

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Council Office		6/18/93		7/13/93	Council/Intro
Division Head:				7/27/93	Council - hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	DC	7/8/93			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Ordinance amending the Charter to correct scrivener's errors

ATTACHMENTS:

Pages from original and current Charter Ordinance

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES /xx/ Requested date: 7/27/93
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

Three scrivener's errors were noted in the Charter. This is a request to have the errors corrected.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

7/13/93: Introduced
 7/27/93: Council adopted the ordinance. 6-0.

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only): Ord 93-046

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Council Office

INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/13/93

ORDINANCE NO. 93-046

AMENDING THE CHARTER TO CORRECT SCRIVENER'S ERRORS

WHEREAS, it was noted that a word was inserted in error, a word was omitted, and a word was not spelled correctly when the Home Rule Charter was updated in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to have the wording corrected to reflect the language as adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Charter be amended as follows:

Section 4.30 -- Conflict of Interest

The County Council, Executive, Assessor, Auditor, ~~Treasurer~~, Sheriff, and Prosecuting Attorney shall hold no other office or employment within County government. (amended by Referendum 1986)

Section 5.40 -- Initiative -- Procedures

Any legal voter, or organization of legal voters of Whatcom County may file an initiative proposal with the County Auditor, who within five (5) days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays, shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The Auditor shall give the proposed initiative a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure. The Auditor shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, in consultation with the petitioner shall formulate a concise statement, posed as a positive question, not to exceed twenty (20) words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title. The petitioner then has one hundred and twenty (120) days to collect the signatures of the registered voters in the county equal in number to not less than fifteen (15) percent of the votes cast in the county equal in the last general election. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed measure, ordinance or amendment to an ordinance and the ballot title. The Auditor shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if it is validated, submit the proposal to the people at the next general election that is not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the registering of the petition, unless the


1 County Council enacts the proposal without change or amendment. If the County
2 Council does not adopt the proposed measure and adopts a substitute measure
3 concerning the same subject matter, the substitute proposal shall be placed on the
4 same ballot with the initiative proposal; and the voters shall be given the choice
5 of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of
6 accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first
7 issue is for accepting either, then the measure receiving the majority of the votes
8 cast on ~~te~~ ~~he~~ the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those
9 voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither measure shall be
10 approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. (amended Referendum
11 1986)


12 ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 1993.

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14 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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16 _____
Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk



Marge Laidlaw, Council Chair - acting


17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Shirley Van Zanten, Executive

Date: _____