



Community Safety and Justice

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Council Initiated:

Yes – Nehring

No

ECAF: 2025-3862

Ordinance: 26-001

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: Ethics Commission – Amending SCC 2.50.100 Meeting Frequency

Scope: Amend SCC 2.50.100 to reduce the number of meetings the Ethics Commission is required to have each year from two, to one.

Current: Two meetings per year, may meet as needed thereafter.

Proposed: One meeting per year in January, may meet as needed thereafter.

Duration: n/a

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: n/a

Background: The Snohomish County Ethics Commission, established through SCC 2.50.080-115, is responsible for reviewing complaints against county employees who violate the County's Code of Ethics under SCC 2.50. When complaints are received, the Chair of the commission reviews them for validity and either moves them to the full body for action or dismisses them.

Over the last twenty years, one complaint has been found valid and advanced to the full body for consideration. Regardless of if there are complaints to address or not, County Code requires the Commission to meet twice a year. On December 5, 2025, the commission met and unanimously recommended the ordinance before you here to reduce the frequency to one per year and on an as needed basis after that.

Requested Action: For Council to set time and date for a public hearing.