



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2023-0675  
**Proposal:** Ordinance 23-062      **Date:** June 20, 2023

### **Consideration**

Proposed Ordinance 23-062 would amend Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) to establish 2044 initial housing growth targets.

### **Background and Analysis**

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties to adopt CPPs to ensure consistency between city and county comprehensive plans ([RCW 36.70A.210](#)). In 2022, the County Council adopted initial population targets into the CPPs (Ord. 22-003). Jurisdictions must use these for at least one of the alternatives studied for their comprehensive plan updates due in 2024. Initial population targets do not include targets for number of housing units. The requirement for housing unit targets is new (enacted by E2SHB 1220 in 2021) and the Washington State Department of Commerce had not yet provided guidance on how to prepare initial housing unit growth targets at the time of Ord. 22-003. Commerce has since provided its guidance. Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT), the body that recommends CPPs to the County Council, developed a methodology using Commerce's guidance to convert the population targets into housing unit targets. The results are the initial housing targets recommended by SCT to the County Council in Ordinance 23-062.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Ordinance 23-062 would amend Appendix B of the CPPs to add housing unit targets.

*Fiscal Implications:* None

*Handling:* Normal<sup>1</sup>

**Snohomish County Tomorrow:** Approve

**Risk Management:** Approve

**Finance:** Approve

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

**Approved-as-to-form:** Yes

**Request:** Move to General Legislative Session on June 28 to set time and date for a public hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> The ECAF transmitted to Council was marked as expedite with a June 15 deadline, but Council staff confirmed with PDS that this was meant as an internal Executive branch deadline. There is no deadline for council action.