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County's salary commission to begin meeting

The Snohomish County Citizens Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials will begin meeting March 17 to review the salary schedule for elected officials for 2011 and 2012.

The commission is an independent group that meets every two years to set the salaries of elected officials in Snohomish County. Elected officials whose salaries are determined by the commission are the members of the county council, the executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer.

All meetings of the salary commission are open to the public and begin at 7 p.m. They will be held in the 6th Floor Executive Board Room, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett. Scheduled meeting dates are March 17 and 31 as well as April 14 and 28. A public hearing on recommendations is scheduled for the April 14 meeting.

By law, salary recommendations must be made by May 1 for the next two-year period. A 2006 amendment to the county charter eliminated the need for council and executive approval of the salary changes.

The commission is made up of 10 members, nominated by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. Six members of the commission are selected by lot by the county auditor from among all registered voters in Snohomish County. The remaining four members are required to have experience in the field of personnel management and come from four sectors: business, professional personnel management, legal profession and organized labor. Commissioners serve two-year terms.

For more information, go to www.snoco.org and search "salary commission."

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