS, PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE  
DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT WITH SEPARATE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS,  
AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12 SCC

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Purpose and findings. (1) The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a unified county-wide district court with separate electoral districts as authorized by RCW 3.38.070, to provide for its administration, and to make other amendments to the districting plan adopted pursuant to Chapter 3.38 RCW. In establishing a single district court district the County Council intends to promote a more efficient and cost-effective system of justice. While respecting the constitutional separation of powers, the Council encourages the district court to adopt local court rules that apply throughout the district and to develop and implement administrative procedures that will promote the equitable assignment of cases and realize cost savings through centralization and consolidation of functions, facilities, and personnel.

(2) The Council finds that consolidation of existing district court districts was recommended by the districting committee established under RCW 3.38.010 on July 17, 1997. The Council further finds that the districting plan, as amended by this ordinance, conforms to the standards set forth in Chapters 3.30 through 3.74 RCW and is conducive to the best interests and welfare of the county as a whole.

Section 2. The chapter heading of Chapter 2.12 of the Snohomish County Code, as adopted by the Code Reviser, is amended to read:

Chapter 2.12 ((JUSTICE)) DISTRICT COURT

Section 3. A new section is added to Chapter 2.12 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**2.12.015 District Court District Established.** (1) There is hereby established a single district court in Snohomish County, to be known as the Snohomish county district court. The boundaries of the district court district shall be the boundaries of the county, except that the district shall not include any portion of the county that is within the joint district court district described in SCC 2.12.055.

(2) The district court district shall be divided into four electoral districts for the purpose of electing district court judges by subcounty local districts as provided in RCW 3.38.070. District court judges having the qualifications set out in RCW 3.34.060 shall be elected pursuant to RCW 3.34.050 by registered voters of the electoral districts for which they file declarations of candidacy. The boundaries of the electoral districts are described in SCC 2.12.020, 2.12.030, 2.12.040, and 2.12.050.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.020, last amended by Ordinance No. 94-063 on July 20, 1994, is amended to read:

**2.12.020 Cascade (~~District~~) electoral district boundaries.**

~~((4))~~ The ~~(justice court)~~ electoral district in north Snohomish county, known as "Cascade Electoral District," shall ~~(be revised to)~~ include all the land lying within the following voting precincts. A complete legal description of the precinct boundaries is on file with the county auditor.

Arlington 1	Loma
Arlington 2	Loop
Arlington 3	Louck
Arlington 4	Marshall
Arlington 5	<u>McDonald</u>
<u>Arlington 6</u>	McRea
<u>Arlington 7</u>	Millard
<u>Arlington 8</u>	Norden
Armstrong	Nydin
<u>Arnot</u>	Oso
<u>Blueberry</u>	Otter
<u>Bosworth</u>	Outlook
Boulder	Packwood
<u>Brandi</u>	<u>Pilot</u>
Brookwood	Pony
Bryant	Port Susan
Burn Hill	Portage
<u>Cassidy</u>	Porter
Cedarhome	Railroad
Cliff	Robe
Darrington 1	Roncrest
Darrington 2	Rowland
Drycreek	<u>Sandman</u>
Edgecomb	Sauk
Estates	<u>Scenic</u>
<u>Firtree</u>	Shoecraft
Florence	Shoultes
<u>Freeborn</u>	Silvana
Garden	Sisco

Getchell	Sleepy Hollow
Granite Falls 1	Smokey Point
Granite Falls 2	Stanby
Green	Stanwood 1
Gregory	Stanwood 2
Happy Valley	<u>Stanwood 3</u>
Hazel	Stillaguamish
Heights	Straus
<u>Huckleberry</u>	Thompson
Jim Creek	Timber
<u>Jordan Trails</u>	Trafton
Kackman	<u>Trangen</u>
Kruse	Tronson
<del>((Lake Farms))</del>	<u>Twin Lakes</u>
Lake Goodwin	Village
<u>Lake Howard</u>	Waters
Lakewood	Wenberg
Levin	Willow
Lochsloy	

Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.030, last amended by Ordinance No. 95-004 on February 15, 1995, is amended to read:

**2.12.030 Evergreen ((District)) electoral district boundaries.**

~~((1))~~ The ~~((justice court))~~ electoral district in southeast Snohomish county, known as "Evergreen Electoral District," shall ~~((be revised to))~~ include all the land lying within the following voting precincts. A complete legal description of the precinct boundaries is on file with the county auditor.

