

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

ORDINANCE NO. 189

**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. 189, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) finds that:

- 1) RCW 36.17.020 authorizes the BOCC 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 Washington State Constitution and RCW 3.58.020 and 43.03.012(3), the salary for a part-time district court judge shall be determined by the citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials and said citizens' commission 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, the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to rescind the previous Ordinance No. 187 (passed by the BOCC on August 14, 2018) and replace it with this new Ordinance No. 189 in order to establish the salaries of elected officials through the conclusion of fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the current four-year terms of office for the County Commissioners expire on December 31, 2020 (for Commissioner District Nos. 1 and 2) and December 31, 2022 (for Commissioner District No. 3); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Amendment 57 to the Washington State Constitution, the salaries listed herein for the County Commissioners for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 shall **not** be increased in comparison to the County Commissioners' salaries listed in Ordinance No. 187, which ensures that no legislative authority member of Pacific County shall use this Ordinance to increase his/her salary during his/her current term of office; and

WHEREAS, beginning on January 1, 2023, the monthly salaries for the County Commissioners will be matched to the monthly salaries of the County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, and Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PACIFIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that Pacific County Ordinance No. 189 read as follows:

SECTION 1. The monthly salaries of Pacific County's elected officials may be adjusted beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 per the salary table listed below:

Elected Official	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assessor	\$5,682.00	\$5,796.00	\$5,883.00	\$6,001.00	\$6,122.00
Auditor	\$5,682.00	\$5,796.00	\$5,883.00	\$6,001.00	\$6,122.00
Clerk	\$5,682.00	\$5,796.00	\$5,883.00	\$6,001.00	\$6,122.00
Commissioner	\$5,519.00	\$5,629.00	\$5,742.00	\$6,001.00	\$6,122.00
Treasurer	\$5,682.00	\$5,796.00	\$5,883.00	\$6,001.00	\$6,122.00
Sheriff	\$7,100.00	\$7,455.00	\$7,567.00	\$7,719.00	\$7,874.00

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

- 2020: one-half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,278.00
- 2021: one-half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,364.00
- 2022: one-half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,430.00
- 2023: one-half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,519.00
- 2024: one-half of the monthly salary of a superior court judge plus \$4,610.00

SECTION 3. In accordance with Amendment 57 to the Washington State Constitution, the monthly salaries for the County Commissioners listed in Section 1 of this Ordinance No. 189 do **not** exceed the monthly salaries previously ordained by the BOCC in Ordinance No. 187 for the timeframe spanning fiscal years 2020 through 2022. This ensures that no legislative authority member of Pacific County will increase his/her salary during his/her current term of office by way of this Ordinance No. 189.

SECTION 4. The salary tables in Section 1 and Section 2 shall not be further modified unless this ordinance is amended after a public hearing is conducted upon such proposal with proper legal notice thereof.

SECTION 5. The actual salaries paid to the Pacific County elected officials listed herein shall be the **lesser** of (a) the amount authorized for that fiscal year within Section 1 and Section 2 of this ordinance or (b) the amount adopted as part of that year's final county budget. Therefore, this ordinance establishes the **maximum allowable monthly salary** for all Pacific County elected officials listed herein.

SECTION 6. The salary schedule for the Judicial Branch of county government is established by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (WCCSEO). The Judicial Branch of Pacific County includes one Superior Court Judge and two District Court Judges (one for each electoral district of Pacific County).

SECTION 7. The actual dollars paid to the Pacific County Superior Court Judge are not addressed within this ordinance.

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. Ordinance No. 187 regarding the salaries of Pacific County's elected officials and the proportion of full-time work authorized for its district court judges shall be rescinded on January 1, 2020 at 12:00:01 AM and concurrently replaced with this Ordinance No. 189, which shall remain in full force and effect until duly and lawfully amended or repealed.

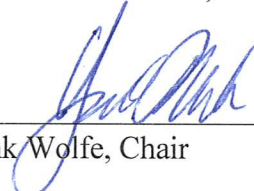
PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, the 12th day of November, 2019, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

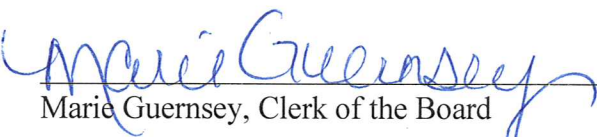
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