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Snohomish County
Charter Review Commission
8th Floor Robert J. Drewel Building
Jackson Board Room
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Call to Order

Flag Salute/Roll Call

Agenda Order

Approval of the Minutes: June 15, 2016

Public Hearing

1. Presentation of Charter Review Commission Proposals:
 1. Revising County Redistricting Process
 2. Office of Public Advocate
 3. Requiring Additional County Council Meetings and Hearings
 4. Revising Procedures for Appointment and Confirmation of Chief Executive Officers
 5. Increasing Number of County Council Members
 6. Amending Deadline for Executive Presentation of Proposed Budgets
 7. County Policy on Nondiscrimination
 8. Paine Field Airport Commission
 9. Commission on Human Rights
 10. Hearing Examiner System and Appeals to County Council
 11. Providing for Elections in Even-Numbered Years
 12. Convert Prosecuting Attorney to Non-partisan Office

Adjournment 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for June 29 at 6:00 pm at the Robert J. Drewel Building

Agenda Topics

Commission Action on Active Proposals.

[NOTE: Times shown on Agenda are approximate]

PROPOSITION NO. ____

Requiring Additional County Council Meetings and Hearings

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning County Council meetings and hearings. This proposition would require the Council to hold an evening meeting in each County Council district at least once each calendar year; require evening public hearings on proposed budgets presented by the County Executive and on any proposed ordinance to adopt, amend, or repeal a county comprehensive plan; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

AMENDED SECTION:

Section 2.60 Rules of Procedure

The county council shall enact by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings, which shall include at least one evening meeting in each council district each calendar year, and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances. The rules of procedure shall provide for public access to agendas, minutes and voting records of individual council members. The rules of procedure shall also provide for an opportunity for public comment during any meeting of the council. All meetings shall be open to the public except to the extent executive sessions are authorized by state law. Unless the council finds that an emergency exists, a public hearing must be held in the evening on the proposed budget presented by the county executive pursuant to Section 6.50 and on any proposed ordinance to adopt, amend, or repeal a county comprehensive plan.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term "effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.)~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Amending Deadline for Executive Presentation of Proposed Budgets

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the timing of County Executive presentation of proposed budgets. This proposition would change the deadline for the County Executive to present proposed annual or biennial budgets and related materials to the County Council from seventy days prior to the end of the fiscal year to September 1 of each year that is subject to an annual budget or the second year of each fiscal biennium, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required:

AMENDED SECTION:

Section 6.20 Presentation of Proposed Budget

~~((At least seventy-five days prior to the end))~~ By September 1 of each fiscal year ~~((preceding the preparation of))~~ subject to an annual budget, or ~~((one hundred days prior to the end of each fiscal))~~ the second year ~~((preceding the preparation of a biennial budget))~~ of each fiscal biennium, the county executive shall present to the county council a complete proposed budget and budget message, including a budget ordinance which identifies proposed operating and capital appropriations and estimated revenues and reserves necessary to balance the budget for the next fiscal year or biennium, as determined by the council. The county executive shall present to the county council proposed tax and revenue ordinances which may be necessary to generate additional resources not being collected in the current year. The county executive also shall present to the county council a proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years. Copies of the proposed budget, budget message, ordinances and capital improvement program shall be delivered to each council member. Copies of the proposed budget, budget message and ordinances shall be furnished by the

county executive to any interested person for a reasonable fee as established by ordinance and shall be available for public inspection at the office of the county executive.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Providing for Elections in Even-Numbered Years

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the schedule for holding certain county elections. This proposition would change the schedule for electing the County Executive, County Assessor, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, and members of the County Council from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years beginning in 2020, provide for transition to the new schedule, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

AMENDED SECTION:

Section 4.90 Commencement of Terms of Office

~~((With the exception of the prosecuting attorney, the))~~ The election of county officers provided for in this charter shall be held in ~~((odd-numbered))~~ even-numbered years as provided by general law and the provisions of this charter. The terms of office of elected county officers shall commence on the first day of January immediately following the November general election.

NEW SECTIONS:

Section 11.100 Elections and Terms of Office – Elected Executive Officers

Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the elections and terms of the elected executive officers provided for in Section 3.20 shall be as set out in this section.