Battery	Newberg
Bear Creek	<u>Ohlde</u>
<u>Beaver</u>	Olney
Beecher	Osborn
Bluff	Owen
Bostian	Panther Creek
Brocklin	Paradise
<u>Callow</u>	Park Place
Cathcart	Peak
<u>Cavalero</u>	Pennant
Cavalry	Peterson
Centennial	<u>Pierce</u>
Chain Lake	Pilchuck
Clearview	<u>Pipeline</u>
Creek	Pointe
<u>Crest</u>	<u>Pond</u>
Davies	Rainier

Dubuque	Rees
East Everett	Ricci
Echo Lake	Ridgeway
Fairview	River
<u>Fern</u>	Riverview
Fir	<u>Robinhood</u>
<u>Fircrest</u>	Roosevelt
Foster	Sexton
Frontier	Shorts
<u>Glenridge</u>	Skykomish
Glenwood	Skyline
Gold Bar	Snohomish 1
<u>Greenwood</u>	Snohomish 2
Haines	Snohomish 3
Hartford	Snohomish 4
High Bridge	Snohomish 5
High Rock	Snohomish 6
Highland	Snohomish 7
Hillcrest	Snohomish 8
<u>Hillside</u>	<u>Snohomish 9</u>
Index	<u>Snohomish 10</u>
<u>Iverson</u>	South Lake Stevens
<u>Jewell</u>	South Snohomish
<u>Kokanee</u>	Spada
Lake	Stevens
Lake Stevens 1	Stitch
Lake Stevens 2	Storm Lake
Lake Stevens 3	Sultan 1
Lake Stevens 4	Sultan 2
Lake Stevens 5	Sultan 3
<u>Lake Stevens 6</u>	Sultan River
<u>Lake Stevens 7</u>	<u>Summer</u>
<u>Lake Stevens 8</u>	Swalwell
Lakeview	Three Lakes
Larimer	Totem Falls 1
Lost Lake	<u>Totem Falls 2</u>
Ludwig	<u>Totem Falls 3</u>
<u>Lupine</u>	Trail
Machias	Trombley
Maltby	Tualco
Mann	Turner
Marion	<u>Valley</u>
Marks	Valmont
Marsh	Vernon
May Creek	View

Meadow	Wagner
Menzel	Wallace
<u>Merwin</u>	<u>Welch</u>
Mill	Wellington
<del>((Milton))</del>	<u>West Fork</u>
Minor	Wheeler
Monroe 1	Windsong
Monroe 2	Winter <del>((s))</del> Lake
Monroe 3	Wi <del>((n))</del> thers
Monroe 4	Woods Creek
Monroe 5	<u>Wyatt Park</u>
<u>Monroe 6</u>	
<u>Monroe 7</u>	

Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.040, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 94-063 on July 20, 1994, is amended to read:

**2.12.040 Everett ~~((District))~~ electoral district boundaries.**

~~((1))~~ The ~~((justice court))~~ electoral district in western Snohomish county, known as "Everett Electoral District," shall ~~((be revised to))~~ include all the land lying within the following voting precincts. A complete legal description of the precinct boundaries is on file with the county auditor.

