RESOLUTION NO.

 A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle repealing
Resolution No. 3678 and setting the annual salary
compensation of Port of Seattle Commissioners at twice
the amount paid to members of the legislature of the
State of Washington established by RCW 43.03.13.

WHEREAS, the voters of King County authorized and approved the formation of a port district co-extensive with King County to be known as the Port of Seattle in a special election on September 5, 1911; and

 WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is governed by five commissioners elected to four-year terms of office by the voters of King County and whose mission is to promote economic opportunities and quality of life in the region by advancing trade, travel, commerce, and job creation in an equitable, accountable, and environmentally responsible manner; and

 WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is unique amongst most ports in the nation in the diversity of operations it manages that include both an airport and seaport, a grain terminal, three cruise ship berths, four recreational marinas, Fishermen's Terminal, industrial lands, parks, and is engaged in an expanding variety of economic development activities such as workforce development, tourism, as well as a joint cargo terminal operating agreement with the Port of Tacoma known as the Northwest Seaport Alliance; and

WHEREAS, , in a representative democracy, it is essential for elected officials to reflect the full diversity of their constituency and that those citizens who choose elected office can maintain the economic means to participate while in office; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of good governance and sound public policy, the Port of Seattle Commission wishes to set a higher salary for Seattle Port Commissioners to encourage residents of King County from diverse backgrounds to seek election to the Seattle Port Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Commission is the legally constituted governing body of the Port whose primary duties are to establish policies that guide the Port's future, hire the Executive Director to implement those policies, execute its fiduciary responsibilities in the oversight of the expenditure of public funds, and to annually determine the amount of tax levy will be assessed on properties in King County; and

WHEREAS, Port of Seattle Commissioners are responsible to the voters in protecting the public's interests and resources, unlike a corporate board accountable to shareholders; and

 WHEREAS, the Century Agenda established in 2012, envisions extensive outreach across King County by Seattle Port Commissioners to other regional government officials, industry and union stakeholders, educational institutions and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the role of Port of Seattle Commissioners has expanded considerably since the adoption of the Century Agenda and the passage of Resolution No. 3678 in 2013 setting the salary of Port Commissioner to that of the legislator in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Northwest Seaport Alliance in 2015, the nation's first joint port development authority, established a unique marine cargo operating partnership with the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma in which the five Commissioners from each Port hire and oversee an independent executive thereby creating significantly expanded oversight duties of investments and operations in both Seattle and Tacoma harbors; and

WHEREAS, additional Commission responsibilities include assuring the implementation of significant new policy directives passed by the Commission to include much greater emphasis on equity, diversity and inclusion, workforce development and more stringent environmental and greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant need for oversight of unprecedented levels of construction and operational changes occurring at the airport and seaport, as well as development surrounding Port properties which increase pressures for commercial development on industrial lands; and

WHEREAS, the current compensation for a Seattle Port Commissioner is not commensurate with the breadth and complexity of the operations of the Port of Seattle, nor the substantial year-round commitment of time and effort required to fulfill the duties of the office which is exacerbated by significant rising cost of living in King County; and

WHEREAS, Port Commissioners are not eligible for the Public Employee Retirement System and per diem is set by the Washington state legislature; and

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WHEREAS, as of Juy 1, 2019, port commissioner salaries, not including per diem or other allowable reimbursements, is \$52,766 and will be increased to \$56,881 on July 1, 2020 as determined by the Washington Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials for members of the State legislature on which Resolution 3678 based Port Commissioner salaries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle as follows:

Section 1.

Resolution No. 3678, adopted March 12, 2013, is hereby repealed.

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90	Section 2.
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92	As provided by RCW 53.12.260(3), which allows a port commission to set the compensation to
93	be paid to commissioners, Port of Seattle Commissioners shall be paid twice the salary of
94	members of the Legislature of the State of Washington pursuant to RCW 43.03.013.
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96	Section 3.
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98	This change in salary shall not enter into effect until each commissioner currently in office shall
99	be re-elected to another term of office. Any commissioner appointed to the Port of Seattle
100	Commission shall not be eligible for this salary increase until after being elected to the position
101	of Port of Seattle Commissioner.
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103	Section 4.
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105	Any additional changes in the salary for members of the Legislature of the State of Washington
106	as determined by the Washington Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, or any
107	other changes adopted by statute, shall apply to Seattle Port Commissioners.
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109	Section 5.
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111	As provided by RCW 53.12.265, a Port of Seattle Commissioner may waive all or any portion of
112	the compensation payable under RCW 53.12.260 by filing a written waiver with the Secretary of
113	the Port of Seattle Commission. In accordance with commission bylaws, such waiver shall
114	become a public record held by the Port of Seattle Commission Clerk.
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116	ADOPTED by the Port of Seattle Commission at a duly noticed public meeting thereof,
117	held this, 2019, and duly authenticated in
118	open session by the signatures of the commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the
119	commission.
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