The executive officers elected in 2019 shall serve three-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held in even-numbered years according to the provisions of this charter.

Section 11.110 Elections and Terms of Office – County Councilmembers

Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the elections and terms of office of county councilmembers shall be as set out in this section, according to the following contingencies:

1. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years is approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers is not approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2017 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve three-year terms; and (b) councilmembers elected in 2019 to represent districts two and three shall serve three-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held in even-numbered years according to the provisions of this charter.

1. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years is not approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers is approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2021 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve two-year terms; (b) elections for all council districts as redistricted under Section 11.090 of this charter shall be held in 2023, (c) councilmembers elected in 2023 to represent districts two, three, six, and seven shall serve two-year terms; and (d) councilmembers elected in 2023 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve four-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held according to the provisions of this charter. Districts six and seven shall not be deemed vacant prior to 2024.

2. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers are both approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2017 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve three-year terms; (b) councilmembers elected in 2019 to represent districts two and three shall serve three year terms; (c) councilmembers elected in 2020 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve two-year terms; (d) elections for all council districts as redistricted under Section 11.090 of this charter shall be held in 2022; (e) the three councilmembers elected in 2022 who receive the greatest number of votes shall serve four-year terms; and (f) the remaining four councilmembers elected in 2022 shall serve two-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held in even-numbered years according to the provisions of this charter. Districts six and seven shall not be deemed vacant prior to 2023.

Section 11.120 Expiration.

Sections 11.100, 11.110, and 11.120 shall expire on January 1, 2024, and shall not appear in the publication of this charter after that date.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term "effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.))~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____
Commission on Human Rights

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning a county commission on human rights. This proposition would add a new section to the charter that requires the County Council to keep or create a county commission to advise the County Council, County Executive, and other county officers and agencies on matters concerning human rights, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

NEW SECTION:

Section 3.130 Commission on Human Rights

The county council shall establish by ordinance a county commission on human rights to serve in an advisory capacity to the county executive, county council, and other county officers and agencies, as determined by the council, on matters concerning human rights. The commission shall have authority to advise the county executive and council on all matters involving human rights, including but not limited to unlawful discrimination, and shall recommend executive or legislative action when needed to effectuate the policy of Section 9.05. At least one commissioner shall reside in each county council district. The commission shall meet at least quarterly.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term~~

~~"effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.)~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Revising County Redistricting Process

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the process used for redrawing County Council districts. This proposition would revise and update the process by setting workable deadlines for appointing the Districting Committee and districting master and for action by the Districting Committee and County Council; restrict the County Council’s ability to revise districting plans adopted by the Districting Committee, by requiring approval by a supermajority vote and limiting revisions to one percent of the population of any Council district; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required:

AMENDED SECTIONS:

Section 4.60 Districting Committee

~~((Within thirty days after each federal decennial census data is received from the state redistricting commission or its successor))~~ During the month of January 2021, and by January 31 of each tenth year thereafter, a five-member districting committee shall be appointed. The county council shall appoint four persons to the committee, two members from each of the two largest major political ~~((party))~~ parties as defined in state law from a list of five submitted by the party’s central committee, the four members to appoint the fifth voting member who shall be chair. Members of the districting committee shall serve without salary but shall be compensated for reasonable-out-of-pocket expenses.

The districting committee shall ~~((within thirty days of its appointment, meet and))~~ appoint a districting master who shall be qualified by education, training and experience to draw a redistricting plan. If the districting committee is unable to agree upon the appointment of a districting master ~~((within thirty days))~~ by April 1, the county council shall appoint a districting master.

