

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
Snohomish, Washington**

ORDINANCE 2410

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SNOHOMISH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.27 “PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION” PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a Public Safety Commission in Chapter 2.27 of Snohomish Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, periodically the Council needs to update the roles and responsibilities of committees to ensure Council goals are met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that protection of the public health, safety, and welfare supports the adoption of the proposed revisions to the Public Safety Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. SMC 2.27 entitled “Public Safety Commission” is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~2.27.010 Authority of Police Chief – Written Recommendation/Objection~~

2.27.0150 Public Safety Commission Established

2.27.020 Membership - Appointment - Terms

~~2.27.030 Membership – Vacancy~~

2.27.030 Compensation

2.27.040 Meetings - Officers - Rules

2.27.050 **Purpose and** Duties of the Commission

2.27.060 Staff Support

2.27.070 Public Records

~~2.27.010 Authority of Police Chief – Written Recommendation/Objection.~~

~~The City Council hereby delegates to the Snohomish Police Chief or his/her designee authority to make written recommendations and objections regarding liquor license applications, following review and approval by the City Administrator, and as appropriate and necessary, to request a hearing before the Liquor and Cannabis Board. The Council delegates to the Chief of Police, following review and approval by the City Administrator, final authority regarding submittal to the Liquor and Cannabis Board of the City’s recommended approval or objection to a liquor license application or renewal thereof.~~

2.27.010 Public Safety Commission Established.

There is hereby established an advisory commission that shall be known as the “Public Safety Commission.”

2.27.015020 Membership - Appointment - Terms.

The Public Safety Commission shall consist of seven (7) adult members who shall be qualified consistent with SMC 2.06.030-.040 ~~and 2.06.035~~ and appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Commission’s membership shall consist of residents of the City of Snohomish. ~~or owners of businesses which are located within the corporate City limits of the City of Snohomish. Among the seven (7) adult Commission members, the Mayor shall endeavor, but shall not be required to appoint one person who owns or manages a business that possesses a liquor license within the corporate City limits of Snohomish.~~

Initial appointments shall be made for terms of from one (1) to four (4) years so that the terms of not more than two (2) members shall expire in any one year. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years.

~~2.27.020 Membership – Vacancy.~~

~~Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and shall be made for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced. Application notice to fill vacancies shall be posted to the community within 2 weeks of vacant positions and vacancies filled within 8 weeks of vacant positions. Extensions to these timelines must be approved by the city Council. All members shall conform to the attendance requirements set fourth in SMC 2.06.020, and may be replaced or terminated in accordance with that section.~~

2.27.030 Compensation.

No member of the Commission shall receive compensation for services performed.

2.27.040 Meetings - Officers - Rules.

The Commission shall make its own rules for the election of officers and for time and place of meetings. ~~PROVIDED, the Commission must be prepared to meet quickly and timely when the Liquor Control Board provides notice of application or renewal. Action on any recommendation of the Commission shall require a majority of the members be present.~~

2.27.050 Purpose and Duties of the Commission.

~~A. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Chief of Police or his/her designee.~~

~~AB. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council to inform Council decisions and policy in all matters pertaining to public safety. at the request of the Chief of Police or Mayor, shall review the Police Chief’s written recommendations to the Liquor and Cannabis Board for new applications or for renewal of liquor licenses, make recommendations, and either approve or disapprove the Police Chief’s written~~

~~recommendations. The Police Chief may consider the Commission's recommendations and comments but the Chief of Police has final authority regarding submittal to the Liquor and Cannabis Board of approval or objection to a liquor license or renewal thereof.~~

~~CB.~~ The Commission may, but shall not be required to, take public comment.

~~DC.~~ ~~In addition to review of recommendations on liquor licenses,~~ ~~T~~the Commission shall focus on public safety issues and act as a conduit and forum for public input in all matters pertaining to public safety including but not limited to crime incidences and trends, life safety issues, neighborhood watch, emergency preparedness, traffic calming measures, pedestrian safety and seasonal and emergent public safety issues. ~~The commission, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, shall support and promote community efforts to utilize the Neighborhood Watch Program, disaster preparedness, and CERT team programs. and problems specifically or generally in the following areas of public interest: whether the liquor license at the proposed location or to the applicant business will detrimentally impact the safety, health, or welfare of the community; review and discussion of law enforcement priorities; review and coordination of Neighborhood Watch, Snohomish Police Foundation, or similar programs; review and coordination of the Fire District's Community Emergency Response Team or similar programs; review and discussion of emergency fire and medical response priorities; and related matters~~

~~ED.~~ ~~With the assistance of the Chief of Police or his/her designee~~ ~~T~~the Commission shall write an annual report to the City Council on its activities for the previous year and make special reports as necessary in response to specific Council requests.

2.27.060 Staff Support.

The City of Snohomish shall provide staff support for the Commission, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

2.27.070 Public Records.

The Commission shall keep a public record of its rules, procedures, and minutes of meetings conducted by the Commission.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five days after the date of its publication by summary and passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 19th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

By John T. Kartak
John T. Kartak, Mayor

ATTEST:

By Brandi Whitson
Brandi Whitson, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Grant Weed
Grant Weed, City Attorney

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