

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

ORDINANCE NO. 181

**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. 181, 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 public hearing with proper legal notice thereof; 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
- 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 fiscal year 2016 budget, the part-time North District Court Judge salary proportion of full-time work was adjusted from 0.45 FTE to 0.50 FTE effective January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 169 shall be rescinded on December 31, 2017 at 11:59:59 PM and replaced on January 1, 2018 by Ordinance No. 181;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PACIFIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that Pacific County Ordinance No. 181 read as follows:

SECTION 1. The monthly salaries of Pacific County's elected officials may be adjusted beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021 per the salary table listed below:

Position	2018	2019	2020	2021
Assessor	\$5,305.00	\$5,411.00	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00
Auditor	\$5,305.00	\$5,411.00	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00
Clerk	\$5,305.00	\$5,411.00	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00
Commissioner	\$5,305.00	\$5,411.00	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00
Treasurer	\$5,305.00	\$5,411.00	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00
Sheriff	\$6,628.00	\$6,761.00	\$6,896.00	\$7,034.00

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

- 2018: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$3,994.00
- 2019: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,074.00
- 2020: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,155.00
- 2021: One half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,238.00

SECTION 3. The fiscal year 2018 salaries listed in Section 1 and Section 2 include cost of living adjustments that are derived from the annual salaries adopted by the Board of County Commissioners within Resolution No. 2015-052, which was adopted concurrently with the fiscal year 2016 budget on November 2, 2015 following a public hearing with proper legal notice thereof. Each subsequent year from 2019 through 2021 contains a two percent (2%) cost of living adjustment compared to the previous year.

SECTION 4. The salary tables 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 5. 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 at fifty percent (50%); and Electoral District #2-South Pacific County at sixty percent (60%).

SECTION 6. 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 7. This ordinance shall become effective the 1st day of January 2018, 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 special session at South Bend, Washington, the 31st day of October, 2016, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Prosecutor's Office WSBA#

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

Frank Wolfe
Frank Wolfe, Chair

absent
Steve Rogers, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Marie Guernsey
Marie Guernsey, Clerk of the Board

Lisa Ayers
Lisa Ayers, Commissioner