

Fire Commissioners' Salaries and Expenses

RCW 52.14.010

- [RCW 52.14.010\(2\)\(a\)](#) relates to Fire Commissioners' salaries and expenses and provides that: "Each member of an elected board of fire commissioners shall each receive one hundred four dollars per day or portion thereof, not to exceed nine thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars per year, for time spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the board or in performance of other services or duties on behalf of the district. Members serving in an ex officio capacity on a board of fire commissioners may not receive compensation, but shall receive necessary expenses in accordance with (b) of this subsection." (Emphasis added.)
- The amounts of \$104.00 per day and \$9,984.00 per year are subject to [RCW 52.14.010\(4\)](#) which permits adjustment for inflation by the Office of Financial Management every five years, beginning January 1, 2019, based on changes in the consumer price index during that time period.
- Note that [RCW 52.14.010\(2\)\(b\)](#) also provides that "(b) Each member of a board of fire commissioners shall receive necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district business, and shall be entitled to receive the same insurance available to all firefighters of the district: PROVIDED, That the premiums for such insurance, except liability insurance, shall be paid by the individual commissioners who elect to receive it." (Emphasis added.)
- There are other limitations set out in [RCW 52.14.010\(5\)](#) if the person holding office as a Commissioner holds positions for two or more special purpose districts or serving ex officio as commissioner as a member of the legislative authority of a city or town with regard to receipt of per diem compensation authorized by one of their official positions (in other words, no double-dipping of per diem).