Section 4.70 Districting Plan

~~((Within one month after appointment, the districting master shall draw a districting plan for the county which shall be submitted to the committee for~~

~~adoption.)~~ The districting master shall draw a districting plan for the county which shall be submitted to the districting committee by November 1. Following public hearing at least ~~((one-week))~~ seven days in advance, the districting committee shall adopt the districting plan within thirty days as submitted or as amended by at least four affirmative votes of the committee members. Upon adoption, the plan shall be filed with the county council by the districting committee. No later than ~~((the first day of June))~~ eight months following the county's receipt of ~~((the))~~ federal decennial census data from the state, or within such other period as may be established by state law, the county council shall adopt by ordinance a districting plan, provided that a minimum of four affirmative votes shall be required to amend the plan adopted by the districting committee and the area amended may not include more than one percent of the population of any council district.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Convert Prosecuting Attorney to Non-partisan Office

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the office of County Prosecuting Attorney. This proposition would convert the office of County Prosecuting Attorney from a partisan office to a non-partisan office, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required:

AMENDED SECTION :

Section 4.15 Non-Partisan Offices

The offices of county treasurer, county auditor, county assessor, county sheriff, county prosecuting attorney, and county clerk shall be non-partisan offices.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Hearing Examiner System and Appeals to County Council

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning County Council authority over appeals of certain administrative decisions. This proposition would restate the County Council’s existing charter authority to adopt a hearing examiner system but eliminate the Council’s jurisdiction over appeals from hearing examiner decisions in certain quasi-judicial proceedings involving land use or environmental permits or licenses, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

AMENDED SECTIONS:

Section 2.10 Powers

All powers of the county, not reserved by the people or vested in specific offices by this charter, shall be vested in the county council. The county council shall exercise its legislative power by adoption and enactment of ordinances, resolutions and motions. It shall have the power:

1. To levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets for the county;
2. To establish the compensation to be paid to all county officials and employees and to provide for the reimbursement of expenses, except as provided in Section 6.120;
3. Except as otherwise provided for herein, to establish by ordinance executive departments and to establish their powers and responsibilities;
4. To adopt by ordinance zoning regulations and other land use and development regulations, including improvement plans for the present and future development of the county;
5. To employ legal counsel as allowed by the laws of the state of Washington;

6. To confirm or reject without cause nominations of members of all county boards and commissions, provided, the county council shall have concurrent authority with the county executive to nominate members of the Snohomish county planning commission;
7. To approve contracts or establish by ordinance methods by which any type of contract shall be approved;
8. To set collective bargaining guidelines to be followed by the county executive and to approve any and all collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the county executive;
9. To adopt by ordinance a hearing examiner system to hear and issue decisions in quasi-judicial matters, provided that the council shall not have jurisdiction to hear appeals of hearing examiner decisions in quasi-judicial land use or environmental permit or license proceedings unless required by state law.

The enumeration of particular powers shall not be construed as limiting the powers of the county council.

Section 2.140 Motions

The county council may pass motions to confirm or reject nominations or appointments, to adopt comprehensive plans, to approve interfund loans, to organize and administer the legislative branch, to perform other administrative acts, to issue rulings in quasi-judicial proceedings ~~((except rezone actions))~~ within its jurisdiction, and to request information from any other agency of county government. Motions shall not be subject to veto or the requirements for the introduction, consideration and passage of ordinances.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Paine Field Airport Commission

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning an advisory commission for the county airport at Paine Field. This proposition would direct the County Council to establish a commission to advise the County Council and Executive on proposed rules and regulations for the management and control of airport property and on such other matters as may be specified by ordinance, with the commission to be appointed and include at least one member from each Council district and other members as determined by the Council, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

NEW SECTION:

Section 3.140 Airport Advisory Commission

The county council shall establish by ordinance a commission to advise and make recommendations to the county executive and council concerning the county airport at Paine Field. The commission shall have authority to advise the executive and council on proposed rules and regulations for the management and control of airport property and on such other matters as may be specified by ordinance. The commission shall consist of at least one resident of each council district and may include other members as determined by the council. Members shall be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the council. All commission meetings shall be open to the public and include an opportunity for public comment, except to the extent executive sessions are authorized by state law.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

County Policy on Nondiscrimination

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning county policy on nondiscrimination. This proposition would revise existing county policy on nondiscrimination to incorporate protections provided by state and federal anti-discrimination laws and eliminate outdated or incomplete references to protected classes, substitute gender neutral language for masculine pronouns, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required:

AMENDED SECTIONS:

Section 2.30 Composition

The county council shall consist of five members nominated and elected from districts. Councilmembers shall be residents and registered voters of the district they represent at the time of filing for election to said office and at all times during their terms. Any change in the boundaries of a councilmember’s district which shall cause ~~((him))~~ the councilmember to be no longer a resident shall not disqualify ~~((him))~~ the councilmember from holding office during the remainder of the term for which ~~((he))~~ the councilmember was elected or appointed.

