

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 638

An ordinance amending the County Code to provide annual cost of living salary adjustments for each member of the Board of County Commissioners and County Chair as recommended by the Salary Commission, referring the measure to the voters, and declaring an emergency.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

1. Chapter IV, section 4.30 of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter requires that the salaries of all holders of elective office of Multnomah County be fixed by the registered voters of Multnomah County. The Charter requires appointment of a Salary Commission and submission of its salary adjustment recommendations to the voters at a primary election.

2. The Salary Commission has developed salary adjustment recommendations for submission to the voters at the May 15, 1990 primary election.

Section 2. New Code Provision

The following shall be added to chapter 2.30 of the Multnomah County Code:

(A) The compensation for each member of the Board of County Commissioners and County Chair as provided under

COLA Ordinance
Chair/Comm. salary

1 MCC 2.30.810 shall be annually adjusted by the percentage
2 increase, if any, in the consumer price index as defined in
3 this ordinance, or 5%, whichever is less. Any increase shall
4 be effective July 1 of the current year.

5 (B) For the purposes of this ordinance, "consumer price
6 index" (CPI) means the Portland Consumer Price Index for Urban
7 and Clerical Wage Earners (CPI-W) published by the U.S. Bureau
8 of Labor Statistics, 1982-84 = 100 base (or the functional
9 successor of that base). The edition of the CPI used to
10 calculate salary adjustments shall cover the period from
11 January 1 of the immediately preceding year to January 1 of the
12 current year, or the edition covering the most similar period
13 if the January-January edition is discontinued.

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15 Section 3. Referral

16 This ordinance is referred to the electors of Multnomah
17 County at the recommendation of the Multnomah County Salary
18 Commission and it is in the public interest that the matter be
19 voted upon at the May 15, 1990 primary election.

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21 Section 4. Approval of Ballot Title and Voters Pamphlet
22 Statement

23 A. The Ballot Title in Exhibit A to this ordinance is
24 approved.

25 B. The Explanatory Statement in Exhibit B to this
26 ordinance is approved.

1 C. The Director of Elections of Multnomah County shall
2 place the measure on the ballot for the May 15, 1990 primary
3 election and include the explanation attached hereto as Exhibit
4 B in the voters pamphlet.

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6 Section 5. Emergency Clause.

7 This Ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and
8 general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency
9 is declared, and the Ordinance shall take effect upon its
10 execution by the County Chair, pursuant to Section 5.50 of the
11 Charter of Multnomah County.

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13 ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 1990,
14 being the date of its First reading before the Board of
15 County Commissioners of Multnomah County.

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17 (SEAL)

18 By


Gladys McCoy, Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon

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20 REVIEWED:

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23 Laurence Kressel, County Counsel
of Multnomah County, Oregon

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BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

Annual cost of living salary adjustment for County Chair/Commissioners.

QUESTION:

Shall Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners' salaries be annually adjusted by local Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 5%?

SUMMARY:

Under County Home Rule Charter, salaries of the County Chair and County Commissioners are established by the voters. County Chair and County Commissioners do not receive annual salary increases. This measure provides an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 5% or the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

This measure reflects the recommendation of the Salary Commission appointed under the Charter. The Salary Commission found the current salaries to be lower than comparable positions in comparable jurisdictions. Measure will be effective July 1, 1990.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, VOTERS PAMPHLET

Under the County Home Rule Charter, the salaries of County Commissioners and County Chair are established by the voters. Each Commissioner's annual salary is \$33,346 (set in 1981). The Chair's annual salary is \$43,180 (set in 1981). The County Commissioners and Chair do not receive annual salary increases. This measure gives the Commissioners and Chair annual cost of living adjustments (COLA) of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

This measure reflects the recommendation of the Salary Commission appointed under Section 4.30 of the Multnomah County Charter. The Salary Commission found the current salaries to be lower than comparable positions in comparable jurisdictions. This measure will be effective July 1, 1990.