

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 169

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALARIES OF PACIFIC COUNTY'S ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND THE PROPORTION OF FULL-TIME WORK AUTHORIZED FOR ITS
DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.**

WHEREAS, by enacting Ordinance No. 169, the Board of Pacific County Commissioners find that:

- 1) RCW 36.17.020 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners as the county legislative authority to establish the salaries of the elected officials of the county; and
- 2) Amendment 57 to the Washington State Constitution prohibits a legislative authority member from increasing his/her salary during his/her term of office; and
- 3) RCW 36.40.205 requires an approved pre-election salary adjustment for a county legislative authority office to be ratified and validated by properly adopting it as part of the county budget(s) for the year(s) following such election; and
- 4) Pursuant to section 1 of Article XXVIII of the state Constitution and RCW's 3.58.020 and 43.03.012(3), the salary for a part-time district court judge shall be determined by the citizen's committee on salaries for elected officials and said citizen's committee has determined that the salary for a part-time district court judge shall be the proportion of full-time work for which the position is authorized, multiplied by the salary for a full-time district court judge; and
- 5) The salaries of county elected officials should be determined following a process which provides for involvement of both the public and other county officials; and
- 6) The salaries of county elected officials should be fair and representative of the responsibilities of the office and should be in proper relation among elected officials; and
- 7) The salary for a member of the county legislative authority for each year of the term must be set in advance of the member taking office and should be set prior to the candidate filing period for that position; and
- 8) The members of the county legislative authority should have identical salaries for the same periods of service; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the Pacific County FY-2011 Budget, the part-time North District Court Judge salary proportion of full-time work was adjusted from .400 FTE to .450 FTE effective January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 138 shall be rescinded 12/31/2013 at midnight and replaced on 1/1/2014 by Ordinance No. 169;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PACIFIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that Pacific County Ordinance No. 169 read as follows:

SECTION 1. The monthly salaries of Pacific County's elected officials may be adjusted beginning 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2017 per the salary table below. Per RCW 36.40.205, the percentage adjustment listed for each year coincides with annual percentage adjustments adopted in preceding Ordinance 138.

Position	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commissioner	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,546
Assessor	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,546
Auditor	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,546
Clerk	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,546
Treasurer	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,546
Sheriff	\$ 6,375	\$ 6,503	\$ 6,633	\$ 6,765

SECTION 2. The monthly salary of the Prosecuting Attorney shall be as follows:

2014: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$3,934.00

2015: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,013.00

2016: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,093.00

2017: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,175.00

SECTION 3. The salary table in Section 1 and Section 2 will not be further modified unless this ordinance is amended after a public hearing is conducted upon such proposal with proper legal notice thereof. The actual salaries of the elected positions listed in Section 1 and Section 2 will be the lesser of (a) the amount authorized for that year within Section 1 and Section 2 or (b) the amount adopted as part of that year's Final County Budget.

SECTION 4. The authorized proportions of full-time work (the basis for determining actual salaries) of Pacific County's district court judges are: Electoral District #1-North Pacific County, forty-five percent (45%); and Electoral District #2-South Pacific County, sixty percent (60%).

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, or the application of it to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective the 1st day of January 2014, and shall remain in full force and effect until duly and lawfully amended or repealed.

PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, the 13th day of November, 2012, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

2 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 1 ABSENT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Burke

David Burke, Prosecuting Attorney

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Absent

Lisa Ayers, Chairman

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Norman B. Cuffel, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Marie Guernsey
Clerk of the Board Deputy

Beverly J. Olson

Beverly Olson, Interim-Commissioner