Section 2.110 Ordinances — Enactment

Proposed ordinances may be introduced by any councilmember, mini-initiative or initiative. Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in its entirety in writing. At least thirteen days shall pass between the introduction and the final passage of every ordinance, except emergency ordinances. Brief summaries of proposed ordinances providing reasonable notice as to the nature of the action contemplated shall be published before consideration. The council shall hold at least one public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Any proposed ordinance may be amended by motion at hearing without publication, provided, that such amendments shall not change the scope and object of the proposed ordinance. No proposed ordinance shall become a law unless on its

final passage the vote be taken by roll call by yeas and nays. Ordinances, or summaries of them, shall be published after enactment. Except for emergency ordinances, a minimum of three affirmative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance.

Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five working days after adoption by the county council. Within ten working days after presentation, the county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it or veto the ordinance and return it to the county council with ~~((his))~~ the executive's written objections. If an ordinance is not returned to the county council within ten working days after its presentation, it shall be deemed enacted without the county executive's signature. If the county executive vetoes an ordinance, the county council shall have thirty days to reconsider the ordinance. If the ordinance receives at least four affirmative votes it shall become law. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, all ordinances shall take effect ten days after they are signed by the county executive or otherwise enacted, or at a later date if stated in the ordinance.

Section 4.40 Conflict of Interest

No county elected officer shall hold any other office or employment within county government during ~~((his))~~ the officer's term of office.

Section 4.80 Vacancies

An elective office shall become vacant on the death, resignation or recall of the official or if ~~((he))~~ the official ceases being a resident of Snohomish county or is absent from the county for thirty consecutive days without being excused by the council. The council shall fill a vacancy from a list of three people submitted by the county central committee of the party which the official in office immediately prior to the vacancy represented. In the event that the official in office immediately prior to the vacancy was a non-partisan candidate, the vacancy shall be filled by the council.

Vacancies in elective office shall be filled at the next November general election, unless the vacancy occurs after the last day for filing declarations of candidacy, in which case the vacancy shall be filled at the next succeeding November general election. The person elected shall take office upon certification of the results of the election and shall serve the unexpired term of the vacated office. Until a successor has been elected and certified, a majority of the council shall fill the vacancy by appointment. All persons appointed to fill vacancies shall meet the qualifications for office set forth in this charter.

Section 6.110 Illegal Contracts

Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, any contract in excess of an appropriation shall be null and void; and any officer, agent or employee of the county knowingly responsible shall be personally liable to anyone damaged by ~~((his))~~ that person's action. The county council when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance permitting the county to enter into contracts requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of subsequent fiscal years, but real property shall not be leased to the county for more than one year, unless it is included in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.

Section 9.05 Nondiscrimination

In the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its duties, the county shall ensure that no person is discriminated against ~~((because of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap))~~ in violation of state or federal anti-discrimination law, or on any other basis not reasonably related to the accomplishment of a legitimate governmental purpose, and shall take whatever action necessary to accomplish this purpose as defined in the state and federal constitutions and applicable court interpretations.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

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~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Office of Public Advocate

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning establishing an office of public advocate. This proposition would direct the County Council to establish an office of public advocate to investigate complaints and respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government and to monitor and report to the County Council on certain whistleblower, ethics, and human rights proceedings; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required:

NEW SECTION:

Section 2.160 Office of Public Advocate

The county council shall establish by ordinance within the legislative branch an office of public advocate for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and making recommendations to the council and appropriate county agencies on complaints concerning the operation of county government and to respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government. The office shall have appropriate legal authority and adequate funding, as determined by the council, and shall use generally accepted standards for similar offices. In addition to other duties prescribed by ordinance, the office shall monitor and report to the council on the nature and disposition of whistleblower, ethics, and human rights complaints filed pursuant to other county ordinances or procedures.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Increasing Number of County Councilmembers

