

**ORDINANCE NO. 6 6 6 9**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 2.82.020  
OF THE AUBURN CITY CODE RELATING TO THE  
AUBURN POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the study of literature forms a vital part of our shared and diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has an active and united community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided for the appointment of a Poet Laureate to encourage the appreciation of poetry and literary life in Auburn with the adoption of Ordinance No. 6383 and creation of Chapter 2.82 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, in order to assure the City of a broad pool of poetic talent for the appointment of a person to fill the poet laureate position, it would be appropriate to amend the qualification criteria, allowing for individuals involved in the Auburn creative community, even if not a resident of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

**Section 1. Amendment to City Code.**

That Section 2.82.020 of the

Auburn City Code be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

2.82.020 Qualifications, Appointment, and Term of Office.

A. The Poet Laureate shall be at least 18 years old, be still living at the time of his or her appointment, ~~have been~~ be a resident of South King County or North Pierce County and shall have been actively engaged in Auburn's creative community for at least one year prior to appointment, and shall have demonstrated the following:

1. Excellence as evidenced by the submitted poetry sample.
2. Exemplary professionalism as evidenced by an established history of publication in journals and books, special honors, awards, fellowships, and/or other recognition;

3. Advancement of poetry in Auburn communities as evidenced by a history of activity in Auburn's literary community through readings, publications, public presentations and/or teaching.

Employees (or members of their immediate family or household) of the City of Auburn, and members or staff (or members of their immediate family or household) are ineligible.

B. The Poet Laureate shall be appointed by the Mayor from three finalists chosen by the Auburn Arts Commission. The Arts Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and procedures consistent with this Chapter for the purpose of conducting the nomination process.

C. The term of appointment shall be for three years. Provided, that the Mayor may remove the incumbent without cause.

D. The Poet Laureate shall serve without compensation.

**Section 2. Implementation.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

**Section 3. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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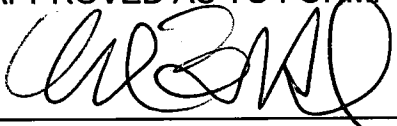
**CITY OF AUBURN**

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Danielle E. Daskam, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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