SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 25, 2021, at the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., via Zoom remote meeting platform to consider Proposed Ordinance No. 21-092. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

NOTE: Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, Snohomish County Council is currently holding its public meetings remote only and will hold in-person meetings in conjunction with a remote platform when restrictions and conditions change. Please check the Council webpage 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time for the most up-to-date information

https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2288/Meetings-Webcasts or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494 or at contact.council@snoco.org.

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join online at https://zoom.us/j/94846850772
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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 21-092

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- (b) When a new position is proposed the personnel director shall recommend assignment of the position to a salary range based upon an internal comparison of other positions with similar responsibilities. Budgetary placement of the position is normally at the midpoint of the range unless another rate is recommended and approved by the council. When with council direction a position is placed between steps or below the minimum of the pay range established for that range, corrective action to place the position on step within the range shall be taken the following year, subject to the availability of funds, as a result of the next budget process. A position which is paid above the maximum of the pay range established for each range shall continue to receive the same rate of pay until the maximum is adjusted and becomes greater than the incumbent's salary.
- (3) Salary Range Adjustments.
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- (b) Salary ranges shall also be revised to reflect any general cost of living adjustments granted to other employees who are not members of collective bargaining units.
- (4) Advancement Within Pay Ranges.
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Section 2. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2022.

At the hearing, Council may consider alternatives/amendments to the proposed ordinance.

<u>Public Testimony</u>: All interested persons may testify at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation. The chair of the council may choose to limit testimony to three minutes in the interest of accommodating all persons wishing to testify. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201; fax to 425 388-3496 or e-mail to <u>contact.council@snoco.org</u>. Submitting testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure that testimony is provided to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

Where to Get Copies of Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 877-8339, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org.

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American Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Debbie Eco at (425) 388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, or TTY 1-800 877-8339, or e-mail debbie.eco@snoco.org.

DATED this 6th October, 2021.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

ATTES,T:

Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council

Publish: October 11, 2021

October 18, 2021

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Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council

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