

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 637

An ordinance amending the County Code to provide annual cost of living salary adjustments for the Multnomah County Sheriff, as recommended by the Salary Commission, and 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 the sheriff as provided under MCC 2.30.810 shall be annually adjusted by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index as defined in

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this ordinance, or 5%, whichever is less. Any increase shall be effective July 1 of the current year.

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

Section 3. Referral

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

Section 4. Approval of Ballot Title and Voters Pamphlet Statement

A. The ballot Title in Exhibit A to this ordinance is approved.

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

C. The Director of Elections of Multnomah County shall place the measure on the ballot for the May 15, 1990 primary

election and include the explanation attached hereto as Exhibit B in the voters pamphlet.

Section 5. Emergency Clause

This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared, and the ordinance shall take effect upon its execution by the County Chair, pursuant to section 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 1990.



(SEAL)

By Gladys McCoy  
Gladys McCoy, Chair  
Multnomah County, Oregon

REVIEWED:

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Laurence Kressel, County Counsel  
of Multnomah County, Oregon

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BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

Annual cost of living salary adjustment for Multnomah County Sheriff.

QUESTION:

Shall salary for Multnomah County Sheriff be annually adjusted by local Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 5%?

SUMMARY:

Under County Home Rule Charter, Sheriff's salary is established by the voters. Sheriff does not receive an annual county salary increase. This measure provides 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 salary to be lower than comparable positions in comparable jurisdictions. Measure would be effective July 1, 1990.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, VOTERS PAMPHLET

Under the County Home Rule Charter, the Sheriff's salary is established by the voters. The Sheriff's annual salary is \$46,000 (set in 1982). The Sheriff does not receive an annual salary increase. This measure gives the Sheriff 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 salary to be lower than comparable positions in comparable jurisdictions. This measure will be effective July 1, 1990.