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**JEFFERSON COUNTY
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE }
JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE BY ADDING }
A NEW CHAPTER THERETO, TO BE KNOWN }
AS CHAPTER 3.01, PROVIDING FOR A BIENNIAL }
BUDGET FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY IN }
ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 36.40.250 }

ORDINANCE NO. 03 0311 19

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.250 provides that counties may, by ordinance or resolution elect to adopt biennial budgets for the county in lieu of annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, biennial budgeting reduces demands on elected offices and county departments by eliminating one full budget formulation cycle and replacing it with a less resource intensive mid-biennium budget review and modification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners retains full control and authority of the budget throughout the biennium;

NOW, THEREFORE, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners ordains that a new chapter in the Jefferson County Code shall be created, to be known as Chapter 3.01, reading as follows:

Chapter 3.01

Biennial Budget

Section 3.01.010. Biennial Budget: In accordance with RCW 36.40.250, a biennial budget is hereby established for Jefferson County, effective for the fiscal biennium commencing January 1, 2020. The 2020-2021 Biennium Fiscal Budget and all subsequent budgets shall be prepared, considered and adopted under the provisions of this chapter and RCW Chapter 36.40, which is hereby adopted as it currently exists or as subsequently amended.

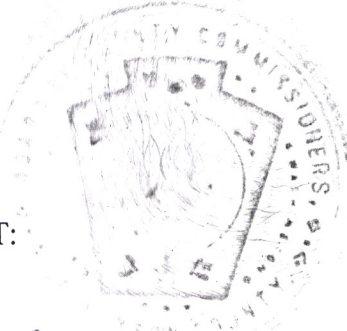
Section 3.01.020. Mid-Biennium Review and Modification: In accordance with RCW 36.40.250, a mid-biennium review and modification of the biennial fiscal budget shall occur in all even numbered years after the month of August and prior to the end of December. No later than the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the month of December of the first year of each biennium the County Administrator shall prepare and present to the Board of Commissioners, in a public hearing, proposed budget modifications to be effective as of the succeeding January 1. At such hearing or thereafter, the Board of Commissioners may consider a resolution to adopt such budget modifications, which such resolution shall be subject to other provisions of RCW 36.40.

Section 3.01.030. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective upon the adoption hereof.

Section 3.01.040. Repeal: In accordance with RCW 36.40.250 the Board of County Commissioners may repeal this ordinance and revert to annual budgets following the end of the biennium in which the repeal occurs.

APPROVED this 11th day of March, 2019.

SEAL:



ATTEST:

Carolyn Gallaway
Carolyn Gallaway,
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Mark McCauley, Central Services Director

DATE: March 11, 2019

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance adopting biennial budgeting in Jefferson County in accordance with RCW 36.40.250

Mark McCauley
2/8/19

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

RCW 36.40.250 provides that counties may, by ordinance or resolution elect to adopt biennial budgets for the county in lieu of annual budgets.

ANALYSIS:

Biennial budgeting reduces demands on elected offices and county departments by eliminating one full budget formulation cycle and replacing it with a less resource intensive mid-biennium budget review and modification.

The Board of County Commissioners retains full control and authority of the budget throughout the biennium. Transparency is maintained so the public remains fully informed regarding the county budget.

County staff to include the Budget Committee, elected officials, department directors, the county administrator and the County Commissioners has discussed the relative merits and risks of establishing biennial budgets for Jefferson County and there is a consensus that we should so.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no measurable fiscal impact, however fewer resources will be required to complete budgets on a biennial basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

After taking public testimony approve the proposed ordinance establishing a biennial budget for Jefferson County.

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

3/6/19
Date