

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY RESOLUTION NO'S 18266, 18412, R20020372, AND R20030048 TO MODIFY MEMBERSHIP AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature revised RCW 72.09.300 revising the membership and responsibilities of local Law and Justice Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners shall determine the size and composition of the council, which shall include at a minimum:

1. The county sheriff,
2. A representative of the municipal police departments within the county,
3. The county prosecutor,
4. A representative of the municipal prosecutors within the county,
5. A representative of the city legislative authorities within the county,
6. A representative of the county's superior, juvenile, district, and municipal courts,
7. The county jail administrator,
8. The county clerk,
9. The county risk manager, and
10. The secretary of corrections and his or her designees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined it is desirable to appoint additional members to the Law and Justice Council as follows:

11. The chair of the Board of Commissioners,
12. The county administrator,
13. The director of county human services,
14. The director of the public defenders office,
15. The director of the county office of assigned counsel,
16. A representative of substance abuse treatment providers,
17. A representative of county mental health providers,
18. A school superintendent representing the school districts within the county,
19. The administrator of the county's superior and district courts,
20. A representative of the municipal courts,
21. The director of district court probation,
22. The director of the public health department,
23. The director of mediation services,
24. The director of county facilities,
25. A representative of the tribal courts; and
26. A citizen representing each of the county's commissioner districts.

WHEREAS, the Law & Justice Council consists of government representatives and community members as stated in this resolution, from time to time, members of the Skagit County Law and Justice Council resign or no longer represent respective positions on the council and need to be replaced in an orderly process as defined in the Law and Justice Council By-laws; and

WHEREAS, for positions other than citizen representatives, the person holding that position shall serve or may designate a person to serve as a representative for the respective position; and

WHEREAS, the Law and Justice Council may, from time to time, invite individuals with specific interest or involvement in law and justice to participate on the council in an ad-hoc basis; and .

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Law and Justice Council is to provide a permanent ongoing forum and structure to coordinate and enhance criminal, civil and juvenile justice services in Skagit County, and to fulfill the requirements of RCW 72.09.300; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Law and Justice Committee, as outlined and described in Chapter 72.09.300 RCW, may address issues related to:

- a. Maximizing local resources including personnel and facilities, reducing duplication of services, and sharing resources between local and state government in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness;
- b. Jail management;
- c. Mechanisms for communication of information about offenders including the feasibility of shared access to databases; and
- d. Partnerships between the Department of Corrections and local community policing and supervision programs to facilitate supervision of offenders under the respective jurisdictions of each and timely response to an offender's failure to comply with the terms of supervision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the composition of the Skagit County Law and Justice Council to be those members representing the organizations listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

- a. For those positions representing other agencies outlined in items 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, and 16 17, 18, 20 and 25 above, the respective organizations shall name an individual, and alternate, to be their representative on the council, and
- b. The Law and Justice Council shall advertise and recommend a citizen representative from each of the three county commissioner districts within the county, and
- c. The Law and Justice Council shall at the beginning of each year, provide an updated list of council members representing positions outlined above; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Law and Justice Council shall adopt bylaws for the Council, shall hold regular meetings open to the public in accordance with RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, and shall provide minutes to the Board of Commissioners for meetings held; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Law and Justice Council shall adopt an annual list of objectives to address issues as outlined in RCW 72.09.300.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF OUR OFFICE THIS
24 day of September, 2007.



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