Alma	Everett 91
Bloom	Everett 92
Bly	Everett 93
Boeing	<u>Everett 94</u>
Dakota	<u>Everett 95</u>
Densmore	<u>Everett 96</u>
Eastmont	<u>Everett 97</u>
Ebey	<u>Everett 98</u>
Everett 1	<u>Everett 99</u>
Everett 2	Fair
Everett 3	Fairmont
Everett 4	<del>((Fircrest))</del>
Everett 5	<u>Firgrove</u>
Everett 6	Hampton
Everett 7	Hat Island
Everett 8	<u>Haven</u>
Everett 9	Hilton's Lk.
Everett 10	Hiway
Everett 11	Howell
Everett 12	Intercity
Everett 13	Jordan
Everett 14	Lantern
Everett 15	Lind

Everett 16	Marysville 1
Everett 17	Marysville 2
Everett 18	Marysville 3
Everett 19	Marysville 4
Everett 20	Marysville 5
Everett 21	Marysville 6
Everett 22	Marysville 7
Everett 23	Marysville 8
Everett 24	Marysville 9
Everett 25	Marysville 10
Everett 26	Marysville 11
Everett 27	Marysville 12
Everett 28	Marysville 13
Everett 29	Marysville 14
Everett 30	Marysville 15
Everett 31	Marysville 16
Everett 32	Marysville 17
Everett 33	Marysville 18
Everett 34	Marysville 19
Everett 35	<u>Marysville 20</u>
Everett 36	<u>Marysville 21</u>
Everett 37	<u>Marysville 22</u>
Everett 38	<u>Marysville 23</u>
Everett 39	<u>Marysville 24</u>
Everett 40	<u>Marysville 25</u>
Everett 41	<u>Marysville 26</u>
Everett 42	Mukilteo 1
Everett 43	Mukilteo 2
Everett 44	Mukilteo 3
Everett 45	Mukilteo 4
Everett 46	Mukilteo 5
Everett 47	Mukilteo 6
Everett 48	Mukilteo 7
Everett 49	Mukilteo 8
Everett 50	Mukilteo 9
Everett 51	Mukilteo 10
Everett 52	Mukilteo 11
Everett 53	Mukilteo 12
Everett 54	Mukilteo 13
Everett 55	Mukilteo 14
Everett 56	Mukilteo 15
Everett 57	Mukilteo 16
Everett 58	Mukilteo 17
Everett 59	Mukilteo 18
Everett 60	Mukilteo 19

Everett 61	Mukilteo 20
Everett 62	Mukilteo 21
Everett 63	<u>Mukilteo 22</u>
Everett 64	<u>Mukilteo 23</u>
Everett 65	<u>Mukilteo 24</u>
Everett 66	Norm
Everett 67	<u>Parkway</u>
Everett 68	Pine
Everett 69	Priest Point
Everett 70	Quil
Everett 71	Rivercrest
Everett 72	Robin
Everett 73	Shelton
Everett 74	Sparlin
Everett 75	Stock Show
Everett 76	Sunnyside
Everett 77	Sunrise
Everett 78	Tower
Everett 79	Tulalip 1
Everett 80	Tulalip 2
Everett 81	Tulalip 3
Everett 82	Tulalip 4
Everett 83	<u>Tulalip 5</u>
Everett 84	<u>Tulalip 6</u>
Everett 85	Tyee
Everett 86	Ville
Everett 87	Warren
Everett 88	Welangdon
Everett 89	Westover
Everett 90	Whaleback
	Woodridge

Section 7. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.050, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 94-063 on July 20, 1994, is amended to read:

**2.12.050 South ((District)) electoral district boundaries.**

The ((~~justice court~~)) electoral district in southwest Snohomish county, known as "South Electoral District," shall ((~~be revised to~~)) include all the land lying within the following voting precincts, but shall exclude any land that is within the joint district court district described in SCC 2.12.055. A complete legal description of the precinct boundaries is on file with the county auditor.

