**Chapter 3.70**  
**SALARIES OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS**

### 3.70.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish salaries for elected county officials other than judges and to provide for their periodic adjustment in light of recommendations of the citizens' commission on salaries of elected officials made pursuant to chapter 2.105 SCC.


### 3.70.015 Salaries of elected officials.

The salaries of county elected shall be fixed by the Snohomish county citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials in accordance with chapter 2.105 SCC.

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### 3.70.020 Salaries of elected executive officials.

1. The annual salaries paid the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, shall be calculated by applying any cost of living or other regular salary increase applied by the county to the annual salaries of non-represented county employees for work performed in 2004 to the following base amounts, provided that the salaries shall be the base amounts if a cost of living or other regular salary increase is not applied to the salaries of non-represented county employees for that year:

   - County Executive $122,203.44
   - Sheriff $100,572.72
   - Assessor $86,698.20
   - Auditor $82,502.94
   - Clerk $82,069.81
   - Treasurer $82,069.81

2. The annual salaries paid the elected executive officials identified in subsection 1 of this section beginning January 1 of subsequent fiscal years shall be equal to the annual salary paid the official for the prior fiscal year adjusted as of January 1 of the subsequent fiscal year to reflect any cost of living or other regular salary adjustment applied by the county to the annual salaries of non-represented county employees. This subsection does
not create an entitlement in non-represented county employees to a cost of living or other salary adjustment.


3.70.025 Salary of prosecuting attorney.

The salary paid the prosecuting attorney shall be equal to the salary paid superior court judges, including adjustments thereto, as determined by the Washington's Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials under Article XXVIII of the Washington Constitution and chapter 43.03 RCW. Salary adjustments shall be applied to the salary of the prosecuting attorney according to the same schedule as adjustments are applied to the salary of superior court judges.


3.70.030 Salary of council members.

   (1) Members of the county council shall be paid an annual salary for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, in an amount calculated by applying the salary adjustment described in subsection 2 of this section for the twelve month period ending June, 2002, and for the twelve month period ending June, 2003, to a January 1, 2002, base amount of $84,872.00. This base amount shall not affect council salaries prior to January 1, 2004.

   (2) The annual salary paid members of the county council beginning January 1 of subsequent fiscal years shall be equal to the salary paid council members for the prior fiscal year adjusted on January 1 of the subsequent fiscal year to reflect 90% of the Seattle area consumer price index or wages (CPI-W) published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve month period ending the preceding June.

   (3) In addition to the amounts established by subsections 1 and 2 of this section, the annual salary of the chair of the county council shall include an additional amount equal to ten percent of the regular council member salary for that year.


3.70.040 Medical and dental benefits not deemed additional compensation.

The cost of any group medical or dental policy or plan or other benefits for the county elected officials identified in SCC 2.105.010 as authorized by law shall not be deemed additional compensation. Pursuant to RCW 41.04.180, 41.04.190, and 36.32.400, premiums for each elected official shall be paid by the county as necessary to maintain
such group medical and dental insurance coverage, and upon the same terms, as the county may provide for non-represented county employees.