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the number of County Councilmembers. This proposition would increase the number of County Councilmembers from five Councilmembers to seven Councilmembers beginning in 2023, or in 2022 if Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years is approved; make related procedural or other changes to charter provisions governing adoption of ordinances, composition of the Charter Review Commission, and Council approval of proposed charter amendments; provide for transition; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendments Required

AMENDED SECTIONS:

Section 2.30 Composition

The county council shall consist of ((five)) seven members nominated and elected from districts. Councilmembers shall be residents and registered voters of the district they represent at the time of filing for election to said office and at all times during their terms. Any change in the boundaries of a councilmember's district which shall cause him to be no longer a resident shall not disqualify him from holding office during the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed.

Section 2.110 Ordinances - Enactment

Proposed ordinances may be introduced by any councilmember, mini-initiative or initiative. Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in its entirety in writing. At least thirteen days shall pass between the introduction and the final passage of every ordinance, except emergency ordinances. Brief summaries of proposed ordinances providing reasonable notice as to the nature of the action contemplated shall be published before consideration. The council shall hold at

least one public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Any proposed ordinance may be amended by motion at hearing without publication, provided, that such amendments shall not change the scope and object of the proposed ordinance. No proposed ordinance shall become a law unless on its final passage the vote be taken by roll call by yeas and nays. Ordinances, or summaries of them, shall be published after enactment. Except for emergency ordinances, a minimum of ~~((three))~~ four affirmative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance.

Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five working days after adoption by the county council. Within ten working days after presentation, the county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it or veto the ordinance and return it to the county council with his written objections. If an ordinance is not returned to the county council within ten working days after its presentation, it shall be deemed enacted without the county executive's signature. If the county executive vetoes an ordinance, the county council shall have thirty days to reconsider the ordinance. If the ordinance receives at least ~~((four))~~ five affirmative votes it shall become law. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, all ordinances shall take effect ten days after they are signed by the county executive or otherwise enacted, or at a later date if stated in the ordinance.

Section 2.120 Emergency Ordinances

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the county council finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. A minimum of ~~((four))~~ five affirmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance. Emergency ordinances shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. All emergency ordinances shall be effective immediately upon passage by the county council.

Section 4.70 Districting Plan

The districting master shall draw a districting plan for the county which shall be submitted to the districting committee by November 1. Following public hearing at least seven days in advance, the districting committee shall adopt the districting plan within thirty days as submitted or as amended by at least four affirmative votes of the committee members. Upon adoption, the plan shall be filed with the county council by the districting committee. No later than eight months following the county's receipt of federal decennial census data from the state, or within such other period as may be established by state law, the county council shall adopt by ordinance a districting plan, provided that any amendment to the plan adopted by the districting committee must be approved by at least ~~((four))~~ five

affirmative votes and the area amended may not include more than one percent of the population of any council district.

Section 6.50 Consideration and Adoption of the Budget

At least thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the county council shall adopt budget, tax and revenue ordinances for the next fiscal year. Prior to the adoption of any budget ordinance for the next fiscal year, the county council shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed budget presented by the county executive and shall hold any other public hearings on the budget or any part thereof that it deems advisable. The county council in considering the budget ordinance proposed by the county executive, may delete or add items, may reduce or increase the proposed appropriations and may add provisions restricting the expenditure of certain appropriations, provided that the county council shall adopt a six (6) year capital improvement program as an adjunct to the budget, including a balance of proposed expenses and potential revenue sources.

The appropriations included in the budget ordinance adopted by the county council shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for each fund including surpluses and reserves. However the county council may increase the amount of the estimated revenues contained in the budget proposed by the county executive by reestimating the amount by motion passed by a minimum of ~~((four))~~ five affirmative votes, by utilizing reserves in a manner not proposed by the county executive or by creating additional sources of revenue which were not included in the proposed tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive.

Section 8.20 Election and Period of Office

Five years after the adoption of this charter and every ten years thereafter, the county council shall cause an election of a charter review commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission. The commission shall consist of ~~((fifteen))~~ two persons ~~((, an equal number))~~ from each council district. There shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary. The election shall be held at the November general election and candidates shall run on a nonpartisan basis. The member of the commission who receives the greatest number of votes shall convene the commission. The term of office shall be one year. The commission may meet at such times and in such places as it deems appropriate.