Alder	Lynnwood 20
Aldercrest	Lynnwood 21
Alicia	Lynnwood 22
Alpine	Lynnwood 23

Ann	Lynnwood 24
Ash	Lynnwood 25
Atlas	Lynnwood 26
Berkshire	Lynnwood 27
<u>Beverly</u>	Lynnwood 28
Brier 1	Lynnwood 29
Brier 2	Lynnwood 30
Brier 3	Lynnwood 31
Brier 4	Lynnwood 32
Brier 5	<u>Lynnwood 33</u>
Brier 6	<u>Lynnwood 34</u>
Brier 7	<u>Lynnwood 35</u>
Brier 8	<u>Lynnwood 36</u>
<u>Brier 9</u>	<u>Lynnwood 37</u>
Brook	Madison
Cascade	<u>Magnolia</u>
Cascadian	Manor
Chapel	Manordale
Clover	Maple
Country	Maplewood
Cove	Mariner
Crystal	Martha Lake
Cypress	McCabe
Dale	<u>Meadowcrest</u>
Damson	Meadowdale
Dumas	Meridian
East Shore	Mill Creek 1
<del>((Eaton))</del>	Mill Creek 2
Edmonds 1	Mill Creek 3
Edmonds 2	Mill Creek 4
Edmonds 3	Mill Creek 5
Edmonds 4	Mill Creek 6
Edmonds 5	Mill Creek 7
Edmonds 6	Mill Creek 8
Edmonds 7	Mill Creek 9
Edmonds 8	Mill Creek 10
Edmonds 9	Mill Creek 11
Edmonds 10	Mill Creek 12
Edmonds 11	<u>Mill Creek 13</u>
Edmonds 12	<u>Miller</u>
Edmonds 13	Misty
Edmonds 14	Mountlake Terrace 1
Edmonds 15	Mountlake Terrace 2
Edmonds 16	Mountlake Terrace 3
Edmonds 17	Mountlake Terrace 4



Edmonds 18	Mountlake Terrace 5
Edmonds 19	Mountlake Terrace 6
Edmonds 20	Mountlake Terrace 7
Edmonds 21	Mountlake Terrace 8
Edmonds 22	Mountlake Terrace 9
Edmonds 23	Mountlake Terrace 10
Edmonds 24	Mountlake Terrace 11
Edmonds 25	Mountlake Terrace 12
Edmonds 26	Mountlake Terrace 13
Edmonds 27	Mountlake Terrace 14
Edmonds 28	Mountlake Terrace 15
Edmonds 29	Mountlake Terrace 16
Edmonds 30	Mountlake Terrace 17
Edmonds 31	Mountlake Terrace 18
Edmonds 32	Mountlake Terrace 19
Edmonds 33	Mountlake Terrace 20
Edmonds 34	<u>Mountlake Terrace 21</u>
Edmonds 35	<u>Mountlake Terrace 22</u>
Edmonds 36	Nile
Edmonds 37	Norma
Edmonds 38	North Creek
Edmonds 39	North Road
<u>Edmonds 40</u>	Oaks
<u>Edmonds 41</u>	Olympus
<u>Edmonds 42</u>	<u>Pacific</u>
<u>Edmonds 43</u>	Paine
<u>Edmonds 44</u>	((Park))
<u>Edmonds 45</u>	Parkshore
<u>Edmonds 46</u>	<u>Penny Creek</u>
<u>Edmonds 47</u>	Perrin
Elm	Picnic Point
Elwood	Pinewood
Emander	Pioneer
Emerald	Pioneer Trails
Evergreen	Poplar
Fairwood	Post
Fernwood	Puget
Field	Puget Park
<u>Filbert</u>	Queens
Firdale	<u>Redhawk</u>
Forest	Rhody Ridge
Forshee	((Ridge))
Freeway	Rob
((Gate))	Royal
Gibson	<u>Ruggs Lake</u>

