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EXECUTIVE/COUNCIL APPROVAL FORM (Revised 9/02)

MANAGEMENT ROUTING:

EXECUTIVE: Aaron Reardon
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DEPARTMENT: Auditor
DIV. MGR.: Garth Fell
DIVISION: Elections
ORIGINATOR: Garth Fell
DATE: 1/10/2012 EXT.: 3625

TO: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

[X] Approve No Recommendation
Further Processing
Requested By

Executive Office Signature

CEO Staff Review

Received at Council Office

PETER B. CAMP
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DOCUMENT TYPE:

BUDGET ACTION: Emergency Appropriation Supplemental Appropriation Budget Transfer
CONTRACT: New Amendment
GRANT APPLICATION
[X] ORDINANCE Amendment to Ord. #
PLAN
OTHER

DOCUMENT / AGENDA TITLE:

Ordinance to adopt changes in the upper limit of registered voters in a precinct.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL [X]
CITE BASIS S.C.C. 2.47;RCW 29A.16.040;

HANDLING: NORMAL [X] EXPEDITE URGENT DEADLINE DATE 3/1/2012

PURPOSE:

To adjust the upper limit of the number of registered voters in a voting precinct set in local code from 800 to 1 000 as allowed by state statute.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011 the state legislature raised the upper limit of registered voters in a precinct as defined in state law to 1,500 voters while maintaining the ability of local jurisdictions to set a lower limit. Snohomish County has established in code a limit of 800 registered voters.

The Snohomish County Auditor's Office is requesting that the upper limit of registered voters in a precinct be raised to 1,000 in local code to reduce administrative effort and costs associated with making precinct changes due to size only. Snohomish County Elections is required to examine and adjust precinct boundaries on an annual basis to account for city and other jurisdiction annexations and to ensure precincts remain under registered voter limit. Each year a number of precincts are changed for precinct voter count alone. Each precinct change involves roughly 8 hours of county staff time and requires new cards be sent to all voters affected.

By adjusting the precinct voter count limit to 1,000, the Auditor's Office would allow precincts to grow naturally. Projections indicate this would eliminate most precinct changes do to voter count over the next 10 years. The Auditor's Office is committed to only using expanded voter count limit as it looks at adjusting precincts as required by redistricting efforts and annexations; the Auditor's Office will not proactively consolidate precincts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL	0		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL	0		

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:

Minimal savings with reduction in new registration card sends. Any staff time savings will allow staff focus on other mandated services.

BUDGET REVIEW: Analyst *AW* Administrator *Z* Recommend Approval *[Signature]*

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____
 AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

CONTRACT PERIOD:

ORIGINAL Start _____ End _____
 AMENDMENT Start _____ End _____

CONTRACT / PROJECT TITLE:

CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS (City/State only):

APPROVED:

RISK MANAGEMENT Yes *N/A* No _____

COMMENTS _____

PROSECUTING ATTY - AS TO FORM: Yes *X* No _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW / COMMENTS:

ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS : (List & include path & filename for each, e.g. G:\ECAF\deptname\docname Motion Ordinance 12- Adopting Changes in Voting Precincts (G:\ECAF\Dept\11_auditor\2012 Precinct Size Ordinance.docx))

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- Ordinance.docx

NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 12-_____

RELATING TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS; AMENDING
CHAPTER 2.47 SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040 (2) authorizes the County Council to establish by ordinance a limitation on the number of active registered voters in each precinct within its jurisdiction so long as the limit does not exceed one thousand five hundred voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.47.020, last amended by Ordinance 05-037 on June 15, 2005, is amended to read:

2.47.020 Standards for precinct boundaries.

(1) Pursuant to RCW 29A.16.040, RCW 29A.16.050 and RCW 29A.76.010, all precinct boundaries shall follow visible, physical features delineated on the most current maps provided by the United States census bureau except as provided therein. Pursuant to RCW 29A.16.050 and RCW 3.38.050, no precinct boundary may be dissected by a congressional district, legislative district, county council district, or district court district boundary.

(2) Precincts shall contain no more than ~~((eight hundred))~~ one thousand active registered voters per precinct. ~~((For purposes of this section, "active registered voters" shall include ongoing absentee voters under RCW 29A.40.040.))~~

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council


- () APPROVED
- () EMERGENCY
- () VETOED

DATE: _____

County Executive

ATTEST:

Approved as to form only:

 1/13/12

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney