



# Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-0709

**Motion:** 26-137

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Compensation Rates for Snohomish County’s Board of Equalization

**Scope:** The motion would approve an increase of \$50 in compensation for Board of Equalization members. The proposed new rate is \$200 a day for each day of attendance at meetings or required training sessions exceeding five hours or \$150 for attendance at meetings or required training sessions shorter than five hours. Board members receive compensation as provided by County Council by motion per SCC 2.76.030.

**Duration:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
002.5074244918	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	<b>\$37,500</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
General Fund						
<b>Totals</b>						

**Authority Granted:** Approves compensation for Board of Equalization members at the rate of \$200.00 a day for each day of attendance at meetings or required training sessions exceeding five hours or \$150.00 for attendance at meetings or required training sessions shorter than five hours.

**Background:** The Board of Equalization reviews appeals of assessed valuation of real and personal property. The Board has five regular members and two alternates. Appeals can be complex and board members must have a background in real estate appraisal, finance, accounting, administrative law, property tax administration, mediation, or land use.

The Office of Hearings Administration proposes increasing the stipend for Board of Equalization members by \$50, from \$100/half day and \$150/full day to \$150/half day and \$200/full day. Board member compensation has not changed since at least the 1990s. The stipend is paid only for scheduled sessions of hearings and is not paid for time spent on preparation or review outside of the hearing session. Current compensation levels are 60% of the average board member compensation for King, Pierce, Spokane, and Thurston counties.

**Requested Action:** For Council to move to GLS on April 15, 2026 for consideration.