

Committee:Committee of the WholeECAF:2022-0931Proposal:Ord. 22- 048

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**Date:** October 11, 2022

## **Consideration**

The proposed ordinance would establish the 2023 monthly vehicle allowance of certain elected officials pursuant to SCC  $3.36.035(2)^{1}$ .

## **Background**

Snohomish County Code 3.36.035 requires a report of the average monthly ER&R cost for replacement, maintenance, insurance, and fuel expenses of a standard size county pool vehicle to Council each year. The code allows an elected official using their own vehicle for travel for county purposes to be paid a vehicle allowance monthly of not more than 99 percent of the average monthly ER&R cost for replacement, maintenance, insurance, and fuel expenses of a standard size county pool vehicle as determined by the Director of Facilities Management.

## Current Proposal

The Director reviewed the average monthly ER&R cost and has determined that the 2023 rate is as follows:

| Average Monthly Vehicle Ownership and Operating Cost | \$447.64 |
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| AAA Estimated Insurance Cost                         | \$107.67 |
| Total  | \$555.31 |
| 99% Maximum  | \$549.76 |

The 99 percent maximum payment allowed to an elected official is therefore calculated at \$549.76 per month. The proposal also allows the Snohomish County Council to adopt the rate calculated by the Director, or Council can set its own rate.

## 2023 Budget: YES.

**Budget Impacts:** Dependent upon the rate adopted by Council.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ch. 3.36 Travel Expenses | Snohomish County Code

**<u>Request:</u>** To set time and date for a public hearing, suggested date of November 30, 2022. Following receipt of public testimony, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 22-048 or provide other direction to staff.