Grannis	Samoea
Grove	Seattle Hill
Hearthstone	Serene
Heatherwood	Shadow Wood
Hemlock	<u>Shamrock</u>
Hill	Shelby
<u>Hillman</u>	Shore
Hilltop	Silver Firs 1
Hipoint	Silver Firs 2
Holiday	Silver Firs 3
Holly	Silver Firs 4
Hunt	Silver Lake
Interstate	(( <del>Snohline</del> ))
Jeff	South Alderwood
Keeler	Spring
<u>Kenmore</u>	Stafford
Kentish	Stickney
Kenwood	Stone Gate
(( <del>Lane</del> ))	Summitt
Larch	Sunset
Laura	Swamp Creek
Locust	<u>Terrace</u>
Lynnwood 1	Thomas Lake
Lynnwood 2	Thrashers
Lynnwood 3	Vine
Lynnwood 4	Vista
Lynnwood 5	Walnut
Lynnwood 6	Watts
Lynnwood 7	Waxon
Lynnwood 8	Westbrook
Lynnwood 9	Wigen
Lynnwood 10	Willowdale
Lynnwood 11	Wingate
Lynnwood 12	Woodgate
Lynnwood 13	Woodland
Lynnwood 14	Woods Trail
Lynnwood 15	Woodway 1
Lynnwood 16	Woodway 2
Lynnwood 17	York
Lynnwood 18	
Lynnwood 19	

Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.055, adopted by Ordinance No. 93-047 on June 30, 1993, is amended to read:

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**2.12.055 ~~((Northeast District boundaries))~~ Joint district court district.**

~~((1) The justice court))~~ That portion of the joint district court district established by King county pursuant RCW 3.38.060 located within the boundaries of that portion of the city of Bothell located within the ~~((boundary))~~ boundaries of Snohomish county ~~((known as "Northeast District"))~~ shall be excluded from the district court district established by this chapter ~~(include all the land lying within the following voting precincts))~~. ~~((A complete legal description of the precinct boundaries is on file with the county auditor.~~

<del>Bothell 14</del>	<del>Bothell 23</del>
<del>Bothell 16</del>	<del>Bothell 24</del>
<del>Bothell 17</del>	<del>Bothell 25</del>
<del>Bothell 18</del>	<del>Bothell 26</del>
<del>Bothell 19</del>	<del>Bothell 27</del>
<del>Bothell 20</del>	<del>Bothell 28</del>
<del>Bothell 21</del>	<del>Bothell 29</del>
<del>Bothell 22</del>	<del>Bothell 30))</del>

Section 9. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.060, adopted by Ordinance No. 89-041 on May 24, 1989, is amended to read:

**2.12.060 Adjustment of ~~((district))~~ precinct boundaries following annexations.**

In order to meet the ~~((requirements))~~ requirement of ~~((RCW 3.38.050(5)))~~ RCW 3.38.050(4) that a district court district boundary not intersect the boundary of an election precinct, the county auditor shall temporarily adjust ~~((district and))~~ precinct boundaries as necessary when a city annexes county territory to the city ~~((Such adjustments shall be made))~~ in accordance with RCW 29.04.040(5) ~~((as soon as possible after the approval of the annexation))~~. ~~((The temporary adjustment shall be limited to the minimum changes necessary to accommodate the addition of the territory to the city and shall remain in effect only until district and precinct boundary modifications reflecting the annexation are adopted by the county legislative authority.))~~ The auditor shall report such precinct boundary adjustments to the county council, prosecuting attorney, and district court presiding judge.

Section 10. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.070, last amended by Ordinance No. 89-041 on May 24, 1989, is amended to read:

**2.12.070 Number of judges ~~((per district))~~.**

(1) There shall be seven full-time judges elected in the district court district established by this chapter.

(2) The number of judges to be elected in each electoral district shall be as follows:

Cascade = one full-time judge;  
Evergreen = one full-time judge;  
Everett = two full-time judges;  
South = three full-time judges.