Section 8.80 Amendments by the County Council

The county council may propose amendments to the charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety days after enactment. A minimum of

~~((four))~~ five affirmative votes shall be required to enact such an ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

NEW SECTIONS:

Section 11.090 Districting Plan

The districting committee appointed in 2021 shall draw a districting plan having seven council districts numbered one through seven.

Section 11.110 Elections and Terms of Office – County Councilmembers

Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the elections and terms of office of county councilmembers shall be as set out in this section, according to the following contingencies:

1. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years is approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers is not approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2017 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve three-year terms; and (b) councilmembers elected in 2019 to represent districts two and three shall serve three-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held in even-numbered years according to the provisions of this charter.
2. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years is not approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers is approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2021 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve two-year terms; (b) elections for all council districts as redistricted under Section 11.090 of this charter shall be held in 2023; (c) councilmembers elected in 2023 to represent districts two, three, six, and seven shall serve two-year terms; and (d) councilmembers elected in 2023 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve four-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held according to the provisions of this charter. Districts six and seven shall not be deemed vacant prior to 2024.
3. If Proposition No. ____ providing for elections in even-numbered years and Proposition No. ____ providing for an increase in the number of county councilmembers are both approved by a majority of voters in that election, then: (a) councilmembers elected in 2017 to represent districts one, four, and five shall serve three-year terms; (b) councilmembers elected in 2019 to represent districts two and three shall serve three year terms; (c) councilmembers elected in 2020 to represent districts one, four, and five shall

serve two-year terms; (d) elections for all council districts as redistricted under Section 11.090 of this charter shall be held in 2022; (e) the three councilmembers elected in 2022 who receive the greatest number of votes shall serve four-year terms; and (f) the remaining four councilmembers elected in 2022 shall serve two-year terms. All subsequent elections shall be held in even-numbered years according to the provisions of this charter. Districts six and seven shall not be deemed vacant prior to 2023.

Section 11.130 Effective Dates

1. The amendments to Section 2.30, 2.110, 2.120, 6.50, 8.20, and 8.80 shall take effect January 1, 2023, except that if Proposition No. _____ providing for elections in even numbered years is approved by a majority of voters then the amendments to Section 2.30, 2.110, 2.120, 6.50, 8.20, and 8.80 shall take effect January 1, 2022.
2. The amendment to Section 4.70 shall take effect as provided in subsection 1 of this section if Proposition No. _____ providing for amendments to county redistricting procedures is approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election, and not otherwise. If the amendment to Section 4.70 takes effect it shall amend Section 4.70 as amended by Proposition No. _____.
3. All other changes proposed by the 2016 Charter Review Commission and approved by a majority of voters in the 2016 general election shall take effect as provided in Section 8.50 or this article.

Section 11.140 Expiration

Sections 11.090, 11.110, 11.130, and 11.140 shall expire on January 1, 2024, and shall not appear in the publication of this charter after that date.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term "effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.))~~

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PROPOSITION NO. ____

Revising Procedures for Appointment and Confirmation of
Chief Executive Officers

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the procedures for appointment and confirmation of chief executive officers. This proposition would establish a sixty-day deadline for County Council action to confirm or reject appointments by the County Executive, prohibit reappointment of rejected appointees for a period of one year, and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

B. Charter Amendment Required:

AMENDED SECTION:

Section 3.40 Appointments by County Executive and Confirmation

The county executive shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the county council, shall appoint the chief officer of each executive department and office, except the separately elected offices. The executive shall notify the council in writing upon making an appointment. The council shall confirm or reject the appointment by motion within sixty days of the appointment. Failure to confirm or reject an appointment within sixty days shall constitute council consent to the appointment. An appointee whose appointment is rejected by the council shall not be reappointed to the same position for a period of one year from the date of council action. The county executive may appoint a confidential secretary and a deputy county executive without council confirmation.

REPEALED SECTIONS:

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