Section 11. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.080, last amended by Ordinance No. 89-041 on May 24, 1989, is repealed and re-enacted to read:

**2.12.080 Location of offices and courtrooms.**

The offices and courtrooms of the district court shall be located at the county courthouse in Everett, Washington; the county court facility in Arlington, Washington; the county court facility in Monroe, Washington; the county court facility in Lynnwood, Washington; and at such other locations as may be determined appropriate by the presiding judge.

Section 12. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.100, adopted by Resolution on June 13, 1966, is amended to read:

**2.12.100 ~~((Number))~~ Authorization of court commissioners ~~((per district-- Location))~~.**

The district courts authorized to appoint one or more district court commissioners, subject to appropriation of necessary funds pursuant to chapter 4.26 SCC. ~~((Justice))~~ District court commissioners ~~((shall))~~ may be ~~((authorized for))~~ located in ~~((each))~~ any electoral district as determined by the presiding judge. ~~((Follows:~~

~~Cascade District      Five commissioners, one of which may be the clerk  
To be located at:      Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Stanwood~~

~~Evergreen District      Six commissioners, one of which may be the clerk  
To be located at:      Gold Bar, Index, Monroe, Snohomish, Sultan~~

~~Everett District      Four commissioners  
To be located at:      Everett, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mukilteo~~

~~South District      Five commissioners  
To be located at:      Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace,  
Woodway))~~

Section 13. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.120, adopted by Resolution on June 13, 1966, is amended to read:

**2.12.120 Salaries of municipal ~~((justices))~~ judges.**

~~((There will be no allocations made in any district))~~ The county will not make payments to cities for the salaries of municipal judges.

Section 14. A new section is added to Chapter 2.12 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**2.12.125 Presiding judge.**

The business of the district court shall be supervised by a presiding judge selected pursuant to Rule 5 of the Administrative Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (ARLJ). The duties of the presiding judge are set out in ARLJ 5(b).

Section 15. A new section is added to Chapter 2.12 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**2.12.135 Division of probation.**

There is established within the district court a division of probation which shall be responsible for providing probation services to the district court. The division of probation shall be supervised by the presiding judge.

Section 16. Snohomish County Code Sections 2.12.010, 2.12.090, and 2.12.130, adopted by Resolution on June 13, 1966, are repealed.

Section 17. Snohomish County Code Section 2.12.131, adopted by Resolution on December 10, 1973, is repealed.

Section 18. Snohomish County Code Sections 2.12.011, 2.12.012, 2.12.013, 2.12.110, and 2.12.140, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 89-041 on May 24, 1989, are repealed.

Section 19. Savings and transition. (1) The justice court districts known as the Cascade District, Evergreen District, Everett District, and South District shall be dissolved upon establishment of the Snohomish County District Court on January 10, 1999. All rights and responsibilities of those justice courts shall be transferred to the Snohomish County District Court.

(2) This ordinance shall not have the effect of terminating or in any way modifying any right, liability, or judicial proceeding, civil or criminal, that is in existence upon establishment of the Snohomish County District Court on January 10, 1999, except insofar as may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of rights and responsibilities of the justice courts identified in subsection 1 of this section to the district court. Nothing in this ordinance shall impair the rights of any party arising out of a collective bargaining agreement or the county personnel rules.

(3) The county auditor shall accept declarations of candidacy for the district court judge positions created by this ordinance during the filing period provided by law prior to the general election held in November, 1998. The district court judge positions

created by this ordinance shall be filled by persons who are elected in the general election held in November, 1998.

Section 20. Effective dates. Sections 1 through 18 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 10, 1999. Section 19 of this ordinance shall take effect ten days after it is signed by the county executive or otherwise enacted, as provided in section 2.110 of the county charter.

PASSED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

John Harner  
Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara Pitowski  
Clerk of the Council, *Asst.*

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( ) VETOED  
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County Executive

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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